



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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POSTSEASON BESTS

MOST POSTSEASON WINS

222	Yankees
112	Cardinals
80	Athletics
79	Red Sox
77	Braves

MOST DIVISION SERIES WINS

43	Yankees
26	Braves
25	Cardinals
17	Indians
16	Athletics
16	Red Sox

MOST POSTSEASON GAMES BY BALLPARK

161	Yankee Stadium I
68	Fenway Park
55	Dodger Stadium
53	Coliseum
53	Busch Stadium II

MOST DIVISION SERIES APPEARANCES

18	Yankees
12	Braves
10	Cardinals
9	Red Sox
7	Athletics
7	Indians
7	Astros
7	Dodgers

MOST DIVISION TITLES

18	Yankees
16	Braves
15	Athletics
11	four teams tied

A's vs. TIGERS

The A's lost the season series to Detroit, 3-4...the Tigers were one of two American League teams the A's had a losing record against (Kansas City, 4-5)...lost two of three in Detroit and split four games in Oakland...the pitching staff posted a 5.46 ERA against Detroit, which was their highest mark against an American League team this year...over the last six years, the A's have won two season series, lost two and split two...are 27-24 against Detroit since 2007...since moving to Oakland in 1968, the A's are 239-232 against the Tigers...that includes 133-103 in Oakland, 104-127 in Detroit and 2-2 in Las Vegas...are 27-21 in Comerica Park...all-time, the A's are 909-985 against the Tigers.

POSTSEASON MEDIA GUIDE

The 2012 Oakland A's Postseason Media Guide is available for download at pressbox.oaklandathletics.com and AthleticsPressbox.com...the guide features players bios, season in review, 2012 statistics and the A's postseason history.

THIS DATE IN A's HISTORY

In 1913 Eddie Plank tosses a two-hitter as the A's defeat the Giants 3-1 to clinch the World Championship...in 1973 Jim Hunter tosses a five-hit shutout in game five of the ALCS as the A's clinch their second straight AL Pennant...it was Hunter's second win in the 1973 ALCS...in 2001 Tim Hudson and Jason Isringhausen combine on a seven-hit shutout as the A's win at New York, 2-0, in Game 2 of the ALDS.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-2) VS. DETROIT TIGERS (2-2)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 – O.CO COLISEUM – 6:37 P.M. PDT
RHP JARROD PARKER (0-1, 2.84) VS. RHP JUSTIN VERLANDER (1-0, 1.29)
TNT – A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – EN ESPAÑOL (KIQI 1010 AM)

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won each of the last two games after losing the first two games of the series...with a win tonight, the A's will advance to the American League Championship Series for the 12th time in Oakland history...only the Yankees, with 14 entering today, have played in more LCS...have won back-to-back elimination games in the same series for the second time in Athletics history (1973 World Series vs. the Mets)...have never won three straight elimination games in one series...had a five-game winning streak in elimination games from the 1972 ALCS through the 1973 World Series...the win on Tuesday snapped an Athletics record six-game postseason losing streak...this is the A's seventh appearance in the ALDS, which is tied for fifth most all-time...have won two ALDS, both sweeps (1981 vs. Kansas City, 2006 vs. Minnesota)...lost four straight from 2000-03 with each of those series lasting the full five games (2000-01 vs. New York, 2002 vs. Minnesota, 2003 vs. Boston)...have a 16-14 (.533) record in the Division Series and the 16 wins are tied for fifth most all-time.

GO THE DISTANCE: The Athletics are 4-5 in the final game of a postseason series when it goes the full five or seven games...that includes 2-4 in Game 5 of a best-of-five series and 2-1 in Game 7 of a best-of-seven series...are 0-4 when the Division Series goes the full five games (2000-03)...the two wins in Game 5 in a best-of-five series came in the 1972 ALCS (vs. Detroit) and 1973 ALCS (vs. Baltimore)...the three best-of-seven series to go the distance were all World Series: 1931 (loss to St. Louis), 1972 (win over Cincinnati) and 1973 (win over New York).

