



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Post Game Notes

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### Texas Rangers (93-69) at Oakland Athletics (94-68) Wednesday, October 3, 2012 O.co Coliseum

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Texas	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	3	10
Oakland	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	4	X	12	11	1	6

W — Scribner (2-0)      L — Holland (12-7)      S — None

#### OAKLAND NOTES

- The Oakland Athletics **clinched the American League West** with today's win...it is their 15<sup>th</sup> AL West championship...only the Yankees (17 not including this year) and Braves (16) have won more...finish the regular season with 94 wins, which is tied for the 10<sup>th</sup> best total in Oakland history.
  - Today's win coupled with a New York loss tonight would give the A's the number one seed in the playoffs...in that scenario the A's would play at the winner of the Wild Card game October 7 and 8 and in Oakland October 10, 11 and 12.
  - If the Yankees win tonight, the A's would be the number two seed and would travel to Detroit for games on October 6 and 7 before returning to Oakland October 9, 10 and 11.
- The A's trailed Texas by 13 games on June 30...have gone a **Major League best** 57-26 (.687) since then while Texas has gone 43-40 (.518)...the A's are only the **fifth team in ML history** to come back from a deficit of 13 or more games to win a pennant or division title...the others are the 1914 Braves (-15 through July 4), the 1978 Yankees (-14 through July 18), the 1951 Giants (-13 through August 10) and the 1995 Mariners (-13 through August 1)
- The A's were as far as five games back in the AL West with nine games remaining on September 24...are the **first team in Major League history** to win a division or pennant when trailing by five or more games with fewer than 10 games remaining.
- Today is the first day the A's have held sole possession of first place in the AL West this season...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, the A's are only the **third team in Major League history** to clinch a division or pennant with just one day in sole possession of first...the others are the 2006 Twins and the 1951 Giants...according to Elias, the A's have also spent four days tied for first this year (includes days when Major League games were played)...the only other division or pennant winners in ML history to spend five days or fewer with at least a share of first place are the 1951 Giants (three days), 2006 Twins (four) and 2007 Phillies (five).

Pitching Lines	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Pitches/Strikes
A.J. Griffin	2.2	7	5	4	2	0	0	70/44
Evan Scribner (W, 2-0)	3.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	39/30
Jerry Blevins	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	0	12/7
Ryan Cook	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	13/9
Sean Doolittle	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	14/8
Grant Balfour	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11/8

Home Runs	Inning	Count	RBI	Location	Pitcher
Derek Norris (7)	8 <sup>th</sup>	0-2	1	LF	Ogando

#### TEXAS NOTES

- The Texas Rangers will play in the Wild Card game October 5...the game would be at Texas if Baltimore loses tonight...it would be at Baltimore if the Orioles and Yankees win...if the Yankees lose tonight and the Orioles win, Baltimore and New York would have a one-game playoff to determine to the AL East champion and the Rangers would travel to face the loser of that game.
- Ryan Dempster** tossed 3.0 innings, his shortest start of the season (previous: 3.1 ip, September 18 at Los Angeles)...is 1-2 with a 7.71 ERA (16 er in 18.2 ip) over his past four starts.
- Derek Holland** was charged with the loss...he relieved Dempster in the fourth inning, his second relief appearance of the season and first since May 14.

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Ryan Dempster	3.0	6	5	5	1	3	0	63/39
Derek Holland (L, 12-7)	2.2	3	3	1	2	0	0	50/27
Koji Uehara	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	15/11
Alexi Ogando	0.1	1	4	2	2	0	1	17/9
Robbie Ross	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	0	8/7

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Time of Game	3:16	Overall Record	94-68	Home/Road	50-31/44-37
First Pitch	12:37 pm	Streak	Won 6	Day/Night	30-27/64-41
Temperature	75 degrees	Homestand	6-0	April/May/June	10-12/11-16/15-13
Attendance	36,067	Last Five	5-0	July/Aug./Sept.	19-5/18-10/17-11
Total	1,679,013	Last 10	8-2	A's Starter goes 7 or more/Less than 7	38-14/56-54
Average (81 games)	20,729	Series Record	3-0	A's/Opponents score first	63-20/31-48
Win/Lose in Last At-Bat	23-14	Series First Game	27-26	Leading after 7 <sup>th</sup> inn/8 <sup>th</sup> inn	72-6/78-5
Extra Innings	11-5	vs. AL West	33-24	Tied after 7 <sup>th</sup> inn/8 <sup>th</sup> inn	14-7/10-5
		vs. RHP/LHP	64-39/30-29	Trailing after 7 <sup>th</sup> inn/8 <sup>th</sup> inn	8-55/6-58