



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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A's AT A GLANCE

Season High	67-56 (August 22)
Season Low	26-35 (June 10)
April	10-12
May	11-16
June	15-13
July	19-5
August	11-9
September	0-0
Home Series	11-6-5
Road Series	8-8-3
Series Sweeps	6-4
First Game of Series	20-21
Last Game of Series	24-17
A's Score First	45-16
Opponent Scores First	22-40
Leading After 7 th	49-6
Leading After 8 th	53-5
Tied After 7 th	11-5
Tied After 8 th	9-3
Trailing After 7 th	7-45
Trailing After 8 th	5-48
Commit No Errors	42-23
Commit 1 or More Errors	25-33
More HR Than Opp.	35-15
Fewer HR Than Opp.	10-24
Same Total HR of Opp.	22-17
Starter Pitches 7 or More	32-12
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	35-44
When Scoring 4 or More	52-11
When Scoring Less Than 4	15-45
Last At Bat	20-11
Different Lineups	112

A's vs. RAYS

The season series is even at three games...the A's won two of three at Tampa Bay May 5-6 and lost two of three in Oakland July 30-August 1...have won 12 of the last 19 games overall...however, have lost three of the previous five season series and are 25-26 against the Rays since 2007...all-time, the A's are 84-51 (.622) against Tampa Bay, which is the best record against the Rays by any American League team...are 47-21 in Oakland and 35-29 at Tropicana Field.

BEST RECORDS SINCE JUNE 2

	W	L	PCT
Washington	48	26	.649
Cincinnati	47	27	.635
Oakland	45	26	.634
New York (AL)	44	29	.603
Atlanta	43	29	.597

TODAY'S TIDBITS

The Athletics turned the 21st triple play in franchise history Tuesday night, the eighth in Oakland history...it was the first since Randy Velarde's unassisted triple play at New York on May 29, 2000...it was the A's first triple play turned in the Coliseum since July 18, 1983 against Detroit.

Yoenis Céspedes is batting .363 (49 for 135) since the All-Star Break, which ranks second in the majors (Posey, SF .408).

Josh Donaldson is 15 for 35 (.429) with six RBI in nine games since he was recalled from Sacramento August 14.

Jonny Gomes has hit safely in all seven of his career games against the Rays (9 for 25, .360).

THIS DATE IN A's HISTORY

In **1975** Billy Williams homers twice in the second game of a doubleheader at Milwaukee and combines for six hits in the A's sweep of the Brewers...in **1983** Rickey Henderson has three hits and steals four bases in the A's 9-3 win at New York.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (67-56) VS. TAMPA BAY RAYS (69-55)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012 – TROPICANA FIELD – 7:10 P.M. EDT

RHP TYSON ROSS (2-8, 6.35) VS. RHP ALEX COBB (7-8, 4.74)

CSNCA – A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won six of the last seven games to improve to a season-high 11 games over .500...have not been more than 11 games over .500 since finishing the 2006 season 93-69...are 14-12 over the last 26 contests after going 16-2 over the previous 18 games...are 30-14 (.682) since the start of July, which is the **best record in the American League** and third best in the majors...are 24-13 (.649) since the All-Star Break, which is second best in the AL (Seattle, 25-13)...are in second place in the AL West and trail Texas by five games...have sole possession of the second Wild Card slot following yesterday's win, the first time they have held at least a share of a playoff spot since August 11...trail Tampa Bay by 1½ games for the first slot...had a season-high nine-game losing streak from May 22-June 1 but have gone 45-26 (.634) since then, which is the **best record in the American League** and third best in the majors...in the West, have spent one day tied for first this year, 52 days in second, 11 days tied for second, 54 days in third, eight days tied for third and 11 days in fourth.

PITCHING: The A's have compiled a 4.04 ERA (109 er in 242.2 ip) over the last 26 games after logging a 2.52 ERA over the previous 34 contests from June 14 to July 25...now have a 3.48 ERA for the season, which ranks second in the American League...the last time the A's finished the season with an ERA under 3.56 was in 1990 (3.18)...rank second in the AL in opponents slugging percentage (.375) and fewest home runs allowed (109) and third in opponents batting average (.244) and on-base percentage (.305)...have the third fewest strikeouts (847)...A's starting pitchers are 8-10 with a 4.35 ERA (75 er in 155.1 ip) over the last 26 games after going 15-6 with a 2.47 ERA over the previous 34 contests from June 14 to July 25...now have a 3.78 ERA (312 er in 743.2 ip) for the season, which ranks second in the AL.

DON'T WALK: The A's have issued 36 walks in 184.2 innings in August, an average of 1.75 per nine innings...averaged 1.97 walks per nine innings in July and that marked the **first time since at least 1916** that the A's issued fewer than two walks per nine innings in a month of at least 15 games...A's starting pitchers have walked two batters or fewer in each of the last 19 games...that matches the longest streak this year (July 3-28) and is tied for the second longest in Oakland history (20, August 13-September 3, 2006)...have walked just 194 for the season, which is the fewest in the American League and third fewest in the majors.

OFFENSE: The A's rank last in the majors with a .232 batting average...the lowest batting average in Oakland history is .236 in 1982 and the A's have hit under .232 just once in franchise history (.223 in 1908)...lead the American League and rank third in the majors with 1021 strikeouts...are on pace to break the franchise record of 1226 strikeouts set in 2008...have the second fewest runs scored in the AL (501), the third lowest on-base percentage (.306) and slugging percentage (.387) and third fewest doubles (190)...rank second in walks (421) and third in triples (25)...have hit 93 home runs in 69 games since June 4, which is fifth most in the majors...have 135 home runs overall, which already matches their most in a season since 2009...the last time they had more than 135 in a season was 2007 (171)...lead the majors in pitches per plate appearance (3.98).

ON THE BASES: The A's pitching staff is tied with Colorado for the Major League lead in pickoffs (20)...opponents have been successful in just 76 of 117 (65.0%) stolen base attempts, which is the second lowest mark in the American League...the offense is tied for fourth in stolen bases (98)...have been caught stealing just 27 times and rank third in stolen base percentage (78.4%).

SHUTOUTS: The A's have two shutouts in the last seven games and 11 for the season, which ranks third in the American League...however, have been shut out 14 times, which is tied with Miami for the most in the majors...the 14 shutouts are tied for the fourth highest single season total in Oakland history...since 1980, the only time the A's have been shut out more times in a season was last year when they were blanked 15 times.

CLOSE CALLS: The A's are 20-11 in games decided in the last at bat and **lead the majors in last at bat wins**...those are the most last at bat wins by an A's team since they had 26 in 2004...have lost each of their last two one-run decisions after winning 11 of the previous 12...are 19-15 (.559) in one-run games overall...are tied for second in the American League in one-run wins and are tied for the third best record...are 9-3 (.750) in extra inning games...have the second most extra inning wins in the AL, the second best record and are tied for the second most games...11 of the A's 12 extra inning games have lasted more than 10 innings...are 25-23 in games decided in the seventh inning or later.

WALK-OFF WINS: The A's have a **Major League leading** 13 "walk-off" wins...that is the second best total in Oakland history and is two short of the record of 15 set in 2004...have eight "walk-off" wins since July 3...five of the "walk-off" wins have been by home run, which is one short of the Oakland record of six (2004)...11 different players have delivered a game-ending RBI.

HOME AND AWAY: The A's begin an eight-day, seven-game road trip tonight to Tampa Bay (three games) and Cleveland (four games)...went 2-4 on the last road trip to Chicago (1-2) and Kansas City (1-2)...went 5-1 on their last homestand against Cleveland (3-0) and Minnesota (2-1)...have won seven of the last eight home games and are 28-11 (.718) in the Coliseum since June 6...for the season, are 39-27 (.591) at home compared to 28-29 (.491) on the road...have the third best home record in the American League...have a 3.01 ERA (210 er in 627.2 ip) at home compared to 4.07 (222 er in 490.1 ip) on the road...rank third in the AL in home ERA and seventh in road ERA.

ROOKIES: The A's have used 18 rookies this year, which is the most in the majors and tied with the 1983 club for second most in Oakland history...the record is 21 in 2008...11 of the 18 have been pitchers, which is one short of the Oakland record (12 in 2009)...rookie pitchers have combined to pitch 200 games, which is third most in Oakland history (232 in 2009, 203 in 2008)...currently have nine rookies on the roster (Carter, Céspedes, Cook, Donaldson, Doolittle, Milone, Norris, Parker, Scribner).

