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ANGELS ACQUIRES SIX RISING STARS FROM NEW YORK METS IN LATEST EXCHANGE

Three pitchers, outfielder, catcher, and third baseman to join the team.

LOS ANGELES (Jan. 30, 2023) – The Los Angeles Angels today acquired left-handed pitcher David Peterson, right-handed pitchers Tylor Megill and Blade Tidwell, outfielder Alex Ramirez, catcher Francisco Álvarez, and third baseman Brett Baty from the New York Mets. The Mets will receive starting pitcher Shohei Ohtani as part of this latest trade.

Peterson, 27, is coming off an impressive third season since joining the Mets' 40-man roster, posting a 3.86 ERA and 126 strikeouts in 105 innings of work.

Megill, 27, returns to his home roots in Orange County, where he played pitcher for Los Alamitos High School. Known as "Big Drip," Megill averaged a fastball velocity of 95.7 MPH last year and shows significant promise for the season ahead.

"We are confident in beginning a new era of fostering young talent on our team. Coming into this upcoming season, we promised to do a better job of building our roster, a priority we have kept at the forefront of our recruitment journey," said general manager Perry Minasian. "We truly thank Shohei for the contributions made this past year, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. We know bringing David, Tylor, Blade, Alex, Brett, and Francisco to Anaheim is investing in a quality team out on the field and bringing distinctive experiences to the Angels. We are ready to build that legacy that will last for many years to come."

At just 20 years old, Ramirez had 140 hits in 121 games between Single-A and High-A. In 2022, the driven center fielder cut his K rate down from 31.1 percent to 22.1 percent. He was ranked

the fourth best prospect for the Mets for the 2022 season and is among the top 100 prospects on MLB.com for the upcoming season.

After leading the charts as the top MLB prospect of 2022, Álvarez, 21, debuted as the youngest of the year to play in the major leagues. Álvarez's first hit of his major league career was a 439-foot, 108.9-mph homer, later followed by a 107.8-mph double. These were the two hardest-hit balls of this 9-2 Mets victory.

Baty, 23, made his major league debut on Aug. 17, 2022, when he became the fifth Mets player to hit a home run in their first major league at-bat. He finished this exceptional start to the game with a 113 mph groundout, the hardest hit ball by a left-handed Mets hitter off a left-handed pitcher since 2016.

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