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A's Agree to Terms with RHP Smith and INF/OF Pinder on One-Year Contracts

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Burch Smith and infielder/outfielder Chad Pinder on one-year contracts for the 2021 season, the club announced today.

Smith was acquired from San Francisco just prior to the start of Spring Training last season and made the A's Opening Day roster. He was 2-0 with a save, a 2.25 ERA and .163 opponents batting average in six relief appearances before his season was cut short on Aug. 16 when he was placed on the injured list with a strained right forearm. The 30-year-old right-hander is 4-10 with a 6.22 ERA in 71 games over four seasons in the majors.

Pinder played in 24 games in 2020 and batted .232 with two home runs and eight RBI. After starting games at seven different positions in each of the previous two seasons, he started 10 games at second base and two at third base last year. The 28-year-old right-handed hitter improved as the season went on, hitting .313 in September and .318 with two home runs, seven RBI and a 1.021 OPS in seven postseason games. Pinder is a .244 career hitter with 44 home runs and 128 RBI in 367 games over five seasons with the A's.

The A's now have eight arbitration eligible players remaining on the roster: Chris Bassitt, Mark Canha, Matt Chapman, Tony Kemp, Sean Manaea, Frankie Montas, Matt Olson and Lou Trivino.

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