THE DISABLED LIST: The A's have used the disabled list 20 times, the fourth time in the last six years they have used it at least 20 times...currently have eight players on the DL (Braden, Carignan, Devine, Griffin, Inge, Norberto, Sizemore, Sogard)...the 20 players have combined to miss 796 games (39.8 games per stint)...have had at least six players on the DL every day since June 6.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Fri., Aug. 24 at TB RHP Jarrod Parker (8-7, 3.48) vs. LHP Matt Moore (10-7, 3.57) 4:10 CSNCA
Sat., Aug. 25 at TB RHP Brandon McCarthy (6-5, 3.16) vs. RHP Jeremy Hellickson (8-8, 3.28) 10:10 CSNCA

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Tyson Ross (2-8, 6.35 ERA)

ROSS BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2012	2	8	6.35	12	62.1	44
2011	3	3	2.75	9	36.0	11
Career	6	15	5.16	47	137.2	79
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Home	1	3	4.82	5	28.0	15
Road	1	5	7.60	7	34.1	29
Day	1	4	3.89	6	34.2	15
Night	1	4	9.43	6	27.2	29
Pre-ASB	2	8	6.35	12	62.1	44
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
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	AVG.		AB	H		
vs. LHH	.354		130	46		
vs. RHH	.277		119	33		

RUN SUPPORT

Ross	
Runs Scored	Times
0	3
1	4
2	0
3	1
4	4
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	3.32

ROSS vs. TAMPA BAY

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2012	0	1	18.90	1	3.1	7
2011	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	0	1	20.25	2	4.0	9

Ross' Starts vs. Tampa Bay

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
5/4/12	A	L	3.1	9	7	7	2	2

Tampa Bay Career Batting vs. Ross

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Brignac	.000	1	0	0	0	0
Jennings	.667	3	2	0	0	0
Joyce	1.000	1	1	0	1	0
Matsui	.000	2	0	0	0	1
Molina	.500	2	1	1	0	0
Pena	.000	2	0	0	1	1
Rhymes	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Rodriguez	.500	2	1	0	0	1
Scott	.333	3	1	0	0	1
Upton	.750	4	3	0	0	0
Zobrist	.000	2	0	0	0	0

ROSS' CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	None
IP:	7.1, 5/14/11 vs. CWS
Fewest IP, GS:	0.0, 5/19/11 vs. MIN
H:	12, 5/25/12 vs. NYY
R:	9, 4/28/12 at BAL
ER:	9, 4/28/12 at BAL
BB:	5, 4/22/12 vs. CLE
SO:	8, 5/14/11 vs. CWS
HR:	3, 5/25/12 vs. NYY
Win Streak:	2, 5/8/11 to 5/14/11
Loss Streak:	5, 5/19/12 to present
Scoreless Streak:	13.0, 4/27/11 to 5/3/11
Complete Games:	None
Shutouts:	None

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his 13th start of the season...the A's are 4-8 (.333) in his starting assignments this year and 8-12 (.400) in his career...has tossed at least six innings in five of his 12 starts, allowed two runs or fewer five times and walked two batters or fewer six times.

BRIEFLY: Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento today for his fourth stint with the A's...was the final cut of the spring as he was optioned to Sacramento April 4...was one of the three inactive players in Japan...went 0-1 with a 4.00 ERA in two starts with the River Cats before he was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 17, the first day the A's needed a fifth starter...went 2-6 with a 6.51 ERA in nine starts before he was optioned back to Sacramento May 31...went 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in two starts before returning June 16 to start against San Diego after McCarthy missed a turn in the rotation...allowed two runs in 6.0 innings in a no decision and was optioned back to Sacramento the next day...did not pitch for the River Cats following the option as he returned June 23 when Colón went on the DL...went 0-2 with a 7.71 ERA in two starts and was optioned to Sacramento June 29.

FIVE-GAME LOSING STREAK: Is 0-5 with a 6.46 ERA (30.2 ip, 38 h, 24 r, 22 er, 18 bb, 20 so, 5 hr) and .317 (38 for 120) opponents batting average over his last six starts...the five-game losing streak is a career-high, surpassing his previous high of four from April 15-June 1, 2010...it is the longest by an Athletic this year.

QUALIFICATIONS: Has pitched 62.1 innings...based on a minimum of 60 innings pitched, he has the third highest ERA (6.35) and opponents batting average (.317) in the American League...also has the highest on-base percentage (.400)...is 2-8 and his .200 winning percentage is second lowest in the AL among pitchers with 10 or more decisions (Noesi, SEA, 2-11).

NIGHT AND DAY: Is 1-4 with a 3.89 ERA (15 er in 34.2 ip) and .221 (27 for 122) opponents batting average in six starts during the day compared to 1-4 with a 9.43 ERA (29 er in 27.2 ip) and .409 (52 for 127) opponents average in six starts at night...his career splits are 3-6 with a 3.53 ERA (26 er in 66.1 ip) in 17 day games compared to 3-9 with a 6.69 ERA (53 er in 71.1 ip) in 30 games at night.

HOME AND AWAY: Is 1-3 with a 4.82 ERA (15 er in 28.0 ip) and .250 (26 for 104) opponents batting average in five starts at home compared to 1-5 with a 7.60 ERA (29 er in 34.1 ip) and .366 (53 for 145) opponents average in seven starts on the road...his career splits are 2-6 with a 3.72 ERA (27 er in 65.1 ip) and .252 (61 for 242) opponents average in 23 games at home compared to 4-9 with a 6.47 ERA (52 er in 72.1 ip) and .319 (90 for 282) opponents average in 24 contests on the road.

AGAINST THE EAST: Is 0-4 with a 12.98 ERA (25 er in 17.1 ip) and .440 (37 for 84) opponents batting average in four starts against American League East teams compared to 2-4 with a 3.80 ERA (19 er in 45.0 ip) and .255 (42 for 165) opponents average in eight starts against everyone else...is now 0-6 with a 12.21 ERA (38 er in 28.0 ip) and .411 (51 for 124) opponents average in 15 career appearances against the AL East and 6-9 with a 3.36 ERA (41 er in 109.2 ip) and .250 (100 for 400) in 32 games against everyone else.

DAYS REST: Is scheduled to pitch on five days rest today...is 2-4 with a 3.89 ERA (17 er in 39.1 ip) in seven starts when pitching on four days rest and 0-4 with a 10.57 ERA (27 er in 23.0 ip) in five starts on five days rest or more.

INNING BY INNING: Has a 4.53 ERA (24 er in 47.2 ip) over the first four innings of a game and a 12.00 ERA (20 er in 15.0 ip) from the fifth inning on.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has a .271 (26 for 96) opponents batting average the first time through the lineup, .309 (30 for 97) the second time and .411 (23 for 56) the third time...has issued 22 of his 30 walks to left-handed hitters...has surrendered seven home runs, five of which have come with runners on base.

LAST MAJOR LEAGUE START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 7-6 loss at Texas on June 28...the A's scored a run in the first but he allowed a run in the bottom of the first when Kinsler scored on a Hamilton ground out...the A's added three in the third, but he allowed a RBI single to Hamilton in the bottom of the third...allowed a RBI single to Andrus in the fifth to make the score 4-3 and was relieved by Miller with runners on first and third and no outs...he allowed both inherited runners to score plus one of his own.

LAST MINOR LEAGUE START: He had a no decision in Sacramento's 4-3 loss in 11 innings at New Orleans last Friday...allowed just one hit in 5.2 innings, a Brett Hayes leadoff single in the fourth...Hayes scored the only run off Ross on a Chris Aguila sacrifice fly...however, issued five walks...left with the scored tied at 101.

ROSS vs. TAMPA BAY: Is 0-1 with a 20.25 ERA (4.0 ip, 12 h, 9 r, 9 er, 3 bb, 2 so, 1 hr) in two career appearances, one start...the start came earlier this year on May 4 at Tampa Bay, a 7-2 A's loss...the A's scored a run in the second but he allowed three runs in the third on a RBI double by Upton and a two-run single by Scott...then allowed four runs in the fourth on a two-run home run by Molina, a RBI double by Upton and a RBI single by Joyce...his other appearance came in relief on April 28, 2010 at Tropicana Field (0.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb).

