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A's Option OF Dustin Fowler to Triple-A Nashville **A's Also Reinstate OF Boog Powell from the DL and Option him to Nashville**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's optioned outfielder Dustin Fowler to Triple-A Nashville and reinstated outfielder Boog Powell from the 60-day disabled list and optioned him to Nashville, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's designated right-handed pitcher Carlos Ramirez for assignment.

Fowler was recalled by Oakland May 9 and hit .231 with six home runs, 21 RBI and six stolen bases in 59 games with the A's. He batted .294 in June but hit .176 in 16 games in July. Fowler started 44 games for Oakland, all in center field in games in which the opponent started a right-handed pitcher. He is batting .310 with three home runs, 16 RBI and eight stolen bases in 30 games with Nashville.

Powell was on the A's Opening Day roster and went 4-for-24 (.167) in seven games before he was placed on the 10-day disabled list April 8 retroactive to April 7 with a sprained right knee. He began a rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton June 9, was transferred to Nashville June 15 and was 7-for-24 (.292) in eight games when his rehab assignment was halted June 22. Powell returned to action July 24 and went 1-for-14 (.071) in four games.

Ramirez was claimed off waivers from Toronto May 20 and logged a 3.00 ERA and .111 opponents average in three games over two stints with Oakland from May 26 to 29 and June 14. He also pitched in two games for the Blue Jays and has a 3.24 ERA and .115 opponents batting average in five games overall, but has issued nine walks in 8.1 innings. Ramirez is 1-2 with a 4.88 ERA and .230 opponents average in 17 games with Nashville.

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