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A's Acquire RHP Cory Gearrin from Texas

Oakland Sends Minor League RHPs Abdiel Mendoza and Teodoro Ortega to the Rangers

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have acquired right-handed pitcher Cory Gearrin from the Texas Rangers for minor league right-handed pitchers Abdiel Mendoza and Teodoro Ortega, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's transferred right-handed pitcher Paul Blackburn to the 60-day disabled list.

Gearrin has combined for a 2-1 record, one save and a 3.51 ERA in 56 relief appearances with Texas and San Francisco. He began the season with the Giants and had a 4.20 ERA in 35 games when he was traded to the Rangers July 8 along with Jason Bahr and Austin Jackson for a player to be named later or cash. The 32-year-old right-hander logged a 2.53 ERA in 21 outings with Texas. Gearrin made his Major League debut with Atlanta in 2011 and is 12-9 with five saves and a 3.48 ERA in 264 career appearances with the Braves (2011-13), Giants (2015-18) and Rangers (2018).

Mendoza and Ortega are both natives of Panama. Mendoza was pitching for the A's Short Season Single-A affiliate at Vermont where he was 2-3 with a 3.32 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts. The 19-year-old right-hander was originally signed on July 2, 2015. Ortega made his professional debut this year with the A's affiliate in the Dominican Summer League. The 18-year-old right-hander was 3-1 with a 2.11 ERA in 14 games, including six starts. Ortega was signed by the A's July 31, 2017.

Blackburn began the season on the disabled list with a strained right forearm and went 2-3 with a 7.16 ERA in six starts from June 7 to July 6 before returning to the DL July 8 with right elbow lateral epicondylitis.

The complete 2018 and career statistics for the players in today's trade follow:

GEARRIN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
SAN FRANCISCO	1	1	4.20	35	0	0	0	1	30.0	33	14	14	13	31
TEXAS	1	0	2.53	21	0	0	0	0	21.1	13	6	6	6	20
CAREER	12	9	3.48	264	0	0	0	5	240.2	203	95	93	102	233

MENDOZA	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vermont (A)	2	3	3.32	13	10	0	0	0	57.0	46	25	21	22	41
MINORS	7	7	3.42	38	17	0	0	0	121.0	100	56	46	42	85

ORTEGA	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
DSL A's (Rookie)	3	1	2.11	14	6	0	0	0	42.2	27	14	10	11	48

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