WITH SACRAMENTO: Went 5-2 with a 2.74 ERA in 13 starts with Sacramento...including 3-1 with a 2.85 ERA in nine starts following his last option on June 29...allowed a .231 opponents batting average, including .221 (31 for 140) against right-handed hitters and .241 (34 for 141) against left-handers...issued 20 of his 28 walks to lefties...opponents were 10 for 70 (.143) with seven walks (.221 on-base percentage) when leading off an inning...had a 0.92 ERA (4 er in 39.0 ip) over the first three innings of his starts and a 4.66 ERA (19 er in 36.2 ip) from the fourth inning on...the River Cats were 7-6 (.538) in his starting assignments...tossed six or more innings seven times, allowed two runs or fewer six times and walked two batters or fewer eight times.

ROSS' 2012 STARTS WITH OAKLAND

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 17	at LAA	5-3	--	3.00	6.0	7	2	2	0	3	0	91
April 22	CLE	5-1	W	2.13	6.2	4	1	1	5	4	0	101
April 28	at BAL	1-10	L	6.48	4.0	11	9	9	1	1	0	73
April Totals (3 G, 3 GS)				1-1	6.48	16.2	22	12	6	8	0	
May 4	at TB	2-7	L	8.55	3.1	9	7	7	2	2	1	81
May 9	TOR	2-5	L	7.71	5.2	5	3	3	3	3	1	88
May 14	at LAA	5-0	W	6.25	6.0	5	0	0	1	2	0	94
May 19	at SF	0-4	L	5.73	6.0	7	2	2	4	4	0	108
May 25	NYN	3-6	L	6.43	4.1	12	6	6	2	3	3	97
May 30	at MIN	0-4	L	6.51	5.0	6	4	4	3	1	1	79
May Totals (6 G, 6 GS)				1-5	6.53	30.1	44	22	22	15	6	
June 16	SD	6-4	--	6.11	6.0	1	2	2	4	6	1	95
June 23	SF	8-9	L	6.02	5.1	4	5	3	4	3	0	95
June 28	at TEX	6-7	L	6.35	4.0	8	5	5	1	3	0	77
June Totals (3 G, 3 GS)				0-2	5.87	15.1	13	12	10	9	12	1

ROSS' 2012 STARTS WITH SACRAMENTO

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 8	at Las Vegas	10-3	--	2.25	4.0	5	1	3	0	0	0	170
April 12	at Tucson	0-5	L	4.00	5.0	5	3	3	0	4	1	76
June 4	at Tacoma	13-4	W	3.38	7.0	5	3	2	1	1	0	90
June 9	at Col. Spr.	10-2	W	2.45	6.0	6	0	0	1	6	0	96
July 4	at Fresno	18-4	W	2.17	7.0	6	1	1	2	7	0	97
July 12	Las Vegas	3-6	L	2.53	3.0	3	3	2	6	5	0	80
July 17	at Tacoma	9-8 (13)	--	2.65	5.1	6	5	2	2	8	1	105
July 22	Tucson	3-5	--	2.86	6.2	5	3	3	1	5	1	91
July 27	at Salt Lake	7-2	W	2.72	9.0	4	2	2	0	8	0	103
Aug. 2	Memphis	4-3	--	2.75	6.0	8	3	2	3	2	0	106
Aug. 7	Nashville	4-5	--	2.91	6.0	6	3	3	0	7	0	90
Aug. 12	at Oklahoma City	3-1	W	2.83	5.0	5	1	1	4	3	1	93
Aug. 17	at New Orleans	3-4 (11)	--	2.74	5.2	1	1	1	5	6	0	91
SAC TOTALS (13 G, 13 GS)				5-2	2.74	75.2	65	29	23	28	62	4

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

RHP Jarrod Parker (8-7, 3.48 ERA): Is scheduled to make his 22nd start of the season, the 23rd of his career...tossed 8.0 shutout innings in his last start to snap his losing streak at a career-high three games...is now 3-4 with a 5.14 ERA (28 er in 49.0 ip) and .292 (56 for 192) opponents batting average over his last eight starts after going 5-3 with a 2.46 ERA and .209 opponents batting average over his first 13 starts...ranks fifth among American League rookies with 97 strikeouts and needs three more to become the 10th rookie in Oakland history to strike out 100...has not allowed a home run in his last four starts and has surrendered just six in 129.1 innings for the season...is averaging 0.42 home runs per nine innings, which is the lowest mark in the American League and second lowest in the majors (Gonzalez, WASH 0.41)...was the losing pitcher in his only career start against Tampa Bay, a 4-1 A's loss in Oakland on August 1 (6.0 ip, 8 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 2 so).

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

23-11, 2.89 ERA (374.1 ip, 288 h, 128 r, 120 er, 153 bb, 344 so, 35 hr) **Save/Save Opportunities: 32/47 (68.1%)**
 The A's bullpen is 4-2 with a 3.18 ERA (23 er in 65.0 ip) and .241 (59 for 245) opponents batting average in the month of August after going 9-0 with a 2.24 ERA and .189 batting average in July...the 13 wins are the **most in the majors** since the start of July...for the season, **leads the American League** and ranks third in the majors in wins (23)...ranks second in the AL and fourth in the majors with a 2.89 ERA...has the second lowest opponents batting average in the majors (.213), third lowest slugging percentage (.340) and fourth lowest on-base percentage (.297)...has issued the second most walks (153) in the AL...has 227 strikeouts in 221.0 innings over its last 73 games (9.2 per nine innings) after fanning 117 in 153.1 innings over the first 49 contests (6.9 per nine innings).

50 RHP GRANT BALFOUR **Save/Opportunities: 12-14** **Last Outing: 8/21 vs. Minnesota (S, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)**
Inherited Runners/Scored: 18/7 **First Hitters: 13-50 (6 bb, 1 hbp)**

- Recorded his 12th save of the season in his last appearance Tuesday and now has 22 in his career...that is the **most in Major League history** by an Australian-born pitcher (previous: Graeme Lloyd, 17).
- Has not allowed a run in 18 of his last 19 outings (1 er in 18.2 ip, 0.48 ERA)...now has a 1.45 ERA (6 er in 37.1 ip) and .120 (15 for 125) opponents average over his last 36 games (since May 20) after posting a 4.29 ERA and .234 opponents average over his first 21 contests.
- Is third among American League relievers in opponents batting average (.162), tied for fourth in games pitched (57), is sixth in opponents slugging percentage (.268) and eighth in innings pitched (57.1).
- Has a 0.79 ERA (3 er in 34.0 ip) in 32 appearances at home compared to a 5.01 ERA (13 er in 23.1 ip) in 25 outings on the road.
- Has a save, blown save and 1.80 ERA in nine career games against Tampa Bay (10.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 9 so, 1 hr)...was 14-7 with eight saves and a 3.33 ERA in 203 games with the Rays from 2007-10 before signing with the A's as a free agent, January 18, 2011.
- Was used mostly as a setup man with Oakland last year, posting a 5-2 record with two saves, a 2.47 ERA and .199 opponents average in 62 appearances...tied for eighth among AL relievers in grounded into double plays (8) and ranked 10th in opponents on-base percentage (.266).

54 LHP TRAVIS BLACKLEY **Save/Opportunities: 0-0** **Last Outing: 8/20 vs. Minnesota (ND, 5.2 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)**
Inherited Runners/Scored: 4/1 **First Hitters: 2-10 (0 bb, 1 sh)**

- Tossed 5.2 innings in his last appearance Monday, the longest outing by an A's reliever this season (previous: 3.2, Blackley, May 22 vs. Los Angeles and Norberto, Aug. 4 vs. Toronto).
- Is 1-0 with a 3.28 ERA (9 er in 24.2 ip) in 11 relief appearances and 3-3 with a 4.04 ERA (29 er in 64.2 ip) in 11 starts.
- Ranks second in the American League in pickoffs (7) and is tied for second balks (2).
- Issued each of his first 20 walks to right-handed hitters before walking Adam Dunn on August 11 at Chicago (now has 22 walks).
- Has allowed five home runs in his last six games (27.2 ip) after surrendering just one home run over his first 16 contests (61.2 ip).
- Has not faced Tampa Bay in his career.
- Began the season at Triple-A Fresno before he was selected by San Francisco May 1...posted a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances with the Giants before he was designated for assignment May 13...was claimed off waivers by the A's May 15.
- Pitched for the KIA Tigers of the Korean Baseball Organization last year...appeared in 25 games with the Tigers, including 22 starts, and posted a 7-5 record with a 3.48 ERA.

