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RHP Cody Martin and SP Patt Venditte Claimed on Waivers **OF Jason Pridie released; C Bryan Anderson outrighted to Nashville**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's announced today that right-handed pitcher Cody Martin was claimed off waivers by Seattle and switch-pitcher Pat Venditte was claimed by Toronto. In addition, the A's released outfielder Jason Pridie to allow him to play in Japan and outrighted catcher Bryan Anderson to Triple-A Nashville.

Martin made his Major League debut in 2015 and combined for a 2-5 record and a 7.92 ERA in 25 games, including two starts, with Atlanta and Oakland. He was on the Braves Opening Day roster, was traded to the A's organization July 2 for international bonus slot 53 and went 0-2 with a 14.00 ERA in four games, including two starts, over two stints with Oakland, both in September. Martin also went 1-3 with a 2.10 ERA in seven games, six starts, with Triple-A Gwinnett and 4-4 with a 5.10 ERA in 11 starts with Nashville for a 4.01 ERA in 18 minor league games overall.

Venditte made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2015, going 2-2 with a 4.40 ERA in 26 relief appearances over two stints. He became the first switch-pitcher to appear in a Major League game since Greg Harris on Sept. 28, 1995 and is the first full-time switch-pitcher in the modern era (since 1900). Venditte was also 1-0 with a 1.55 ERA and .186 opponents batting average in 23 games with Nashville.

Pridie spent nearly the entire season at Nashville before earning a September call-up to Oakland. He went 0-for-9 with a walk and four strikeouts in six games with the A's after batting .310 with 20 home runs and 89 RBI in 127 games with Nashville. Pridie ranked third in the Pacific Coast League in hits (148), fourth in runs (84), fifth in RBI and total bases (246), sixth in OPS (.894), tied for sixth in triples (7) and eighth in batting and slugging (.515).

Anderson spent the entire regular season at Nashville where he batted .202 with three home runs and 25 RBI in 82 games. He was selected by Oakland Sept. 20, nearly two weeks after the Sounds season ended, due to injuries to Carson Blair and Josh Phegley, and went 2-for-5 (.400) with a RBI in four games, including two starts at catcher, with the A's.

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