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A’s Reinstate OF Joyce from the DL; Option OF Smolinski to Nashville

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A’s reinstated outfielder Matt Joyce from the 10-day disabled list and optioned outfielder Jake Smolinski to Triple-A Nashville, the club announced today.

Joyce was batting .196 with seven home runs and 13 RBI in 55 games when he was placed on the 10-day DL June 6 retroactive to June 3 with a lumbar strain. He began a rehab assignment with Nashville on Monday and went 6-for-12 (.500) with two doubles and two walks in three games, including two in left field and one at designated hitter. The 33-year-old left-handed hitter has made 38 starts this year, all against right-handed pitchers. Joyce leads American League pinch hitters in doubles (3), extra base hits (4) and plate appearances (15) and is tied for the lead in hits (5) and home runs (1).

Smolinski was recalled from Nashville June 10 and went 1-for-5 (.200) in four games, including a game pitched on June 13 against Houston. He was on the A’s Opening Day roster and hit .118 with two RBI in 16 games before he was optioned to Nashville May 16. Smolinski is batting .128 with no home runs and two RBI in 20 games overall.

The complete 2018 statistics for Joyce follow:

JOYCE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
OAKLAND	.196	55	168	23	33	8	0	7	13	27	46	0	2	.369	.308
Nashville (AAA)	.500	3	12	2	6	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	.667	.571

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