13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS **Save/Opportunities: 0-0** **Last Outing: 8/18 vs. Cleveland (ND, 0.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 0 so)**
Inherited Runners/Scored: 29/9 **First Hitters: 12-42 (2 bb, 1 sf, 1 hbp)**

- Has a loss and a 7.20 ERA (5.0 ip, 8 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 bb, 4 so, 1 hr) in seven outings in August after going 3-0 with a 1.42 ERA in 11 games in July.
- Has allowed 3 of 15 (20.0%) inherited runners to score over his last 19 games after allowing 6 of 14 (42.9%) to score over his first 27 contests.
- Has recorded four wins this season, which is an on-going career high and tied for ninth most among American League relievers...also has a career-high 50.0 innings pitched and a career-high tying 46 strikeouts (also 2010).
- Has allowed five first batter home runs, which is tied for the most in the AL...has the second highest first batter slugging percentage (.667).
- Has not allowed a run in 10 of his 11 career games against the Rays (13.2 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 5 bb, 13 so, 1 hr, 0.66 ERA).
- Was on the A's Opening Day roster last year but had six stints with Oakland...had a 2.86 ERA and .235 opponents average in 26 games...the ERA was the lowest of his career but he allowed 8 of 14 (57.1%) inherited runners to score, which was the highest percentage of his career.

48 RHP RYAN COOK **Save/Opportunities: 12-19** **Last Outing: 8/22 vs. Minnesota (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 3 so)**
Inherited Runners/Scored: 18/8 **First Hitters: 9-46 (6 bb)**

- Has three saves, four blown saves, a 6.75 ERA (9 er in 12.0 ip), .353 (18 for 51) opponents batting average and four home runs allowed over his last 12 outings.
- Leads the American League and ranks second in the majors with seven blown saves (Axford, MIL 8)...has the lowest save percentage in the majors (63.2%).
- Is sixth among AL relievers in opponents batting average (.174) and tied for sixth in wins (5)...is tied for fifth in most walks (23).
- Has allowed three runs in 42.0 innings (0.64 ERA) in 40 appearances on one or more days rest...has allowed 12 runs in 9.1 innings (11.57 ERA) in 11 games with no rest.
- Has not allowed a run in three games against Tampa Bay (4.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 3 so).
- Was the A's representative to the AL All-Star team and pitched a perfect seventh inning, striking out Harper and Wright.
- Made his Major League debut with Arizona in 2011, posting a 7.04 ERA and .333 opponents batting average in 12 relief appearances over three stints...led the Diamondbacks farm system with 19 saves after being used exclusively as a starter over his first three professional seasons.

MOST SAVES, OAKLAND ROOKIE	
26	Bailey, 2009
23	Street, 2005
12	Cook, 2012
12	Fingers, 1969
11	Ziegler, 2008

62 LHP SEAN DOOLITTLE **Save/Opportunities: 1-2** **Last Outing: 8/21 vs. Minnesota (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)**
Inherited Runners/Scored: 12/3 **First Hitters: 9-25 (0 bb)**

- Has not allowed a run in his past six games and 5.2 innings after allowing six runs in 2.2 innings over his previous three games...posted a career-high 13.1-inning scoreless streak over 10 contests prior to that.
- Has struck out 42 in 28.0 innings, an average of 13.5 per nine innings...has walked seven for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 6.0.
- Has allowed a .262 opponents batting average...right-handed hitters are batting .200 (13 for 65) and lefties are hitting .357 (15 for 42).
- Has a 1.62 ERA (3 er in 16.2 ip) in 15 outings at home compared to 6.35 (8 er in 11.1 ip) in 10 games on the road.
- Faced the Rays for the only time this season on July 30 (1.0 ip).
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento June 4 after combining to post a 0.72 ERA in 16 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton, Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...allowed a .091 opponents batting average...did not allow a home run in 25.0 innings...struck out 48, an average of 17.3 per nine innings...began the year at Stockton, was promoted to Midland April 26 and Sacramento May 27.
- Missed nearly the entire 2011 season as he continued to recover from surgery on a torn left patella...while on the DL, he began to work out as a pitcher...made his professional debut as a pitcher for the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League on Aug. 29 (1.0 ip, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so).

40 RHP PAT NESHEK **Save/Opportunities: 0-0** **Last Outing: 8/17 vs. Cleveland (ND, 1.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)**
Inherited Runners/Scored: 4/0 **First Hitters: 1-6 (0 bb, 1 hbp)**

- Was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles organization August 3 in exchange for cash considerations and has a 1.35 ERA in seven games since then (6.2 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 9 so, 1 hr).
- Has allowed a .091 batting average...right-handers hitters are 1 for 19 (.053) and lefties are 1 for 3 (.333).
- Opponents are 0 for 8 with runners on base and he has stranded all four of his inherited runners.
- Has a loss in six career appearances against Tampa Bay (5.2 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 10 so, 2 hr, 4.76 ERA).
- Had spent the entire season at Triple-A Norfolk in the Orioles organization prior to being acquired by the A's...allowed only one home run in 44.0 innings...held right-handed hitters to a .202 batting average while lefties hit .324...his complete 2012 statistics:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Norfolk (AAA)	3	2	2.66	35	0	0	0	11	44.0	42	13	13	7	49

- Was 1-1 with a 4.01 ERA in 25 relief appearances over four stints with San Diego last year...spent the balance of the season with Triple-A Tucson and was 1-2 with three saves a 4.10 ERA in 24 relief appearances...signed with Baltimore as a minor league free agent, Jan. 30, 2012.

77 LHP JORDAN NORBERTO Inherited Runners/Scored: 24/4	Save/Opportunities: 1-3	Last Outing: 8/17 vs. Cleveland (W, 1.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)
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- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday retroactive to last Saturday with left shoulder tendinitis...it is his second stint on the DL this season as he was also out from May 31 to June 20 with a strained left shoulder...is eligible to be reinstated September 2.
- Posted a 1.69 ERA in 18 appearances since he was reinstated from the DL June 21.
- Was acquired from Arizona at the trading deadline last year, posting an 8.10 ERA in six relief appearances over two stints with the A's...also combined for a 6-2 record and a 3.79 ERA in 47 minor league appearances with Reno and Sacramento...allowed two home runs in 57.0 innings.

58 RHP EVAN SCRIBNER Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/2	Save/Opportunities: 1-1	Last Outing: 8/18 vs. Cleveland (ND, 0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
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- Allowed a season-high tying three runs in his last appearance last Saturday (also July 31 vs. Tampa Bay).
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento August 5 for his third stint with the A's this year and has pitched four times since his return (5.2 ip, 7 h, 3 r, 3 er, 5 so, 1 hr, 4.76 ERA).
- Has not allowed a run in six appearances during the day (8.0 ip) and has a 4.63 ERA (6 er in 11.2 ip) in 10 outings at night.
- Faced the Rays for the only time this year on July 31 (2.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so).
- Was selected from Sacramento June 6 and did not allow a run in two games and 4.1 innings during his first stint before he was optioned June 16...was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento June 24 for his second stint and had a 2.79 ERA in 19 games before he was optioned August 3.
- Did not make an appearance with Sacramento following his option August 3...held the opposition to a .203 batting average with the River Cats, including .147 against right-handed hitters...his complete 2012 statistics:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	3	0	3.03	26	0	0	0	8	35.2	26	12	12	10	38

- Made his Major League debut with San Diego in 2011, posting a 7.07 ERA in 10 relief appearances over two stints with the Padres...spent the balance of the season with Triple-A Tucson and was 2-3 with 10 saves, one blown save and a 4.71 ERA in 28 relief appearances.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

22 CHRIS CARTER Minnesota Series: 1-12, 2b, rbi, 4 so	Career vs. Cobb (.500, 1-2, 0 HR, 1 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 4
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- Is batting .300 (15 for 50) with eight runs scored and seven doubles over his last 14 games.
- Is tied for second in the majors in walks since the All-Star Break (25).
- Ranks third among American League rookies in walks (26) and fifth in home runs (10).
- His 10 home runs are tied for 10th in the AL since June 29, the day he was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento.
- Has two home runs and eight RBI over his last 23 games after tallying eight home runs and 16 RBI over his first 18 contests.
- Has hit seven of his 10 home runs on the road.
- Batted .279 with 12 home runs and 53 RBI in 72 games with Sacramento...was leading the River Cats in RBI at the time of his promotion.
- Batted .136 with no extra base hits and no RBI in 15 games in two stints with Oakland last year...spent the balance of the season with Sacramento, where he batted .274 with 18 home runs and 72 RBI in 75 games with the River Cats...finished second on the club in RBI.

