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RHP Russ Springer Claimed off Waivers by Tampa Bay; **RHP Clayton Mortensen Recalled from Sacramento**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's announced today that right-handed pitcher Russ Springer has been claimed off waivers by the Tampa Bay Rays. Right-handed pitcher Clayton Mortensen has been recalled from Triple-A Sacramento to take his spot on the 25-man roster.

Springer was 0-1 with a 4.10 ERA in 48 relief appearances with the A's. He had not allowed a run in 21 of his last 25 outings for a 1.61 ERA after allowing at least one run in six consecutive outings from May 17 to 30 (29.70 ERA). The 40-year old right-hander had allowed 12 of 22 (54.5%) inherited runners to score, which is the fifth highest percentage in the American League. Springer signed with the A's as a free agent on January 29 and is in 17th Major League season. He has pitched in 712 games and the Rays will be his ninth team.

Mortensen was acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals along with Brett Wallace and Shane Peterson in the Matt Holliday trade on July 24 and will be making his first Major League start tonight in Kansas City. He made his ML debut with St. Louis earlier this year on June 29 against San Francisco when he allowed six runs, two earned, on five hits and a walk in three innings of relief. However, that would be his only appearance as he was optioned back to Triple-A Memphis on July 1. The 24-year old right-hander was 7-6 with a 4.37 ERA in 17 starts with Memphis and 0-0 with a 1.64 ERA in two starts for Sacramento for a 7-6 record and a 4.11 ERA in 19 minor league starts overall.

The complete statistics for Mortensen this year follow:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
ST. LOUIS	0	0	6.00	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	5	6	2	1	2
Memphis	7	6	4.37	17	17	1	0	0	105.0	103	58	51	34	82
Sacramento	0	0	1.64	2	2	0	0	0	11.0	9	2	2	7	5

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