2-0 DEFICIT: The A's are attempting to become just the sixth team in LDS history to come back from a 2-0 deficit to win the series (Giants also trailed 2-0 this year)...the five teams that have come back are: the 1981 Dodgers (vs. Houston), the 1995 Mariners (vs. New York), the 1999 Red Sox (vs. Cleveland), the 2001 Yankees (vs. Oakland) and the 2003 Red Sox (vs. Oakland)...from 1969-84 when the LCS was a best-of-five series, only two teams came back from a 2-0 deficit to win: the 1982 Brewers (vs. California) and the 1984 Padres (vs. Chicago)...the Athletics have never comeback from a 2-0 or 2-1 deficit in any postseason series...this is the 10th time the Athletics have been tied 2-2 after the first four games of a postseason series.

WALK-OFF WINS: Coco Crisp had the "walk-off" RBI single in the bottom of the ninth last night for the seventh "walk-off" win in Athletics history...it was the first since Ramon Hernandez had a "walk-off" bunt in Game 1 of the 2003 ALDS against Boston...it marked the second time the A's have erased a two-run deficit in the ninth inning or later of a postseason game...the other time was Game 5 of the 1929 World Series...the A's led the majors with 14 walk-off wins during the regular season, which fell one short of the Oakland record (15, 2004).

THIS AND THAT: A's pitchers have walked just five batters while striking out 30 this series...A's starting pitchers are 1-1 with a 1.93 ERA (5 er in 23.1 ip) and .244 (21 for 86) opponents batting average...A's hitters have struck out 39 times, which is an Oakland record for the Division Series...the most in a postseason series that went five games is 42 in the 1974 World Series (vs. Los Angeles)...the most in any postseason series is 62 in the 1973 World Series (7 games vs. New York).

ROOKIES: The A's are the first team in Major League history to start three different rookie pitchers in a postseason (credit: Elias)...in 147 postseason games prior to this year, the A's started just two rookies (Joe Bush, 1913 World Series; Barry Zito, 2000 ALDS)...have used five rookie pitchers total, which ties the most rookie pitchers in one postseason (1944 Cardinals)...have used eight rookies overall...the ML record for rookies used by one team in a postseason series is nine by Arizona in the 2007 NLCS against Colorado...of the players on the A's 25-man roster for the Division series, 12 are rookies...that includes eight of the 12 pitchers (Blackley, Cook, Doolittle, Figueroa, Griffin, Milone, Parker, Scribner) in addition to four position players (Carter, Céspedes, Donaldson, Norris)...have started four rookies in both Game 1 (Céspedes, Donaldson, Norris, Parker) and 4 (Céspedes, Donaldson, Griffin, Norris)...the only other team to start four rookies in a postseason game is Arizona, who did it three times in 2007: Game 3 of the NLDS against the Cubs and Games 3 and 4 of the NLCS against Colorado...the manager of the 2007 Diamondbacks was Bob Melvin.

POSTSEASON PLAY: The A's have a 80-71 (.530) record all-time in the postseason...the 80 wins are third most by any team...only the Yankees (222) and Cardinals (112) have more...have lost seven of the previous last eight postseason series, dating back to the 1990 World Series...are 15-26 (.366) over that span with the only win coming in the 2006 ALDS against Minnesota...this is the A's sixth postseason appearance over the last 13 years...have five American League West championships and one Wild Card appearance over that span...now have 15 Division Titles...only the Yankees (18) and Braves (16) have more division championships...this is the 24th postseason appearance in franchise history, which includes 16 with Oakland and eight with Philadelphia...only the Yankees (51), Dodgers (26) and Cardinals (25) have more.

A's AND TIGERS IN THE POSTSEASON: This is the A's second consecutive postseason series against the Tigers as Oakland's last postseason series was the 2006 American League Championship Series...were swept by Detroit in four games that year and have split the first four games this year...are batting .215 (55 for 256) with 20 runs scored in the eight games...none of the players on the A's Division Series roster this year were with the club in 2006 and only two were in the A's organization (Figueroa and Pennington)...the A's and Detroit also met in the 1972 ALCS, which the A's won three games to two en route to their first World Championship in Oakland...the A's are 5-8 (.385) against the Tigers in the postseason...Detroit is one of four teams the A's have a losing record against in the postseason (0-4 vs. Braves, 4-9 vs. Yankees, 4-7 vs. Reds).