52 YOENIS CÉSPEDES Minnesota Series: 3-10, r, 2 rbi, 2 bb, 1 ibb, so, sb	Career vs. Cobb (.333, 1-3, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 8 games (10 for 28)
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- Has hit safely in each of his last eight games (10 for 28, .357) and is now batting .363 (49 for 135) since the All-Star Break, which ranks second in the majors (Posey, SF .408)...is tied for fifth in the American League in hits since the break and tied for ninth in runs scored (25).
- Is hitting .330 (75 for 227) since being reinstated from the disabled list June 1, which is the fifth best mark in the AL over that span...was hitting .245 before the injury.
- Ranks second among AL rookies in runs (44), doubles (17), home runs (16), RBI (62), walks (28), extra base hits (35) and total bases (170), is third in hits (101) and multiple hit games (29) and tied for third in triples (2).
- Is batting .318 (34 for 107) with seven home runs and 25 RBI in the seventh inning or later...is tied for sixth in the AL in RBI in the seventh inning or later.
- Is hitting .380 (30 for 79) with runners in scoring position and .350 (35 for 100) during the day.
- Of his 16 home runs, 10 have come with runners on base (seven two-run, three three-run).
- Is the third rookie in Oakland history with at least 10 steals and 10 home runs, joining Mitchell Page (1977) and Jose Canseco (1986).
- The A's are 55-34 (.618) with him in the starting lineup and 12-22 (.353) when he doesn't start.
- Was on the DL from May 7-31 with a strained muscle in his left hand...also missed 9 of 10 games from June 8-19 with a strained left hamstring.
- Spent eight seasons in Cuba playing for Granma in Cuba's Serie Nacional...hit .333 with 33 home runs and 99 RBI in 90 games in his final season, 2010-11...the home runs tied for the league lead and set a league record...had 177 career home runs.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING LEADERS SINCE JUNE 1

.360 Trout, LAA
.333 Cabrera, DET
.331 Mauer, MIN
.330 Céspedes, OAK
.326 Gonzalez, BOS
(min. 231 PA)

4 COCO CRISP Minnesota Series: 5-12, 5 r, 2 2b, hr, 2 rbi, bb, 2 sb	Career vs. Cobb (1.000, 3-3, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 2 games (5 for 8)
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- Matched his season-highs yesterday in hits (3, eighth time; last: Aug. 19 vs. Cleveland) and runs (3, third time; last Aug. 11 at Chicago).
- Has batted leadoff in each of his last 50 starts (52 games total) and is hitting .313 (65 for 208) over that span...hit .172 over his first 38 games.
- Is 28 for 31 (90.3%) in stolen base attempts...ranks fourth in the American League in stolen bases and fifth in stolen base percentage...this is his third consecutive season with 20 or more steals...is the 10th player in Oakland history with at least three 20-steal seasons.
- Has been successful in 109 of 124 (87.9%) stolen base attempts in three seasons with the A's, which is the best mark in franchise history (min. 50 SBA)...his 109 steals rank ninth in Oakland history (Rajai Davis is 8th, 116).
- Is tied for eighth in the AL in triples (5) and sacrifice hits (6)...the five triples match his season total from last year.
- Has 19 RBI in 30 games since the All-Star Break after driving in 18 runs in 60 games before the break.
- Hit a three-run home run in the fifth inning Sunday, his first home run with a runner on base this year...17 of his last 28 hits are for extra bases (10 doubles, two triples, five home runs).
- Had a career-high five RBI Sunday against Cleveland...it was his fifth career five RBI game, his first since August 24, 2011 at New York (AL).
- Was reinstated from the disabled list May 21 and has made 64 of his 65 starts since then in center...prior to being placed on the 15-day DL May 3 with an inner ear infection, he made 15 of his 17 starts in left...had 203 career starts in left entering this season, but none since Oct. 2, 2005.
- Appeared in 136 games with the A's last year after playing in just 124 games over the previous two seasons...batted .264 with eight home runs and 54 RBI...stole a career-high 49 bases, which tied for the American League lead (Gardner, NYY).

20 JOSH DONALDSON Minnesota Series: 5-11, r, 3 2b, 2 rbi, bb, 2 so, gidp	Career vs. Cobb (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 6 games (12 for 25)
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- Has hit safely in each of his last six games (12 for 25, .480), which is the longest hitting streak of his career.
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento August 14 for his third stint with the A's this year and has started each of the A's nine games at third base since his return...is 15 for 35 (.429) with five doubles, a home run and six RBI...three of the RBI have given the A's the lead and another tied the game.
- Is batting .275 (22 for 80) at night compared to .151 (8 for 53) during the day.
- Went 4 for 4 last Friday night against Cleveland, his first career four-hit game...is now 10 for 20 (.500) on Friday and 20 for 113 (.177) on all other days of the week.
- Was on the A's Opening Day roster and hit .094 with no RBI in nine games before he was optioned to Sacramento April 23...returned May 12 and hit .182 in 19 games before he was sent back to Sacramento June 21.
- Batted .302 with eight home runs and 31 RBI in 38 games with the River Cats following his June 21 option...overall, appeared in 26 games at third base, 22 at catcher, one at second base, one at shortstop and one in left field...his complete 2012 statistics with Sacramento:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento (AAA)	.335	51	209	38	70	12	2	13	45	23	34	5	2	.598	.402

- With the exception of a two-day stay with Oakland in April, spent the entire 2011 season at Triple-A Sacramento...did not appear in a game with the A's...batted .261 with 17 home runs and 70 RBI in 115 games with the River Cats...had career-highs in runs (79) and stolen bases (13).

5 STEPHEN DREW	Career vs. Cobb (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 21
Minnesota Series: 0-6, 2b, so		Homestand: 0-6, 2 bb, so

- Was acquired from Arizona Monday for minor league infielder Sean Jamieson...reported to Oakland Tuesday and is 0 for 6 in two starts at shortstop.
- Was 0 for his last 15 with the Diamondbacks and is now 0 for his last 21...it is the longest hitless streak of his career (previous: 20, twice, last: May 27-June 2, 2010).
- Leaves Arizona as the Diamondbacks all-time leader in triples (52)...also ranked third in hits (776) and doubles (176), fourth in games (773) and fifth in runs (393).
- Began the season on the disabled list as he continued his recovery from his broken ankle...was reinstated June 27...missed 73 games this year and 137 over the last two years with the injury...his complete 2012 statistics with Arizona:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
ARIZONA	.193	40	135	17	26	8	1	2	12	19	35	0	1	.311	.290

- Played in 86 games for Arizona last year before suffering a season-ending right ankle injury...hit .252 with 21 doubles, five home runs and 45 RBI...fractured his right ankle on a slide into home plate July 20 against Milwaukee and had surgery the next day.

31 JONNY GOMES	Career vs. Cobb (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 11
Minnesota Series: 0-4, 2 so		Homestand: 0-7, 4 so

- Is hitting .280 (21 for 75) with six home runs and 14 RBI in 22 games since the All-Star Break after batting .232 with eight home runs and 21 RBI in 55 games before the break.
- Is hitting .319 (15 for 47) with runners in scoring position, including .455 (10 for 22) with RISP and two outs.
- Has 14 home runs in 77 games, matching his season total from 120 games last year.
- Is 1 for 8 (.125) with a home run, three RBI and three walks as a pinch hitter...is tied for third in the American League in pinch walks...is 15 for 109 (.138) as a pinch hitter in his career.
- Has hit safely in all four of his games against Tampa Bay this year, going 6 for 15 (.400) with four runs, two doubles, a home run and three RBI...has hit safely in all seven of his career games against the Rays and is 9 for 25 (.360) with two home runs and four RBI...played for Tampa Bay from 2003-08 and batted .235 with 66 home runs and 184 RBI in 415 games.
- Began the 2011 season with Cincinnati and was batting .211 with 11 HR and 31 RBI in 77 games when he was traded to Washington July 26...hit .204 with 3 HR and 12 RBI in 43 games with the Nationals for a .209 batting average, 14 HR and 43 RBI in 120 games overall.

