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A's Claim Valencia off Waivers from Toronto; Option Venditte to Nashville

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's claimed infielder/outfielder Danny Valencia off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays, the club announced today. The A's also reinstated switch-pitcher Pat Venditte from the 15-day disabled list and optioned him to Nashville.

Valencia was batting .296 with seven home runs and 29 RBI in 58 games with Toronto before he was designated for assignment Saturday. He started 27 games in left field, nine at third base, one in right field and one at first base. The 30-year-old right-handed hitter made his Major League debut with Minnesota in 2010 and has spent six seasons in the majors with the Twins (2010-12), Red Sox (2012), Orioles (2013), Royals (2014) and Blue Jays (2014-15). Valencia is a .266 career hitter with 44 home runs and 215 RBI in 479 games. He has spent most of his career as a third baseman, where he has appeared in 354 games, but also has 32 games in left field, 25 at first base, nine at second base and five in right field.

Venditte was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 12 retroactive to June 11 with a strained right shoulder. He was selected from Nashville June 5 and made his Major League debut that night at Boston with 2.0 scoreless innings. Venditte did not allow a run in four games and 5.2 innings overall with the A's. He made three rehab appearances with Single-A Stockton (4.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 5 so, 2 hr) and two with Nashville (1.2 ip, 3 h, 1 so).

The complete 2015 statistics for Valencia follow:

VALENCIA	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
TORONTO	.296	58	162	26	48	13	0	7	29	9	40	2	1	.506	.331

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