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: Eight of the 25 players on the A's Division Series roster had postseason experience entering this year (Balfour, Crisp, Drew, Gomes, Kottaras, Neshek, Parker, Smith)...the three pitchers entered this postseason with a combined 18 games pitched and the five hitters had 41 games played...Grant Balfour has the most postseason appearances with this being his fourth (2004 with Minnesota, 2008 and 2010 with Tampa Bay)...Coco Crisp and Seth Smith are playing in their third postseason while the other five had just one year entering 2012...five of the players have gone on to play in the LCS (Balfour, Crisp, Drew, Kottaras, Smith) and three have played in the World Series (Balfour, Crisp, Smith).

ROSTER NOTES: The average age of the 25 players on the Division Series roster is 28.0 years...Derek Norris is the youngest (23 years, 235 days for Game 1) and Jarrod Parker is second youngest (23 years, 317 days)...seven of the players are 25 years old or younger as Brett Anderson and A.J. Griffin are 24 and Ryan Cook, Tommy Milone and Josh Reddick are 25...only Grant Balfour (34 years, 281 days) and Coco Crisp (32 years, 340 days) were born in the 70's...only 11 of the 25 players were on the A's Opening Day roster (Balfour, Blevins, Céspedes, Cook, Crisp, Donaldson, Gomes, Pennington, Reddick, Rosales, Smith)...only eight played for Oakland prior to this year (Anderson, Balfour, Blevins, Carter, Crisp, Donaldson, Pennington, Rosales).

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WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

GAME 5 STARTING PITCHER: Jarrod Parker (0-1, 2.84 ERA)

PARKER CAREER POSTSEASON BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2012	0	1	2.84	1	6.1	2
2011	0	0	27.00	1	0.1	1
Career	0	1	4.05	2	6.2	3
Home	0	0	27.00	1	0.1	1
Road	0	1	2.84	1	6.1	2
Day	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Night	0	1	4.05	2	6.2	3
			AVG.	AB		H
vs. LHH			.477	12		5
vs. RHH			.286	14		4

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his third career postseason appearance, his second start...is 0-1 with a 4.05 ERA (3 er in 6.2 ip) and .346 (9 for 26) opponents batting average in his previous two appearances.

ROOKIE STARTERS: Is one of five rookies in Athletics history to start a postseason game...including one of three this year (Milone and Griffin)...his start in Game 1 at Detroit made him the first A's rookie to start a postseason game since Barry Zito, who started Game 4 of the 2000 ALCS at New York...Zito was the winning pitcher in the A's 11-1 win (5.2 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 5 so)...the other was Joe Bush in Game 3 of the 1913 World Series at New York...Bush tossed a complete game five-hitter in the A's 8-2 win (2 r, 1 er, 4 bb, 3 so).

IN THE DAYS OF MY YOUTH: His start in Game 1 last Saturday came at the age of 23 years and 317 days...is the fifth youngest pitcher in Oakland history to start a postseason game...of the pitchers younger than him, only Barry Zito (2000 ALDS Game 4) picked up the win.

2012 ALDS: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 3-1 loss in Game 1 at Detroit last Saturday...the A's scored a run in the first but he allowed a run in the bottom of the first when Jackson doubled and later scored when Cabrera grounded into a double play...allowed an unearned run in the third when Infante doubled and later scored on Parker's error...also surrendered a leadoff home run to Avila in the fifth.

2011 NLDS: His only postseason experience prior to this year came in the 2011 National League Division Series with Arizona...was called up by the Diamondbacks Sept. 19 and made one regular season start before he was added to Arizona's postseason roster...pitched in relief in Game 4 against Milwaukee...entered the game in the sixth inning with the Diamondbacks leading 7-3 and allowed a run on two hits and a walk in 0.1 innings.

PARKER vs. DETROIT: Was the losing pitcher in his only career regular season appearance, a 3-1 A's loss in Oakland May 13...shutout the Tigers on three hits and two walks over the first four innings before allowing a RBI single to Cabrera in the fifth...the A's tied the game with a run in the bottom of the fifth but he allowed a two-out double Boesch and then walked the bases loaded in the sixth...was relieved by Balfour, who walked in the go-ahead run.