7 BRANDON INGE	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3)
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- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list August 14 retroactive to August 12 with a sprained right shoulder...this is his third stint on the DL this year and the ninth of his career...was also on Detroit's DL from March 30 to April 13 with a strained left groin and the A's DL from May 13 to 27 with a strained right groin...is eligible to be reinstated next Monday.
- Had started 62 of the A's last 65 games at third base prior to the injury.
- Batted .197 with three home runs and 23 RBI in 120 games with Detroit last year...those were his fewest games played since 2002 (95 games)...finished strong with a .324 batting average in September.

14 GEORGE KOTTARAS	Career vs. Cobb (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 4
Minnesota Series: 0-4		Homestand: 1-7, r, rbi, bb

- Was acquired from Milwaukee July 29 for right-handed pitcher Fautino De Los Santos...has started seven games at catcher since then (4 for 23, .174)...opponents are 8 for 8 in stolen base attempts off him since joining the A's and 29 for 31 (93.5%) for the season.
- Is batting .213 (20 for 94) with all four of his home runs and all 15 of his RBI against right-handed pitching...is 2 for 15 (.133) against lefties.
- Is 6 for 22 (.273) with three doubles, one home run, five RBI and five walks as a pinch hitter.
- Went 1 for 16 (.063) with six walks over his final 15 games with the Brewers before he was designated for assignment July 26...was tied for the National League lead in pinch walks at the time of the trade (5)...his complete 2012 statistics with the Brewers:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
MILWAUKEE	.209	58	86	10	18	4	0	3	12	29	24	0	0	.360	.409

- Batted .252 with five home runs and 17 RBI in 49 games with Milwaukee last year...made 31 starts at catcher, 22 with Randy Wolf pitching...also batted .343 with four home runs and 21 RBI in 29 games with Triple-A Nashville.

37 BRANDON MOSS	Career vs. Cobb (.000, 0-3, 0 HR, 0 BB, 3 SO)	Current Streak: 5 games (6 for 19)
Cleveland Series: 4-11, 3 r, hr, rbi, bb, 3 so, cs, gidp		Last Road Trip: 3-14, r, 2b, hr, 3 rbi, bb, 7 so

- Has hit safely in each of his last five games (6 for 19, .316) but is batting .200 (17 for 85) over his last 30 contests.
- Is batting .254 (33 for 130) with 11 of his 13 home runs and 22 of his 26 RBI against right-handers compared to .182 (6 for 33) vs. lefties.
- Has two home runs and seven RBI over his last 27 games after tallying 11 home runs and 19 RBI over his first 27 contests.
- Of his 38 hits this year, 20 are for extra bases (seven doubles, 13 home runs)...the 13 home runs are a career-high.
- Is 3 for 7 (.429) with three walks and two RBI as a pinch hitter...is tied for third in the American League in pinch walks.
- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento June 6 after batting .286 with 15 home runs and 33 RBI in 51 games with the River Cats...was tied for second in the Pacific Coast League and tied for sixth in all of the minors in home runs at the time of his promotion
- Batted .275 with 23 home runs and 80 RBI in 124 games with Triple-A Lehigh Valley last year...ranked fourth in the International League in extra base hits (55), fifth in home runs and sixth in RBI...was selected by Philadelphia Sept. 17 and went 0 for 6 with two strikeouts in five games.

36 DEREK NORRIS	Career vs. Cobb (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 7)
Minnesota Series: 3-7, rbi, bb, so		Homestand: 4-14, rbi, 2 bb, 5 so, gidp

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento August 3 for his second stint with the A's this year...has started 13 of the A's 18 games at catcher since his return and is 12 for 52 (.231) with four doubles, two home runs, nine RBI and 19 strikeouts in 14 games overall.
- Opponents have been successful in 20 of 25 (80.0%) stolen base attempts against him...A's pitchers have a 3.14 ERA (104 er in 297.2 ip) with him behind the plate.
- Has five stolen bases, which is the most by a rookie catcher in Oakland history.
- Three of his five home runs have put the A's ahead.
- Hit .195 with three home runs and 11 RBI during his first stint from June 21 to July 29...started 19 of the A's 32 games behind the plate...was optioned to Sacramento July 30 when George Kottaras reported to Oakland but returned August 3 following the trade of Kurt Suzuki.
- Went 2 for 9 with a home run and two RBI in three games with Sacramento following his most recent option...his complete 2012 statistics:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento (AAA)	.271	58	218	39	59	14	2	9	38	21	41	5	1	.477	.329

- Made his Double-A debut with Harrisburg of the Eastern League in 2011 and batted .210 with 20 HR and 46 RBI in 104 games...ranked third in the league in walks (77)...his home runs came in just 334 at bats, while his average of 16.70 at bats per home run was the best mark in the EL.

2 CLIFF PENNINGTON	Career vs. Cobb (.000, 0-2, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 SO)	Current Streak: 2 games (2 for 6)
Minnesota Series: 1-3, r, 2b, 2 so		Homestand: 3-12, 5 r, 2b, 2 rbi, bb, hbp, 4 so, sf, 2 sb

- Was reinstated from the disabled list August 7 and is 7 for 32 (.219) in 11 games since his return.
- Started yesterday at second base, his first start at second since September 28, 2008 at Seattle...had made each of his previous 439 starts at shortstop...made 15 starts at second base in 2008.
- Is batting .157 (18 for 115) during the day compared to .224 (45 for 201) at night.
- Was placed on the 15-day DL July 20 with left elbow tendinitis...it was his first career stint on the DL...went 5 for 11 (.455) with one double, one RBI, two runs, three walks, four strikeouts and a stolen base in a three-game rehab assignment with Triple-A Sacramento from August 3-6.
- Hit .264 with eight home runs and 58 RBI in a team-leading 148 games last year...had career highs in hits (136), home runs and RBI and matched his high in doubles (26)...ranked fifth in the American League with a .348 batting average with runners in scoring position.

HIGHS AND LOWS

TEAM BATTING

Most Runs, Game, A's	16, July 25 at Toronto
Most Runs, Game, Opponents	11, April 30 at Boston
Most Runs, Inning, A's	8, June 4 vs. Texas (2 nd) and July 25 at Toronto (2 nd)
Most Runs, Inning, Opponents	8, May 10 vs. Detroit (3 rd)
Most Hits, Game, A's	16, June 8 at Arizona and July 27 at Baltimore
Most Hits, Game, Opponents	17, May 10 vs. Detroit
Most Hits, Inning, A's	8, June 4 vs. Texas (2 nd) and June 8 at Arizona (2 nd)
Most Hits, Inning, Opponents	8, May 10 vs. Detroit (3 rd)
Most Home Runs, Game, A's	4 (four times), last: August 7 vs. Los Angeles
Most Home Runs, Game, Opponents	5, August 8 vs. Los Angeles
Most Doubles, Game, A's	6, July 25 at Toronto
Most Doubles, Game, Opponents	6, April 25 vs. Chicago
Most Triples, Game, A's	2, June 2 at Kansas City and July 20 vs. New York
Most Triples, Game, Opponents	2, April 7 vs. Seattle
Most Stolen Bases, Game, A's	4, April 22 vs. Cleveland and May 1 at Boston
Most Stolen Bases, Game, Opponents	4 (four times), last: August 6 vs. Los Angeles

TEAM PITCHING

Most Strikeouts, A's	16, August 3 vs. Toronto
Most Strikeouts, Opponents	21, July 30 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Walks, A's	9, April 20 vs. Cleveland, May 18 at San Francisco and June 23 vs. San Francisco
Most Walks, Opponents	10, June 19 vs. Los Angeles (NL) and July 30 vs. Tampa Bay
Fewest Hits Allowed, A's	2, June 19 vs. Los Angeles (NL)
Fewest Hits Allowed, Opponents	1, April 10 vs. Kansas City, May 19 at San Francisco and May 22 vs. Los Angeles

