



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Post Game Notes

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Minnesota Twins (15-27) at Oakland Athletics (22-22) Thursday, May 19, 2011 Overstock.com Coliseum, Oakland, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Minnesota	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	11	16	3	7
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	6

WP — Blackburn (3-4)

LP — Ross (3-3)

SV — None

OAKLAND NOTES

- The Oakland Athletics have lost five of their last eight games...are now 22-22, which marks the 13th time they have been exactly .500 this season...are 7-19 when scoring when scoring less than four runs and 15-3 when scoring four or more...went 3-4 on this seven-game homestand against Chicago (1-2), Los Angeles (2-0) and Minnesota (0-2)...begin a seven-game road trip tomorrow through San Francisco (three games) and Los Angeles (four games).
- Tyson Ross** left the game due to a left oblique strain...did not retire a batter and was removed after seven pitches...the last A's starting pitcher to not retire a batter in a start was Omar Olivares on June 16, 2000 at Kansas City...since Stats, Inc. began tracking pitching counts in 1987, no A's starting pitcher had tossed fewer than 10 pitches in a game...the previous low was 10 by Olivares.
- David Purcey** allowed a home run to Rivera in the second inning...the home run snapped a 23-game, 65.0-inning streak in which the A's bullpen had not allowed a home run.
- Brad Ziegler** allowed his first run in 17 appearances this season and now has a 0.66 ERA (1 er in 13.2 ip).
- Mark Ellis** (1 for 4) now has 999 career hits and needs only one more to become the 12th player in Oakland history to reach the 1,000 plateau...is 8 for 21 (.381) over his last five games.
- Ryan Sweeney** (0 for 3) is 2 for 13 (.154) over his last six games after hitting safely in an A's season-high seven consecutive games (12 for 24, .500).

Pitching Lines	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Pitches/Strikes
Tyson Ross (L, 3-3)	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7/4
David Purcey	3.2	4	1	1	2	2	1	66/44
Craig Breslow	2.1	3	2	2	0	1	1	32/22
Trystan Magnuson	2.0	5	6	6	1	2	1	50/28
Brad Ziegler	1.0	3	1	1	0	1	0	13/13

Home Runs	Inning	Count	RBI	Location	Pitcher
None					

MINNESOTA NOTES

- The Minnesota Twins have won their past three games since losing nine in a row...scored a season-high 11 runs (previous: 10, April 23 vs. CLE)...hit three home runs in a game for the first time this season and the first time since September 25, 2010 at Detroit...are 13-8 when scoring first compared to 2-19 when their opponents score first...are 10-5 in their last 15 games against the A's...are 3-1 on this seven-game road trip through Seattle (1-1), Oakland (2-0) and Arizona (three games).
- Nick Blackburn** is 2-0 with a 1.63 ERA (5 er in 27.2 ip) in four starts in May after going 1-4 with a 5.14 ERA in five starts in April...has won his last 10 decisions in the month of May...is 3-1 with a 2.97 ERA (10 er in 30.1 ip) in five starts during the day and 0-3 with a 3.91 ERA (11 er in 25.1 ip) in four starts at night.
- Justin Morneau** (3 for 5) is 19 for 38 (.500) with six home runs and 15 RBI in his last 11 games in Oakland and is a .319 (68 for 213) career hitter with 15 home runs and 45 RBI against the A's.
- Rene Rivera** (2 for 4) hit a home run in the second inning...it was his first home run since July 9, 2006 against Detroit.
- Danny Valencia** (2 for 5) snapped an 0 for 19 streak with a RBI double in the eighth inning.

Pitching Lines	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Pitches/Strikes
Nick Blackburn (W, 3-4)	7.0	5	1	1	2	1	0	96/60
Phil Dumatrait	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10/7
Anthony Swarzak	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14/10

Home Runs	Inning	Count	RBI	Location	Pitcher
Rene Rivera (1)	2 nd	2-1	1	LF	Purcey
Justin Morneau (2)	5 th	1-1	2	RF	Breslow
Trevor Plouffe	8 th	3-2	3	LF	Magnuson

Time of Game	2:41	Overall Record	22-22	Home/Road	11-12/11-10
First Pitch	12:37 pm	Streak	Lost 2	Day/Night	11-6/11-15
Temperature	65 degrees	Homestand	3-4	April/May/June	13-14/9-8/0-0
Attendance	22,320	Last Five	2-3	July/Aug./Sept.	0-0/0-0/0-0
Total	410,596	Last 10	5-5	A's Starter goes 7 or more/Less than 7	13-9/9-13
Average (23 games)	17,852	Series Record	0-2	A's/Opponents score first	16-9/6-13
Win/Lose in Last At-Bat	5-8	Series First Game	6-9	Leading after 7 th inn/8 th inn	17-2/18-1
Extra Innings	5-5	vs. AL West	10-8	Tied after 7 th inn/8 th inn	0-4/1-7
		vs. RHP/LHP	13-18/9-4	Trailing after 7 th inn/8 th inn	5-16/3-14