



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Post Game Notes

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Baltimore Orioles (81-63) at Oakland Athletics (83-61) Friday, September 14, 2012 Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum

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

W — Milone (13-10) L — Saunders (2-2) S — Balfour (18)

OAKLAND NOTES

- The Oakland Athletics have won seven of the last eight games, 16 of the last 20 and 22 of the last 28 to improve to a season-high tying 22 games over .500 (September 12)...are 83-61 (.576), which is the second best record in the American League and fourth best in the majors...have the **best record in the majors** since the All-Star Break (40-18) and since the start of July (46-19)...are 1-0 on this three-game homestand against Baltimore...are 81-38 (.681) against Baltimore since the start of the 1999 season, which is the **best winning percentage against the Orioles by an AL team over that span**.
- The A's are in second place in the AL West and trail Texas by three games for the fifth consecutive day...are in first place in the AL Wild Card, two games ahead of second place Baltimore/New York and 4½ games ahead of third place Los Angeles...have held at least a share of a playoff spot each of the last 24 days (since August 22) and 44 of the last 56 (since July 21).
- Tommy Milone** earned his **Oakland rookie record** 13th win of the season (previous: 12, twice: Chris Codiroli, 1983; Joe Blanton, 2005)...the last A's rookie to win more than 13 games was Harry Byrd, who won 15 for the 1952 Philadelphia A's en route to rookie of the year honors...had his streak of walking one batter or fewer snapped at 14 consecutive starts...that matched the longest streak by a starting pitcher in Oakland history (Gil Heredia, May 29-Aug. 11, 1999).
- A's starting pitchers have walked three batters or fewer in each of the last 43 games, which is the longest streak by an A's team since at least 1921.
- A's pitchers recorded a season-high tying four grounded into double plays (May 19 at San Francisco).
- Yoenis Cespedes** (1 for 3) has homered in three of his past four games...that includes homers in back-to-back games Tuesday and Wednesday at Los Angeles, which snapped a career-long 21-game homerless streak.
- Jonny Gomes** (2 for 4) is batting .310 (31 for 100) with eight home runs and 22 RBI in 31 games since the All-Star Break after batting .231 with eight home runs and 21 RBI in 55 games before the break.

Pitching Lines	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Pitches/Strikes
Tommy Milone (W, 13-10)	6.1	6	2	1	2	2	1	92/57
Pat Neshek	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	10/4
Ryan Cook	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10/10
Grant Balfour (S, 18)	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	13/10

Home Runs	Inning	Count	RBI	Location	Pitcher
Yoenis Cespedes (19)	4 th	0-0	2	LF	Saunders

BALTIMORE NOTES

- The Baltimore Orioles had their three-game winning streak snapped...are 12-17 against American League West teams compared to 69-46 against everyone else...are 0-1 on this nine-game road trip to Oakland (0-1), Seattle (three games) and Boston (three games).
- Joe Saunders** is 2-2 with a 4.30 ERA (11 er in 23.0 ip) in four starts since being acquired by Baltimore August 26...is 13-5 with a 3.39 ERA (46 er in 122.0 ip) in 20 career starts against Oakland.
- Chris Davis** (1 for 3) is batting .324 (22 for 68) with eight home runs and 13 RBI over his past 19 games.
- Adam Jones** (1 for 4) has hit safely in 11 of his past 12 games (15 for 50, .300).
- Manny Machado** (2 for 2) is batting .327 (17 for 52) in 13 games in the month of September after batting .243 in 20 games in August.
- Matt Wieters** (1 for 2) has hit safely in 14 of his last 17 games (18 for 55, .327).

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Joe Saunders (L, 2-2)	6.0	7	3	3	2	6	1	101/62
Jake Arrieta	2.0	1	0	0	0	5	0	28/18

Home Runs	Inning	Count	RBI	Location	Pitcher
Chris Davis (26)	5 th	0-1	1	CF	Milone

Time of Game	2:37	Overall Record	83-61	Home/Road	43-30/40-31
First Pitch	7:08 pm	Streak	Won 1	Day/Night	25-24/58-37
Temperature	62 degrees	Homestand	1-0	April/May/June	10-12/11-16/15-13
Attendance	35,067	Last Five	4-1	July/Aug./Sept.	19-5/18-10/9-4
Total	1,491,293	Last 10	7-3	A's Starter goes 7 or more/Less than 7	37-13/46-48
Average (73 games)	20,429	Series Record	1-0	A's/Opponents score first	57-16/26-45
Win/Lose in Last At-Bat	20-11	Series First Game	25-23	Leading after 7 th inn/8 th inn	64-6/69-5
Extra Innings	9-3	vs. AL West	25-22	Tied after 7 th inn/8 th inn	12-5/9-3
		vs. RHP/LHP	58-36/25-25	Trailing after 7 th inn/8 th inn	7-50/5-53