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Winning Streak	7, July 18 to July 25
Longest Losing Streak	9, May 22 to June 1
Longest Game, Innings	15, July 30 vs. Tampa Bay and August 3 vs. Toronto
Longest Game, Time, Nine Innings	4:15, June 23 vs. San Francisco
Longest Game, Time, Extra Innings	5:09, July 30 vs. Tampa Bay (15)
Shortest Game, Time	2:04, June 6 vs. Texas
Largest Margin, Victory	16, July 25 at Toronto (16-0)
Largest Margin, Loss	9, April 28 at Baltimore (1-10)
Most Left on Base, Nine Inning Game	14, July 20 vs. New York
Most Left on Base, Extra Inning Game	16, July 30 vs. Tampa Bay (15)
Fewest Left on Base, Game	1, May 19 at San Francisco, June 25 at Seattle and June 27 at Seattle
Most Errors, Game	4, June 23 vs. San Francisco and August 22 vs. Minnesota
Largest Comeback in Win	4 (five times), last: August 17 vs. Cleveland
Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss	6, June 8 at Arizona

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most Runs, Game	4, Josh Reddick, May 11 vs. Detroit
Most Hits, Game	4 (four times), last: Yoenis Céspedes, July 20 vs. New York
Most Doubles, Game	2 (13 times), last: Coco Crisp, August 11 at Chicago
Most Triples, Game	1 (24 times), last: Coco Crisp, August 18 vs. Cleveland
Most Home Runs, Game	2 (three times), last: Coco Crisp, July 25 at Toronto
Most Runs Batted In, Game	5 (five times), last: Coco Crisp, August 19 vs. Minnesota
Most Walks, Game	3 (nine times), last: Yoenis Céspedes, August 2 vs. Toronto
Most Strikeouts, Game	4 (five times), last: Josh Reddick and Brandon Inge, July 30 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Stolen Bases, Game	3, Coco Crisp, June 19 vs. Los Angeles (NL)
Longest Hitting Streak	13, Brandon Inge, July 20 to August 3

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Most Strikeouts, Game	10, Brandon McCarthy, May 12 vs. Detroit and Tommy Milone, July 20 vs. New York
Most Walks, Game	5 (four times), last: Jarrod Parker, June 9 at Arizona
Most Innings, Game, Starter	9.0, Tommy Milone, June 20 vs. Los Angeles (NL)
Most Innings, Game, Reliever	5.2, Travis Blackley, August 20 vs. Minnesota
Low Hit Complete Game	3, Tommy Milone, June 20 vs. Los Angeles (NL)
Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings	23.0, Ryan Cook, March 28 to May 27
Most Consecutive Batters Retired	19, Brandon McCarthy, June 7 to 19

STARTS IN THE ORDER

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Barton	-	1	-	-	-	3	20	6	1
Carter	-	-	-	4	27	5	1	-	-
Céspedes	-	-	5	81	1	1	1	-	-
Cowgill	1	10	-	-	-	2	1	5	7
Crisp	53	24	2	-	-	2	2	-	-
Donaldson	-	2	-	-	5	12	8	8	1
Drew	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gomes	-	15	-	20	12	9	2	-	-
Hicks	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	5
Hughes	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Inge	-	1	-	-	17	31	13	10	1
Ka'aihue	-	-	-	2	11	5	10	4	1
Kottaras	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	-
Moss	-	1	-	-	6	23	12	1	-
Norris	-	-	-	-	1	4	19	9	1
Pennington	2	25	-	-	-	3	4	10	46
Recker	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-
Reddick	-	-	112	-	1	1	1	-	-
Rosales	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	5	-
Smith	-	6	4	16	37	9	2	3	1
Sogard	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	18	-
Suzuki	-	-	-	-	5	14	21	24	7
Taylor	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Weeks	67	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	13

GAMES BY POSITION

PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	GS
	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS
Allen	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barton	-	-	35	31	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carter	-	-	33	32	-	-	-	-	-	6
Céspedes	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	33	39	38
Cowgill	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	10	13	11
Crisp	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	15	69	66
Donaldson	3	3	1	-	33	33	-	-	-	-
Drew	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Gomes	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	22	-	3
Hicks	-	-	1	1	1	1	18	15	-	-
Hughes	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
Inge	-	-	-	-	73	73	-	-	-	-
Ka'aihue	-	-	22	21	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kottaras	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moss	-	-	35	33	-	-	-	3	2	8
Norris	33	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pennington	-	-	-	1	1	-	92	89	-	2
Recker	12	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Reddick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8	101
Rosales	-	-	7	3	6	5	1	1	9	9
Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	40	-
Sogard	-	-	-	6	5	14	12	15	8	-
Suzuki	75	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taylor	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	4
Weeks	-	-	-	111	111	-	-	-	-	-

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	TOT
Barton	3	1	0	0	4
Carter	7	1	0	0	8
Céspedes	19	6	2	0	27
Cowgill	4	2	0	0	6
Crisp	19	8	0	0	27
Donaldson	6	1	1	0	8
Gomes	10	3	0	0	13
Hicks	1	0	0	0	1
Inge	11	2	0	0	13
Ka'aihue	7	1	0	0	8
Moss	4	2	0	0	6
Norris	5	0	0	0	5
Pennington	15	2	0	0	17
Recker	1	0	0	0	1
Reddick	24	6	1	0	31
Rosales	2	0	0	0	2
Smith	12	2	1	0	15
Sogard	3	0	0	0	3
Suzuki	8	3	0	0	11
Taylor	1	0	0	0	1
Weeks	25	2	0	0	27

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
Barton	1	0	0	0	0	1
Carter	4	3	0	0	0	7
Céspedes	10	9	0	0	0	19
Cowgill	3	0	0	0	0	3
Crisp	6	0	1	1	0	8
Donaldson	1	0	0	1	0	2
Gomes	6	1	0	1	0	8
Hicks	2	0	0	0	0	2
Inge	4	1	5	0	0	10
Ka'aihue	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kottaras	1	0	0	0	0	1
Moss	3	3	0	0	0	6
Norris	2	1	0	0	0	3
Pennington	3	0	0	0	0	3
Reddick	10	4	0	1	0	15
Rosales	2	0	0	0	0	2
Smith	8	0	0	1	0	9
Sogard	1	1	0	0	0	2
Suzuki	2	0	0	0	0	2
Weeks	2	0	0	0	0	2

GAME TYING/GO-AHEAD RBI

PLAYER	GT	GA	TOT
Barton	0	1	1
Carter	2	3	5
Céspedes	3	15	18
Cowgill	2	3	5
Crisp	3	7	10
Donaldson	1	4	5
Gomes	5	9	14
Hicks	1	1	2
Inge	2	11	13
Ka'aihue	2	3	5
Kottaras	1	1	2
Moss	3	5	8
Norris	4	5	9
Pennington	2	2	4
Reddick	8	18	26
Rosales	0	1	1
Smith	5	9	14
Sogard	1	1	2
Suzuki	3	4	7
Weeks	1	5	6

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

REGULAR SEASON HOME RUNS

Player	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Tot.
Carter	5	3	2	0	10
Céspedes	6	7	3	0	16
Crisp	7	0	1	0	8
Donaldson	2	0	0	0	2
Drew	2	0	0	0	2
Gomes	10	3	0	1	14
Inge	5	2	3	2	12
Kottaras	1	2	1	0	4
Moss	8	4	1	0	13
Norris	3	1	1	0	5
Pennington	3	0	0	0	3
Reddick	18	4	3	0	25
Rosales	2	0	0	0	2
Smith	8	3	0	0	11
Sogard	0	1	1	0	2
Team	86	31	15	3	135

LAST REGULAR SEASON HOME RUN

Date	Opponent	Pitcher	GP Since
August 8, 2012	Los Angeles	Hawkins	12
Aug. 18, 2012	Cleveland	Kluber	4
Aug. 22, 2012	Minnesota	Robertson	--
Aug. 15, 2012	at Kansas City	Smith	7
August 7, 2012	at Pittsburgh	Karstens	11
Aug. 12, 2012	at Chicago	Sale	3
August 1, 2012	Tampa Bay	Cobb	9
August 8, 2012	Los Angeles	Greinke	3
Aug. 19, 2012	Cleveland	Masterson	--
Aug. 12, 2012	at Chicago	Reed	6
June 28, 2012	at Texas	Feldman	22
August 7, 2012	Los Angeles	Williams	12
Aug. 12, 2012	at Chicago	Sale	3
July 22, 2012	New York	Soriano	11
April 27, 2012	at Baltimore	Arrieta	21

