



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Post Game Notes

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Texas Rangers (93-68) at Oakland Athletics (93-68) Tuesday, October 2, 2012 O.co Coliseum

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

W — Blackley (6-4) L — Harrison (18-11) S — Balfour (24)

OAKLAND NOTES

- The Oakland Athletics have won five straight and seven of the last eight games to improve 25 games over .500 at 93-68...it is the first time the A's have been 25 games over since September 28, 2006 (92-67)...are 5-0 on the final homestand of the regular season against Seattle (3-0) and Texas (2-0).
- The A's can clinch the American League West with a win tomorrow as they are tied for first with one game to play...it is the second time they have held a share of first place this season, the first since March 29 after they beat Seattle in the second game of the season in Tokyo to tie the Mariners with a 1-1 record...the A's trailed Texas by 13 games on June 30...have gone a **Major League best** 56-26 (.683) since then.
- The A's have won the season series with Texas as they lead 10-8 with one game to play...have hit 26 home runs against the Rangers, which is their most against any team since hitting 28 against Texas in 2004.
- Travis Blackley** earned the win, the 53rd win by an A's rookie...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, that is a **Major League record** for most wins in a season by rookie pitchers on a team...allowed one run in 6.0 innings after yielding nine runs, eight earned, in 3.0 innings over his previous two starts...is 3-1 with a 2.83 ERA (17 er in 54.0 ip) in 14 games at home compared to 3-3 with a 5.37 ERA (32 er in 53.2 ip) in 14 games on the road.
- Grant Balfour** is a perfect 17 for 17 in save opportunities in 22 games since returning to the closer role August 11.
- Jonny Gomes** (1 for 2) hit a home run in the sixth inning...has hit 11 of his 18 home runs against left-handed pitching...is hitting .295 (39 for 132) with 10 home runs and 26 RBI in 44 games since the All-Star Break.
- Brandon Moss** (1 for 3) doubled and scored in the fifth inning...is batting .373 (38 for 102) with 25 runs, 10 doubles, nine home runs and 24 RBI over his last 30 games, which has upped his batting average 54 points from .233 to .287.
- Derek Norris** (1 for 3) had a RBI single in the fifth inning...is 11 for 32 (.344) with a triple, two home runs and eight RBI in nine games against Texas.

| Pitching Lines | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | Pitches/Strikes |
|--------------------------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|-----------------|
| Travis Blackley (W, 6-4) | 6.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 83/51 |
| Sean Doolittle | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9/7 |
| Ryan Cook | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17/13 |
| Grant Balfour (S, 24) | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10/8 |

| Home Runs | Inning | Count | RBI | Location | Pitcher |
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| Jonny Gomes (18) | 6 th | 1-2 | 1 | LF | Harrison |

TEXAS NOTES

- The Texas Rangers have lost four of the last five games, six of the last eight and eight of the last 12...are tied for first place in the American League West following tonight's loss...had held sole possession of first each day since April 9...can clinch the West with a win tomorrow...are 0-2 on this brief three-game road trip to Oakland to conclude the regular season.
- Matt Harrison** is 18-11 with a 3.29 ERA in 32 starts this season...he is the second pitcher in Rangers history with 18 wins and an ERA of 3.30 or lower...the other is Fergie Jenkins (25-12, 2.82 ERA in 1974, 18-8, 3.04 ERA in 1978)...is 6-2 with a 4.16 ERA (29 er in 62.2 ip) in 13 career games against Oakland...including 6-2 with a 3.45 ERA (23 er in 60.0 ip) in 10 starts.
- Ian Kinsler** (0 for 3) is 1 for his last 21.
- Michael Young** (2 for 3) is 27 for 74 (.365) over his last 21 games.

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| Matt Harrison (L, 18-11) | 6.0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 89/58 |
| Alexi Ogando | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 19/12 |
| Michael Kirkman | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12/8 |
| Roy Oswalt | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5/3 |

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

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| Time of Game | 2:43 | Overall Record | 93-68 | Home/Road | 49-31/44-37 |
| First Pitch | 7:08 pm | Streak | Won 5 | Day/Night | 29-27/64-41 |
| Temperature | 87 degrees | Homestand | 5-0 | April/May/June | 10-12/11-16/15-13 |
| Attendance | 30,660 | Last Five | 5-0 | July/Aug./Sept. | 19-5/18-10/17-11 |
| Total | 1,642,946 | Last 10 | 8-2 | A's Starter goes 7 or more/Less than 7 | 38-14/55-54 |
| Average (80 games) | 20,537 | Series Record | 2-0 | A's/Opponents score first | 62-20/31-48 |
| Win/Lose in Last At-Bat | 23-14 | Series First Game | 27-26 | Leading after 7 th inn/8 th inn | 71-6/77-5 |
| Extra Innings | 11-5 | vs. AL West | 32-24 | Tied after 7 th inn/8 th inn | 14-7/10-5 |
| | | vs. RHP/LHP | 63-39/30-29 | Trailing after 7 th inn/8 th inn | 8-55/6-58 |