PARKER'S CAREER POSTSEASON STARTS

Series	Date	Opp.	Score	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
2012 ALDS #1	10/6	at DET	1-3	L	6.1	7	3	2	1	5	1	96
Totals (1 G, 1 GS, 2.84 ERA)					0-1	6.1	7	3	2	1	5	1

YOUNGEST PITCHERS IN OAKLAND HISTORY TO START A POSTSEASON GAME

22 years, 67 days	Vida Blue	1971 ALCS Game 1
22 years, 147 days	Barry Zito	2000 ALDS Game 4
23 years, 85 days	Vida Blue	1972 WS Game 6
23 years, 153 days	Barry Zito	2001 ALDS Game 3
23 years, 317 days	Jarrod Parker	2012 ALDS Game 1
23 years, 322 days	Jarrod Parker	2012 ALDS Game 5

PARKER vs. DETROIT

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2012	0	1	3.18	1	5.2	2
2011	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	0	1	3.18	1	5.2	2
Car. w/PS	0	2	3.00	2	12.0	4

Parker's Starts vs. Detroit

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
5/13/12	H	L	5.2	6	2	2	4	5
*10/6/12	A	L	6.1	7	3	2	1	5

*indicates ALDS

Detroit Career Batting vs. Parker (including postseason)

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Avila	.333	6	2	1	0	2
Berry	.667	3	2	0	0	1
Boesch	.667	3	2	0	0	0
Cabrera	.400	5	2	0	1	0
Dirks	.333	6	2	0	0	1
Felder	.000	6	0	0	0	1
Infante	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Jackson	.400	5	2	0	1	0
Peralta	.000	4	0	0	2	2
Raburn	.000	2	0	0	1	2
Young	.000	5	0	0	0	1

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

50 RHP GRANT BALFOUR

Last Outing: 10/9 vs. Detroit (ALDS G#3) (S, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)

ALDS: (2 g, 0-1, 1 sv, 1.2 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)

- Recorded his first career postseason save Tuesday night in Game 3 after being charged with his first loss in Game 2 at Detroit...has a 0.79 ERA (11.1 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 9 so) in 11 career appearances in the Division Series...has a 3.78 ERA (7 er in 16.2 ip) in 17 career postseason outings...this is his fourth postseason appearance (2004 with Minnesota, 2008 and 2010 with Tampa Bay).
- Has converted his only save opportunity this series after collecting 18 saves over his final 18 chances during the regular season...that is tied for the seventh longest save streak in Oakland history...his last blown save was on April 29 at Baltimore.
- Retired the first batter he faced Sunday after setting down each of the final 26 batters he faced during the regular season...then allowed a single to Infante, his first base runner since September 22.
- Did not have a save opportunity in two regular season appearances against Detroit this year (1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...is 3-2 with a 2.63 ERA (27.1 ip, 19 h, 8 r, 8 er, 14 bb, 36 so, 3 hr) in 27 career appearances during the regular season against the Tigers.

54 LHP TRAVIS BLACKLEY

Last Outing: 10/2 vs. Texas-GS (W, 6.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 5 so)

ALDS: (0 g)

- The rookie left-hander has never pitched in the postseason.
- Has never faced the Tigers in his career.
- Finished the regular season in the starting rotation following the injury to Anderson...went 1-1 with a 9.00 ERA (9 er in 9.0 ip) over his final three appearances, all starts.

13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS

Last Outing: 10/10 vs. Detroit (ALDS G#4) (ND, 2.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

ALDS: (2 g, 3.0 ip)

- Has retired all eight batters that he has faced in two appearances (Game 1 and 4) in his postseason debut.
- Compiled a 2.70 ERA (3.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so) in four regular season outings against Detroit this year...has a 5.40 ERA (6.2 ip, 8 h, 5 r, 4 er, 4 bb, 6 so) in eight career regular season games against the Tigers.
- Has not allowed a run in 13 of his last 15 outings (14.1 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 5 bb, 6 so, 1.26 ERA).

