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A's Acquire LHP Adam Kolarek and OF Cody Thomas from the Dodgers *INF Sheldon Neuse and RHP Gus Varland sent to Los Angeles*

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have acquired left-handed pitcher Adam Kolarek and minor league outfielder Cody Thomas from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for infielder Sheldon Neuse and minor league right-handed pitcher Gus Varland, the club announced today.

Kolarek went 3-0 with a 0.95 ERA in 20 relief appearances with the Dodgers last year. He walked just four batters in 19.0 innings and held the opposition to a .164 batting average, including .077 against left-handed hitters. The 32-year-old left-hander made his Major League debut with Tampa Bay in 2017 and was dealt to Los Angeles at the trading deadline in 2019. Kolarek went 5-0 with a 0.88 ERA in 46 relief appearances over two seasons with Los Angeles and is 11-3 with four saves and a 3.32 ERA in 143 relief appearances in four seasons in the majors. He has just 29 walks in 116.2 career innings, an average of 2.2 per nine innings.

Thomas was part of the Dodgers 60-man player pool last year but did not play in 2020. He was selected by Los Angeles in the 13th round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft and is a .255 hitter with 80 doubles, 21 triples, 81 home runs and 278 RBI in 437 games in four seasons in the minors. The 26-year-old left-handed hitter last played for Double-A Tulsa in 2019 when he hit .236 with 23 home runs and 76 RBI in 130 games. Thomas was rated as the Dodgers 29th best prospect by mlb.com.

Neuse was on the A's 60-man player pool last year but did not play in 2020. He made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2019 and hit .250 with seven RBI in 25 games. The 26-year-old right-handed hitter has a .294 average with 49 home runs and 247 RBI in 414 games in four seasons in the minors. Originally selected by Washington in the 2nd round of the 2016 draft, Neuse was one of three players sent to the A's as part of the Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson trade on July 16, 2017.

Varland was the A's 14th round selection in the 2018 First-Year Player Draft and was 2-2 with a 1.54 ERA in 18 games, including 15 starts, in two seasons in the A's farm system. The 24-year-old right-hander has 77 strikeouts and 16 walks in 64.1 innings. He last pitched at Single-A Stockton in 2019.

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