

A's News Links, Wednesday, October 3, 2012

OAKLAND TRIBUNE

Oakland A's beat Texas Rangers, set up showdown for A.L. West title

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_21685432/oakland-beat-texas-rangers-set-up-showdown-1

Oakland A's American League playoff scenarios

Oakland Tribune

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_21685431/oakland-american-league-playoff-scenarios

Poole: Oakland A's magical season possible only in baseball

By Monte Poole, Bay Area News Group

http://www.mercurynews.com/monte-poole/ci_21685454/

Giants, A's playoff double play came with challenges

By Daniel Brown, San Jose Mercury News

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_21682975/giants-playoff-double-play-came-challenges

Tim Kawakami: Oakland A's might be even more dangerous now that they are in the playoffs

By Tim Kawakami, San Jose Mercury News

http://www.insidebayarea.com/tim-kawakami/ci_21676521/tim-kawakami-oakland-pitching-and-power-makes-them

Inside the Oakland A's: A's try to keep it "business as usual"

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 10/2/2012, 6:28pm

<http://www.ibabuzz.com/athletics/>

Tony La Russa's life after baseball

By Gary Peterson, Contra Costa Times

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_21680809/tony-la-russas-life-after-baseball

Tony La Russa adds another title to his resume

By Gary Peterson, Contra Costa Times

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_21680793/tony-la-russa-adds-another-title-his-resume

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A's beat Rangers, tie atop AL West

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/athletics/article/A-s-beat-Rangers-tie-atop-AL-West-3914277.php>

A's deny attendance conspiracy

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/athletics/article/A-s-deny-attendance-conspiracy-3914229.php>

A's bear down after joyous bash

Bruce Jenkins: Hangover no issue for confident A's

Bruce Jenkins, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/athletics/jenkins/article/A-s-bear-down-after-joyous-bash-3914335.php>

Homer-happy A's are a free-swinging lot

John Shea, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/athletics/shear/article/Homer-happy-A-s-are-a-free-swinging-lot-3914233.php>

The Drumbeat: Travis Blackley helps A's into tie atop AL West with one game to go

From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser at the Coliseum

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2012/10/02/travis-blackley-helps-as-into-tie-atop-al-west-with-one-game-to-go/>

The Drumbeat: Anderson feels some oblique tenderness; Neshek not with team

From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser at the Coliseum

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2012/10/02/anderson-feels-some-oblique-tenderness-neshek-not-with-team/>

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A's force showdown with Texas for AL West crown

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

http://athletics.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2012_10_02_texmlb_oakmlb_1&mode=recap&c_id=oak

A's unfazed by scope of accomplishment

By Richard Justice / MLB.com

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A's host Rangers to see how West is won

By AJ Cassavell / MLB.com

http://athletics.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2012_10_03_texmlb_oakmlb_1&mode=preview&vkey=preview_web_home&c_id=oak

A's Path to the Postseason: Oct. 3, 2012

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20121002&content_id=39375614&vkey=news_oak&c_id=oak

Playoff-bound A's still have goals to meet

- **Neshek to miss final two games for birth of child**
- **Gomes honored with 'Catfish' Hunter Award**

By Jay Lee / MLB.com

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A's beat Rangers again, force final-game showdown

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Balfour, A's confident with A.L. West on the line

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/baseball-oakland-athletics/athletics-talk/Balfour-As-confident-with-AL-West-on-the?blockID=783113&feedID=2797>

Pratt's Instant Replay: Athletics 3, Rangers 1

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/baseball-oakland-athletics/athletics-talk/Pratts-Instant-Replay-Athletics-3-Ranger?blockID=783083&feedID=2797>

Notes: Eyes on the prize, Anderson still an option

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/baseball-oakland-athletics/athletics-talk/Notes-Eyes-on-the-prize-Anderson-still-a?blockID=783001&feedID=2797>

A's running out of awards to give Gomes

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

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A's lineup: Drew moves up

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

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Padecky: Simply A-mazing

By BOB PADECKY, THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

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SACRAMENTO BEE

A.L. West title comes down to finale today

Matt Kawahara, Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/10/03/v-print/4876733/al-west-title-comes-down-to-finale.html>

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Ken Rosenthal, foxsports.com

<http://msn.foxsports.com/mlb/story/billy-beane-oakland-athletics-living-mondayball-sequel-with-playoff-clinching-run-100212>

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Athletics tie Rangers for AL West lead

Jorge Ortiz, USA Today

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/mlb/2012/10/03/oakland-athletics-texas-rangers-tie-al-west-travis-blackley/1609789/>

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Improbable Weather, Improbable A's

Art Spander

<http://artspander.com/blog/2012/10/3/improbable-weather-improbable-as.html?printerFriendly=true>

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Trying to Build for the Future, the Athletics Win in a Hurry

Benjamin Hoffman, New York Times

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BRADEN'S CURVEBALL

OPINIONS MIXED AFTER OUTBURST AT MEETING, ANNOUNCEMENT HE'S LEAVING STOCKTON OVER RISING CRIME

By Jason Anderson, Stockton Record

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120928/A_NEWS/209280313&template=printart