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A's Acquire RHP Josh Lucas from St. Louis for Minor League RHP Casey Meisner

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's acquired right-handed pitcher Josh Lucas from the St. Louis Cardinals for minor league right-handed pitcher Casey Meisner, the club announced today. Lucas has been optioned to Triple-A Nashville.

Lucas did not allow a run in nine games and 11.1 innings this spring with St. Louis before he was optioned to Triple-A Memphis March 23 and designated for assignment on Wednesday. He spent most of the 2017 season at Memphis where he was 8-1 with 17 saves and a 3.15 ERA in 47 relief appearances. The 27-year-old right-hander made his Major League debut during two late-season stints with St. Louis and logged a 3.68 ERA and .259 opponents batting average in five relief appearances. Lucas was a 21st round selection of the Cardinals in the 2010 draft and is 24-17 with 49 saves and a 3.38 ERA in 196 career appearances as a minor leaguer.

Meisner split the 2017 season between Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland and was 10-9 with a 4.04 ERA in 28 games, including 24 starts. He was originally selected by the New York Mets in the third round of the 2013 draft and was sent to Oakland in the Tyler Clippard trade on July 27, 2015. The 22-year-old right-hander is 30-34 with a 3.66 ERA in 104 games, including 85 starts, in five professional seasons.

The complete 2017 and career statistics for Lucas and Meisner follow:

LUCAS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Memphis (AAA)	8	1	3.15	47	0	0	0	17	60.0	58	23	21	12	68
ST. LOUIS	0	0	3.68	5	0	0	0	0	7.1	7	3	3	4	7
CAREER	0	0	3.68	5	0	0	0	0	7.1	7	3	3	4	7
MINOR CAREER	24	17	3.38	196	14	0	0	49	324.2	328	154	122	76	296

MEISNER	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Stockton (A)	6	5	3.98	16	12	0	0	0	74.2	73	36	33	20	80
Midland (AA)	4	4	4.12	12	12	0	0	0	59.0	55	27	27	27	37
MINOR CAREER	30	34	3.66	104	85	0	0	1	491.2	473	240	200	174	425

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