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A's Select Straily; Recall Norris and Taylor; Acquire Neshek **Miller and Scribner Optioned to Sacramento; Smith Placed on 15-day Disabled List**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected right-handed pitcher Dan Straily from Triple-A Sacramento and recalled catcher Derek Norris and outfielder Michael Taylor, the club announced today. The A's also acquired minor league right-handed pitcher Pat Neshek from the Baltimore Orioles organization in exchange for cash considerations and selected him from Sacramento. To clear spots on the roster, the A's optioned right-handed pitchers Jim Miller and Evan Scribner to Sacramento and placed outfielder Seth Smith on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left hamstring.

Straily will make his Major League debut with a start tonight against Toronto. He was 8-6 with a 2.60 ERA in 22 starts with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento. The 23-year-old right-hander is leading all of Minor League Baseball with 175 strikeouts and his .197 opponents batting average ranks ninth among all full season minor leaguers. Straily, who was the A's 24th round draft pick in 2009, had not pitched above Single-A prior to this year. He is 34-25 with a 3.68 ERA in 94 games, 87 starts, over four professional seasons, and has 544 strikeouts in 506.0 innings.

Neshek has spent the entire season at Triple-A Norfolk in the Orioles organization where he compiled a 3-2 record, 11 saves and a 2.66 ERA in 35 relief appearances. He struck out 49 batters in 44.0 innings and walked just seven while yielding one home run. The 31-year-old right-hander held right-handed hitters to a .202 batting average while lefties hit .324. Neshek made his Major League debut with the Twins in 2006 and is 12-7 with a 3.21 ERA in 157 career relief appearances in five seasons with Minnesota (2006-08, 10) and San Diego (2011). His most extensive action came in 2007 when he went 7-2 with a 2.94 ERA in 74 relief appearances. Neshek has 171 strikeouts in 154.1 career innings.

Norris joins the A's for the second time this year as he batted .195 with three home runs and 11 RBI in 21 games during his first stint from June 21 to July 29. He hit .333 over his first eight games, had an 0 for 30 streak, and then batted .278 over his final five contests. Norris appeared in three games with Sacramento following his most recent option, going 2 for 9 with a home run and two RBI. He is batting .271 with nine home runs and 38 RBI in 58 games overall with the River Cats.

Taylor also joins the A's for the second time this year as he went 3 for 16 (.188) during a four-game stay with Oakland from May 4 to 10. He is batting .301 with 11 home runs and 57 RBI in 95 games with the River Cats. Taylor ranks second in the Pacific Coast League in walks (67) and fifth in on-base percentage (.413). He has hit seven of his 11 home runs over his last 24 games.

Miller was 2-1 with a 2.16 ERA in 24 relief appearances over two stints with the A's. He had a .215 opponents batting average, including .138 against left-handed hitters. Scribner was 0-0 with a save and a 1.93 ERA in 12 relief appearances over two stints. He allowed a .222 opponents batting average, including .194 against right-handed hitters. Smith was hitting .237 with 11 home runs and 39 RBI in 92 games before injuring his hamstring in the fifth inning last night. He was batting .177 over his last 30 games.

The complete statistics for Straily, Neshek, Norris and Taylor follow:

STRAILY	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland (AA)	3	4	3.38	14	14	0	0	0	85.1	70	36	32	23	108
Sacramento (AAA)	5	2	1.36	8	8	0	0	0	53.0	27	8	8	14	67
TOTALS	8	6	2.60	22	22	0	0	0	138.1	97	44	40	37	175

NESHEK	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Norfolk (AAA)	3	2	2.66	35	0	0	0	11	44.0	42	13	13	7	49
ML CAREER	12	7	3.21	157	0	0	0	0	154.1	105	58	55	67	171

NORRIS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento (AAA)	.271	58	218	39	59	14	2	9	38	21	41	5	1	.477	.329
OAKLAND	.195	21	77	10	15	1	0	3	11	7	21	3	0	.325	.262

TAYLOR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento (AAA)	.301	95	359	67	108	26	1	11	57	67	81	16	2	.471	.413
OAKLAND	.188	4	16	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	.250	.188

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