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A's Reinstate RHP Blackburn from the DL; Option C Maxwell to Nashville

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's reinstated right-handed pitcher Paul Blackburn from the 60-day disabled list and optioned catcher Bruce Maxwell to Triple-A Nashville, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's transferred outfielder Boog Powell to the 60-day DL.

Blackburn was 0-3 with a 6.75 ERA in six games, including three starts, this spring before beginning the season on the 10-day disabled list with a strained right forearm. He was transferred to the 60-day DL April 5 and was sent to Single-A Stockton on a rehab assignment May 31. The 24-year-old right-hander made one rehab start a week ago today against Modesto and had a no decision in the Ports 6-3 win (3.2 ip, 8 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 62 pitches).

Maxwell had appeared in just 18 games with Oakland and was batting .182 with a home run and six RBI. He started 16 games at catcher.

Powell was on the A's Opening Day roster and hit .167 in seven games before going on the disabled list retroactive to April 7 with a sprained right knee.

The complete 2018 statistics for Blackburn follow:

BLACKBURN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nashville (AAA)	0	0	7.36	1	1	0	0	0	3.2	8	3	3	1	1
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