48 RHP RYAN COOK

Last Outing: 10/10 vs. Detroit (ALDS G#4) (W, 1.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)

ALDS: (3 g, 1-0, 1 bs, 3.1 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 4 so, 1 wp)

- The A's rookie All-Star has appeared in each of the last three games...after being charged with the blown save in his postseason debut Sunday in Game 2, he picked up the win last night in Game 4...is the eighth youngest pitcher in Oakland history to win a postseason game (25 years, 102 days) and the second youngest reliever behind Rich Harden (2003 ALDS Game 1 vs. Boston, 21 years, 305 days).
- Pitched against the Tigers twice in his career during the regular season, both times this year (2.2 ip, 1 bb, 3 so).
- Has not allowed a run in 24 of his last 26 outings dating back to August 11 (3 er in 28.1 ip, 0.95 ERA).

62 LHP SEAN DOOLITTLE

Last Outing: 10/10 vs. Detroit (ALDS G#4) (ND, 0.2 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

ALDS: (3 g, 1 bs, 2.2 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 1 er, 5 so)

- The rookie has pitched in each of the last three games and has allowed at least one run in two of those contests...including Sunday at Detroit in Game 2 in his postseason debut when he allowed two unearned runs for the blown save.
- Made one career appearance against Detroit during the regular season and it came on September 20 at Comerica Park...retired the side in order in the eighth inning with two strikeouts...including the postseason, has seven strikeouts in 3.0 career innings against the Tigers.
- Compiled a 1.80 ERA (25.0 ip, 20 h, 7 r, 5 er, 5 bb, 28 so) over his final 25 appearances during the regular season.

65 LHP PEDRO FIGUEROA

Last Outing: 9/29 vs. Seattle (ND, 1.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 3 so)

ALDS: (0 g)

- The rookie left-hander has no postseason experience.
- Faced the Tigers three times this year (2.1 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 so, 7.71 ERA).
- Recalled from Sacramento Aug. 31 and appeared in just eight of the A's final 32 regular season games (6.2 ip, 8 h, 7 r, 6 er, 4 bb, 6 so, 8.10 ERA).

40 RHP PAT NESHEK **Last Outing:** 10/6 at Detroit (ALDS G#1) (ND, 0.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
ALDS: (1 g, 0.2 ip, 1 so)

- Made his third career postseason appearance Saturday night in Game 1...is 0-1 with a 5.40 ERA (1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) in those games...his other two outings came with Minnesota in the 2006 ALDS against the A's...surrendered Mark Kotsay's inside-the-park home run for the loss in Game 2.
- Faced the Tigers twice this year during the regular season, both times in Detroit in September (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 so)...is 3-2 with a 4.29 ERA (21.0 ip, 21 h, 10 r, 10 er, 6 bb, 27 so, 3 hr) in 21 career regular season appearances against the Tigers.
- Allowed two runs over his final five regular season outings (3.1 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 0 so, 5.40 ERA) after a 14-game, 12.0-inning scoreless streak.

58 RHP EVAN SCRIBNER **Last Outing:** 10/3 vs. Texas (W, 3.0 ip, 2 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)
ALDS: (0 g)

- Has never pitched in a postseason game.
- Has faced the Tigers twice in his career...both times came last month in Detroit on September 18 (1.0 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb) and 20 (1.0 ip, 1 h).
- Did not allow a run over his final six regular season outings (9.2 ip, 6 h, 4 bb, 9 so)...had the first two wins of his career over that stretch.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Note: Career vs. Starter includes postseason where applicable; Current Streak includes regular season where applicable.

22 CHRIS CARTER **Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-3, 0 HR, 0 BB, 3 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 9
ALDS: 0-0

- The rookie first baseman/designated hitter has never played in the postseason.
- Went 0 for 7 with five strikeouts in two games against Detroit this year and is 0 for 10 with eight strikeouts in three games in his career.
- Hit .138 (8 for 58) with 32 strikeouts over his final 18 regular season games...struck out at least once in each of those, which is one short of the Oakland record for consecutive games with a strikeout by a non-pitcher (19, Jack Cust: June 24-July 12, 2008 and July 18-August 14, 2008).

52 YOENIS CÉPEDES **Career vs. Verlander (.400, 2-5, 0 HR, 1 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 6 games (7 for 22)
ALDS: 5-15, r, 2 rbi, 2 bb, 2 so, 2 sb

- Has hit safely in all four games in his postseason debut (5 for 15, .333).
- Hit safely in all three of his regular season games against Detroit this year...went 4 for 10 (.400) with a run, two RBI and two walks.
- Stole two bases Sunday in Game 2, the 14th multiple-steal game in Athletics postseason history...it was the second in ALDS play (2, Johnny Damon, 2001 ALDS Game 1)...Damon's was also the last by an Athletic...had one two-steal game during the regular season (September 1 vs. Boston).
- Is 31 for 96 (.323) with 18 runs, four doubles, two triples, seven home runs, 18 RBI and 17 walks (1 sf, .421 on-base percentage) over his last 26 games.

