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A's Recall RHP Weems and C Heim; Option RHP Blackburn and C Allen

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's recalled right-handed pitcher Jordan Weems and catcher Jonah Heim from their alternate site and optioned right-handed pitcher Paul Blackburn and catcher Austin Allen to their alternate site, the club announced today.

Weems was on the A's Opening Day roster and made his Major League debut July 28 against Colorado. He allowed two runs on four hits and no walks in 3.0 innings against the Rockies and posted a 3.60 ERA and .278 opponents batting average in two relief appearances with Oakland before going on the 10-day injured list Aug. 4 retroactive to Aug. 1 with a strained right latissimus dorsi. The 27-year-old right-hander was reinstated from the IL and optioned to the alternate site Aug. 14.

Heim will be making his Major League debut after hitting .250 with 36 home runs and 236 RBI in 517 games in seven seasons in the minors. He was originally selected by Baltimore in the fourth round of the 2013 draft, was traded to Tampa Bay at the 2016 trading deadline and was dealt to Oakland following the 2017 season as the player to be named later in the Joey Wendle trade. The 25-year-old switch-hitter combined to hit a career-high .310 with a career-high tying nine home runs and 53 RBI in 85 games with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Las Vegas last year. Heim hit .320 with five RBI in 14 games with Oakland this spring.

Blackburn was recalled last Wednesday but did not appear in a game. Allen was on the A's Opening Day roster and hit .194 with a home run and three RBI in 14 games.

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