Lead Off Home Runs (2)

Coco Crisp, June 27 at Seattle (Millwood)
Coco Crisp, July 3 vs. Boston (Lester)

Back-To-Back Home Runs (4)

Céspedes and Reddick, March 29 vs. Seattle
Norris and Pennington, June 28 at Texas
Céspedes and Carter, July 15 at Minnesota
Norris and Rosales, August 7 vs. Los Angeles

Inside-The-Park Home Runs (0)

None

Walk-Off Wins (13)

April 11 vs. Kansas City (Gomes hit by pitch)
April 25 vs. Chicago (Ka'aihue single)
May 8 vs. Toronto (Inge grand slam)
June 21 vs. Los Angeles-NL (Céspedes home run)
June 24 vs. San Francisco (Norris home run)
July 3 vs. Boston (Crisp sacrifice fly)
July 6 vs. Seattle (Carter pinch hit home run)
July 8 vs. Seattle (Reddick double)
July 18 vs. Texas (Hicks home run)
July 20 vs. New York (Moss single)
July 22 vs. New York (Crisp single)
July 30 vs. Tampa Bay (Weeks sacrifice fly)
August 3 vs. Toronto (Crisp sacrifice fly)

Grand Slams (3)

Brandon Inge, May 8 vs. Toronto (Cordero)
Brandon Inge, May 10 vs. Detroit (Balester)
Jonny Gomes, July 13 at Minnesota (Liriano)

Pinch Hit Home Runs (2)

Jonny Gomes, June 16 vs. San Diego (Gregerson)
Chris Carter, July 6 vs. Seattle (Delabar)

MILESTONES

Player	Category	No.	Needs
Blevins	Games	197	3 for 200
Crisp	Steals (w/OAK)	109	7 for 116 (ties R. Davis for 8 th in Oakland history)
Inge	Games	1481	19 for 1500
	At Bats	4907	93 for 5000

Player	Category	No.	Needs
McCarthy	Games Started	96	4 for 100
	Strikeouts	436	64 for 500
Pennington	Games	493	7 for 500
	Doubles	83	17 for 100
Smith	Doubles	93	7 for 100

DISABLED LIST

Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Anderson	Left UCL surgery	March 13-August 19	120	Inge	Strained right groin	May 13-27	14
Barton	Right shoulder strain	March 24-April 8	4	Inge	Right shoulder sprain	August 12-present (eligible Aug. 27)	10
Braden	Left shoulder surgery recovery	March 24-present	123	McCarthy	Right shoulder strain	May 18-June 1	13
Carignan	Sprained right UCL	June 6-present	67	McCarthy	Right shoulder strain	June 20-August 9	43
Céspedes	Strained muscle, left hand	May 7-31	22	Norberto	Left shoulder strain	May 31-June 20	18
Colón	Strained right oblique	June 18-July 2	14	Norberto	Left shoulder tendinitis	August 18-present (eligible Sept. 2)	5
Cowgill	Sprained left ankle	June 23-July 16	18	Pennington	Left elbow tendinitis	July 20-August 6	17
Crisp	Inner ear infection	May 3-20	16	Sizemore	Left ACL tear	March 3-present	123
Devine	Right UCL surgery	March 24-present	123	Smith	Strained left hamstring	August 3-20	16
Griffin	Strained right shoulder	August 5-present (eligible Aug. 20)	16	Sogard	Strained back	August 7-present (eligible Aug. 22)	14

The A's have used the disabled list 20 times this season...placed 15 players on the disabled list in 2011.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

May 22	Graham Godfrey recalled from Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa optioned to Sacramento	July 11	Brian Fuentes released
May 25	Brandon Inge sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 12	Collin Cowgill transferred to Sacramento on rehab
May 27	Andrew Carignan recalled from Sacramento; Graham Godfrey optioned to Sacramento	July 13	Pedro Figueroa recalled from Sacramento; Jim Miller placed on paternity list
May 28	Brandon Inge reinstated from the disabled list; Anthony Recker optioned to Sacramento; Neil Wagner claimed off waivers by San Diego; Yoenis Céspedes sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 16	Jim Miller reinstated from the paternity list; Pedro Figueroa optioned to Sacramento
May 31	Tyson Ross optioned to Sacramento	July 17	Collin Cowgill reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento
June 1	Yoenis Céspedes reinstated from the disabled list	July 20	Cliff Pennington placed on the 15-day disabled list (left elbow tendinitis); Eric Sogard recalled from Sacramento
June 2	Brandon McCarthy reinstated from disabled list; Daric Barton optioned to Sacramento	July 21	Brett Anderson sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
June 4	Jordan Norberto placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 31 (strained left shoulder); Sean Doolittle recalled from Sacramento	July 26	Brett Anderson transferred to Sacramento on rehab
June 6	Brandon Moss and Evan Scribner selected from Sacramento; Andrew Carignan placed on the 15-day disabled list (sprained ulnar collateral ligament in right elbow); Kila Ka'aihue designated for assignment	July 29	Acquired George Kottaras from the Milwaukee Brewers for Fautino De Los Santos
June 9	Danny Farquhar claimed off waivers from Toronto and optioned to Sacramento; Andrew Carignan transferred to the 60-day disabled list	July 30	Derek Norris optioned to Sacramento; Brandon McCarthy sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
June 16	Tyson Ross and Eric Sogard recalled from Sacramento; Adam Rosales and Evan Scribner optioned to Sacramento; Kila Ka'aihue outrighted to Sacramento	August 2	Adam Rosales recalled from Sacramento; Brandon Hicks optioned to Sacramento
June 17	Pedro Figueroa recalled from Sacramento; Tyson Ross optioned to Sacramento	August 3	Kurt Suzuki traded to the Washington Nationals with cash for minor league catcher David Freitas; minor league pitcher Pat Neshek acquired from the Baltimore Orioles for cash considerations and selected from Sacramento; Dan Straily selected from Sacramento; Derek Norris and Michael Taylor recalled from Sacramento; Seth Smith placed on the 15-day disabled list (strained left hamstring); Jim Miller and Evan Scribner optioned to Sacramento; Cliff Pennington sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
June 19	Jordan Norberto sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	August 5	Pedro Figueroa and Evan Scribner recalled from Sacramento; A.J. Griffin placed on the 15-day disabled list (strained right shoulder); Michael Taylor optioned to Sacramento
June 21	Jordan Norberto reinstated from the disabled list; Derek Norris recalled from Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa and Josh Donaldson optioned to Sacramento	August 7	Cliff Pennington reinstated from the disabled list; Pedro Figueroa optioned to Sacramento
June 23	Tyson Ross and Brandon Hicks recalled from Sacramento; Bartolo Colón placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to June 18 (strained right oblique); Collin Cowgill placed on the 15-day disabled list (sprained left ankle)	August 10	Brandon McCarthy reinstated from the disabled list; place Eric Sogard on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to August 7 (strained back)
June 24	Evan Scribner recalled from Sacramento; A.J. Griffin selected from Sacramento; Brandon McCarthy placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to June 20 (strained right shoulder); Eric Sogard optioned to Sacramento; Danny Farquhar designated for assignment	August 14	Brandon Inge placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to August 12 (sprained right shoulder); Josh Donaldson recalled from Sacramento
June 26	Danny Farquhar claimed off waivers by the New York Yankees	August 20	Brett Anderson reinstated from the disabled list; Dan Straily optioned to Sacramento; Anthony Recker designated for assignment; Seth Smith sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment; Stephen Drew acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks for minor league infielder Sean Jamieson
June 29	Chris Carter recalled from Sacramento; Tyson Ross optioned to Sacramento	August 21	Seth Smith reinstated from the disabled list; Jordan Norberto placed on the 15-day DL retroactive to August 18 (strained left shoulder); Jemile Weeks optioned to Sacramento; Graham Godfrey designated for assignment
July 3	Bartolo Colón reinstated from the disabled list; Brian Fuentes designated for assignment	August 22	Bartolo Colón placed on the restricted list; A.J. Griffin sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
July 9	Collin Cowgill sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment	August 23	Tyson Ross recalled from Triple-A Sacramento

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