



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Post Game Notes

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Minnesota Twins (50-58) at Oakland Athletics (49-59) Sunday, July 31, 2011 Oakland, Calif.

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

W — McCarthy (4-5)

L — Pavano (6-8)

S — None

OAKLAND NOTES

- The Oakland Athletics are 10-6 since the All-Star Break...are 31-24 at home compared to 18-35 on the road...had a season-high four stolen bases (previous: 3, three times; last: May 22 at San Francisco)...went 5-2 on this seven-game homestand against Tampa Bay (3-1) and Minnesota (2-1)...begin a nine-game road trip tomorrow through Seattle (three games), Tampa Bay (three games) and Toronto (three games).
- The A's have collected at least eight hits in each of their 16 games since the break (175 for 553, .316), which is the longest streak of consecutive games with eight or more hits in Oakland history.
- Brandon McCarthy** had a career-high nine strikeouts (previous: 8, two times; last: Sept. 27, 2006 at Cleveland)...is 3-1 with a 3.89 ERA (16 er in 37.0 ip) in six starts since he was reinstated from the DL July 3...is 2-0 with a 2.43 ERA (11 er in 40.2 ip) in nine career games, four starts, against Minnesota.
- Coco Crisp** (2 for 3) recorded the 200th stolen base of his career in the third inning (now has 201)...had a career-high-tying three stolen bases (third time, last: Sept. 10, 2010 vs. Boston)...now has 32 steals this season, which matches his career high from last season.
- Hideki Matsui** (1 for 3) batted .369 (31 for 84) in July, his first time hitting over .350 in a month since September, 2006 (.412)...has a season-best nine-game hitting streak (19 for 36, .528) and is now batting .466 (27 for 58) in 15 games since the break.
- Cliff Pennington** (1 for 4) is on a 15-game hitting streak, which is an on-going career and A's season high...the last A's switch-hitter to have a longer hitting streak is Scott Spiezio, who had an 18-game streak from May 21-June 9, 1998...is batting .418 (23 for 55) during the streak...batted .341 (28 for 82) in July, his highest single month batting average of his career (previous: .338, June, 2010).
- Ryan Sweeney** (1 for 4) was ejected by home plate umpire Dan Bellino in the seventh inning...it is his first career ejection.

| Pitching Lines | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | Pitches/Strikes |
|---------------------------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|-----------------|
| Brandon McCarthy (W, 4-5) | 6.0 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 109/85 |
| Craig Breslow | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 31/16 |
| Grant Balfour | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14/10 |
| Andrew Bailey | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 17/11 |

| Home Runs | Inning | Count | RBI | Location | Pitcher |
|-----------|--------|-------|-----|----------|---------|
| None | | | | | |

MINNESOTA NOTES

- The Minnesota Twins are 4-7 over their last 11 games...are 24-33 on the road compared to 26-25 at home...are 3-4 on this 10-game road trip through Texas (2-2), Oakland (1-2) and Los Angeles (three games).
- Carl Pavano** 1-2 with a 6.87 ERA (28 er in 36.2 ip) in July after going 3-1 with a 2.54 ERA in June...is 1-2 with a 5.77 ERA (25 er in 39.0 ip) in six starts against the AL West this season.
- Michael Cuddyer** (1 for 4) extended his hitting streak to seven games (10 for 31, .323)...has now hit safely in 24 of his last 29 contests and is batting .339 (37 for 109) over that span.
- Joe Mauer** (2 for 4) is a .327 (65 for 199) career hitter against the A's, including .319 (36 for 113) in Oakland.
- Tsuyoshi Nishioka** (0 for 4) is 2 for 23 (.087) on the road trip.
- Jim Thome** (3 for 4) hit the 597th home run of his career...now has 1,652 career RBI, which ties Tony Perez for 27th place on baseball's all-time list...had his first three-hit game since August 17, 2010 against Chicago-AL and is now on a season-high seven-game hitting streak (12 for 25, .480).
- Danny Valencia** (2 for 4) has hit safely in 13 of his past 14 games (18 for 55, .327).

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|----------------------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|-----------------|
| Carl Pavano (L, 6-8) | 4.0 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 89/61 |
| Phil Dumatrait | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 34/19 |
| Matt Capps | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13/9 |
| Joe Nathan | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11/5 |

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| Jim Thome (8) | 3 rd | 1-0 | 1 | CF | McCarthy |

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| Time of Game | 2:49 | Overall Record | 49-59 | Home/Road | 31-24/18-35 |
| First Pitch | 1:07 pm | Streak | Won 2 | Day/Night | 21-21/27-39 |
| Temperature | 66 degrees | Homestand | 5-2 | April/May/June | 13-14/14-15/9-17 |
| Attendance | 22,452 | Last Five | 3-2 | July/Aug./Sept. | 13-13/0-0/0 |
| Total | 1,040,911 | Last 10 | 6-4 | A's Starter goes 7 or more/Less than 7 | 25-17/24-42 |
| Average (54 games) | 19,276 | Series Record | 2-1 | A's/Opponents score first | 33-17/16-42 |
| Win/Lose in Last At-Bat | 8-17 | Series First Game | 13-22 | Leading after 7 th inn/8 th inn | 41-4/43-2 |
| Extra Innings | 6-10 | vs. AL West | 16-17 | Tied after 7 th inn/8 th inn | 2-8/2-10 |
| | | vs. RHP/LHP | 33-43/16-16 | Trailing after 7 th inn/8 th inn | 6-47/4-473 |