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## A's Agree to Terms with 1B Olson and INF Kemp on One-Year Contracts; Tender Contracts to All Remaining Players

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with first baseman Matt Olson and infielder Tony Kemp on one-year contracts for the 2021 season, the club announced today. The A's also announced they have tendered contracts to all remaining unsigned players on the 40-man roster.

Olson was the only Athletic to appear in all 60 games last season and batted .195 with 14 home runs and 42 RBI. He tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the majors in RBI and seven of his 14 home runs gave the A's the lead, which tied for second most. The 26-year-old left-handed hitter led the A's in home runs, RBI and total bases (89) and committed just one error for the second best fielding percentage by a first baseman in Athletics history (.998). Olson is a .245 career hitter with 103 home runs and 262 RBI in 419 games over five seasons in the majors. He hit his 100<sup>th</sup> career home runs in his 399<sup>th</sup> game this past season to become the 11<sup>th</sup> player in Major League history to reach 100 home runs in fewer than 400 games.

Kemp was acquired by the A's from the Cubs prior to the 2020 season and spent the entire year with Oakland. He batted .247 with five doubles and four RBI in 49 games but had 15 walks for a career-high .363 on-base percentage. The 29-year-old left-handed hitter committed just one error in 43 games at second base for a .990 fielding percentage, which was fifth best among Major League second basemen. Kemp is a .235 career hitter with 15 home runs and 74 RBI in 332 games over five seasons in the majors.

The A's now have six arbitration eligible players remaining on the roster: Chris Bassitt, Mark Canha, Matt Chapman, Sean Manaea, Frankie Montas and Lou Trivino.

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