4 COCO CRISP **Career vs. Verlander (.346, 9-26, 1 HR, 0 BB, 3 SO)** **Current Streak:** 5 games (5 for 22)
ALDS: 4-18, 3 r, hr, 2 rbi, so

- Had the "walk-off" single in the bottom of the ninth inning last night, the seventh "walk-off" win in Athletics postseason history...it was the first since Ramon Hernandez had a "walk-off" bunt in Game 1 of the 2003 ALDS against Boston...had three "walk-off" RBI during the regular season (two sacrifice flies, one single).
- Has hit safely in all four games of the ALDS (4 for 18, .222) and now has a seven-game postseason hitting streak dating back to the 2008 ALCS (10 for 30, .333).
- This is his third postseason appearance (2007 and 2008 with Boston)...is a .267 (20 for 75) hitter in 24 career postseason games...is 7 for 32 (.219) with four RBI in nine ALDS games.
- Became the fourth player in Athletics history to leadoff a postseason game with a home run Saturday night in Game 1...joins Bert Campaneris (1973 ALCS Game 2), Rickey Henderson (1989 World Series Game 4) and Ray Durham (2002 ALDS Game 3)...had four leadoff home runs during the regular season this year and eight in his career...it was his first career postseason home run.
- Played in just one regular season game against Detroit this year and went 0 for 2 with a strikeout in a start in center field September 18...is a .320 (106 for 331) hitter in 86 career regular season games against the Tigers, which is his best batting average against any AL team.
- Is 14 for 43 (.326) with 12 runs, four doubles, two home runs, six RBI and three stolen bases over his last 10 games after going nine consecutive games without a start.

20 JOSH DONALDSON **Career vs. Verlander (.125, 1-8, 0 HR, 1 BB, 2 SO)** **Current Streak:** 3 games (4 for 10)
ALDS: 4-14, r, 2b, bb, 4 so, gidp

- The rookie third baseman has made his postseason debut this year and has started each of the first four games at third base.
- Went 4 for 14 (.286) with a double and two RBI in four career regular season games against Detroit, all this year.
- Is 7 for 29 (.241) with no RBI over his last eight games.

5 STEPHEN DREW **Career vs. Verlander (.222, 2-9, 0 HR, 0 BB, 5 SO)** **Current Streak:** 1 game (2 for 4)
ALDS: 4-15, 2 2b, rbi, 2 bb, 3 so

- Has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 11 career postseason games...is 16 for 46 (.348) with six runs, three doubles, one triple, two home runs, five RBI and three walks (.388 on-base percentage)...has hit safely in 10 of the those games with the exception being Game 3 on Tuesday...has started all 11 of his teams postseason games at shortstop (seven with Arizona in 2007).
- Went 2 for 14 (.143) with one RBI in three regular season games against Detroit this year, all at Comerica Park in September...is a .128 (6 for 47) career hitter against the Tigers during the regular season.
- Is 6 for 34 (.176) over his last nine games.

31 JONNY GOMES **Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-5, 0 HR, 3 BB, 2 SO)** **Current Streak:** 2 games (3 for 6)
ALDS: 0-0

- His postseason experience includes two starts in left field for Cincinnati in the 2010 NLDS against Philadelphia...went 0 for 6 with three strikeouts.
- Went 2 for 12 (.167) with one RBI and five strikeouts in three games against Detroit this year...is a .206 (14 for 68) hitter in 22 career games against the Tigers.
- Went 8 for 32 (.250) with two home runs, four RBI and 14 strikeouts over his final 13 regular season games.

