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A's Agree to Terms with Four Remaining Arbitration Eligible Players

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics agreed to terms with left-handed pitcher Sean Manaea, right-handed pitchers Frankie Montas and Lou Trivino and outfielder Ramón Laureano, on one-year contracts for the 2022 season, avoiding arbitration with all of their remaining arbitration-eligible players.

Laureano was batting .246 with 14 home runs and 39 RBI in 88 games last year when he was suspended for 80 games on Aug. 6 for violating Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. He served 53 games and will miss the first 27 games of the 2022 season. The 27-year-old right-handed hitter matched his career high with 27 walks and was also hit by a pitch nine times for a .317 on-base percentage.

Manaea went 11-10 with a 3.91 ERA in 32 starts last year and has now posted a winning record in five consecutive seasons. He is one of five pitchers in Oakland history with at least five straight winning seasons and it was his third 10-win season. The 30-year-old left-hander had a career-high 194 strikeouts and walked just 41 in a career-high 179.1 innings. The strikeouts ranked eighth in the American League and were the seventh best single season total in Oakland history.

Montas went 13-9 with a 3.37 ERA and 207 strikeouts in 32 starts in 2021 and finished with the second best strikeout total in Oakland history to Vida Blue's record of 301 in 1971. It was 10th best in Athletics history and his average of 9.96 strikeouts per nine innings was the best in Athletics history. The 29-year-old right-hander tied for the AL lead in games started, ranked third in opponents slugging percentage (.372) and innings pitched (187.0), fourth in ERA, opponents OPS (.723), strikeouts and fewest home runs per nine innings (1.08), tied for fifth in wins, seventh in batting average (.232), on-base percentage (.294) and winning percentage (.591) and eighth in strikeout-to-walk ratio (3.63).

Trivino saved a team-leading 22 games in his first season as closer last year and was 7-8 with a 3.18 ERA and .216 opponents batting average in 71 relief appearances. He had career highs in games and saves and his 73.2 innings pitched were one-third of an inning short of his best. The 30-year-old right-hander allowed just five home runs and had a career-low .310 opponents slugging percentage. Trivino ranked sixth in the AL in save percentage (84.6%) and eighth in saves (22).

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