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From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser at Tropicana Field http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2012/08/23/tyson-ross-unlikely-to-get-another-start-after-as-loss/

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Rising Rays give ball to streaking Moore

By Quinn Roberts / MLB.com http://athletics.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2012_08_24_oakmlb_tbamlb_1&mode=preview& vkey=preview_web_away&c_id=oak

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