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A's Claim LHP Labourt off Waivers from Reds; Designate DH Moss for Assignment

MESA, Ariz. – The Oakland A's claimed left-handed pitcher Jairo Labourt off waivers from the Cincinnati Reds, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's designated Brandon Moss for assignment.

Labourt was claimed off waivers by the Reds from Detroit on Friday and has not pitched this spring. He made his Major League debut with the Tigers last year and compiled a 4.50 ERA and .200 opponents batting average in six relief appearances during a September call-up. Labourt was originally signed by Toronto as a non-drafted free agent June 13, 2011 and was traded to the Detroit organization with Matt Boyd and Daniel Norris for David Price on July 30, 2015. The 23-year-old left-hander is 18-34 with five saves and a 3.61 ERA and .227 opponents batting average in 157 games, including 87 starts, in seven seasons in the minors.

Moss was acquired from Kansas City Jan. 29 with Ryan Buchter for Jesse Hahn and Heath Fillmyer and was 4-for-10 (.400) with two walks in four games this spring. He batted .207 with 22 home runs and 50 RBI in 118 games with the Royals in 2017. Moss hit all of his home runs as a designated hitter to rank fifth in the American League as a DH, and also made five starts at first base, three in left field and one in right field. The 34-year-old left-handed hitter is a .237 career hitter with 160 home runs and 473 RBI in 1016 games in 11 seasons with Boston (2007-08), Pittsburgh (2008-10), Philadelphia (2011), Oakland (2012-14), Cleveland (2015), St. Louis (2015-16) and Kansas City (2017).

The complete 2017 and career statistics for Labourt follow:

LABOURT	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lakeland (A)	0	0	0.66	8	0	0	0	0	13.2	8	2	1	3	22
Erie (AA)	1	1	2.64	21	0	0	0	4	30.2	23	10	9	7	36
Toledo (AAA)	0	0	2.45	16	0	0	0	0	22.0	12	6	6	23	21
DETROIT	0	0	4.50	6	0	0	0	0	6.0	4	3	3	7	4
MINOR CAREER	18	34	3.61	157	87	0	0	5	481.0	404	238	193	270	470

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