14 GEORGE KOTTARAS **Career vs. Verlander (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 11
ALDS: 0-4, 2 so, sh

- Is 0 for 4 in three games in the ALDS, including 0 for 2 as a pinch hitter...started at catcher in Game 2...is now 0 for 12 with two RBI and a walk in six career postseason games...including 0 for 7 with a RBI in four LDS games...appeared in three postseason games with Milwaukee last year.
- Had multiple hit games in each of his two regular season games against Detroit this year, both at Comerica Park in September...was 4 for 9 (.444) with one double, one triple and two RBI...is 4 for 13 (.308) in three career regular season games against the Tigers.
- Is 0 for 11 over his last seven games dating back to the regular season...his last hit was September 25 at Texas.

37 BRANDON MOSS **Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-6, 0 HR, 0 BB, 4 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 7
ALDS: 1-13, hbp, bb, 7 so

- Has made his postseason debut by starting each of the A's four games at first base...singled in the third inning Sunday in Game 2 for his only hit.
- Is 1 for 13 (.077) with seven strikeouts in the ALDS after going 42 for 113 (.372) with 28 runs, 11 doubles, nine home runs and 27 RBI over his final 33 regular season games.
- Went 4 for 12 (.333) with two doubles and two RBI in three regular season games against Detroit, all in Comerica Park in September...is 4 for 16 (.250) in five career regular season games against the Tigers.

36 DEREK NORRIS ALDS: 1-10, 4 so, cs	Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-5, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3)
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- The rookie catcher has made his postseason debut by appearing in each of the four games of the ALDS, including starts in Game 1, 3 and 4...singled in the fifth inning yesterday in Game 4 for his first hit.
- His Game 1 start came at the age of 23 years, 235 days, which made him the youngest catcher to start a postseason game in Athletics history...the previous youngest was Wally Schang, who was 24 years, 46 days, when he started Game 1 of the 1913 World Series against the Giants.
- Appeared in just one regular season game against Detroit and went 0 for 3 with a walk and a run scored September 19 at Comerica Park.
- Is 20 for 109 (.183) over his last 35 games...however, has 15 RBI over that stretch as he is 12 for 31 (.387) with runners in scoring position.

2 CLIFF PENNINGTON ALDS: 3-11, r, rbi, 3 bb, 4 so	Career vs. Verlander (.067, 1-15, 0 HR, 2 BB, 6 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 6
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- Has started each of the A's four games at second base in his postseason debut.
- Went 5 for 23 (.217) in seven regular season games against Detroit this year...is a .250 (23 for 92) career hitter during the regular season against the Tigers.
- Is 5 for 33 (.152) over his last 12 games.

16 JOSH REDDICK ALDS: 2-14, 2 r, hr, rbi, bb, 8 so, gidp	Career vs. Verlander (.167, 2-12, 0 HR, 1 BB, 4 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 4)
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- Has set an Oakland record for strikeouts in a postseason series with eight...the previous mark was seven (11 times, last: Mark Ellis in 2003 ALDS)...the Athletics record for strikeouts in a postseason series is nine by Dibs Williams in the 1931 World Series against St. Louis.
- Has started all four games in right field in his postseason debut...homered off Benoit in the eighth inning Sunday in Game 2.
- Has four home runs over his last 11 games but is batting .160 (20 for 125) over his last 32 contests.
- Batted .357 (10 for 28) with eight runs, one double, one triple, two home runs and five RBI in seven regular season games against Detroit this year...is a .366 (15 for 41) hitter with two home runs and eight RBI in 11 career regular season games against the Tigers.

17 ADAM ROSALES ALDS: 0-0	Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-5, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 2
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- Has never appeared in the postseason.
- Did not play against Detroit this year...is 2 for 13 (.154) in four career games against the Tigers.
- Went 6 for 33 (.182) with no walks over his final 14 regular season games...finished the season with a career-long streak of 23 consecutive games without a walk.

15 SETH SMITH ALDS: 2-11, 3 r, 2b, hr, 3 rbi, 3 bb, hbp, 4 so	Career vs. Verlander (.111, 1-9, 1 HR, 3 BB, 2 SO)	Current Streak: 2 games (2 for 6)
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- Has started each of the first four games of the ALDS at designated hitter...is now 6 for 22 (.273) with two doubles, one home run and five RBI in 13 career postseason games...including 4 for 8 (.500) with a double and two RBI as a pinch hitter...is 4 for 18 (.222) in nine LDS games...this is his third postseason appearance as he played in nine games with Colorado in 2007 and 2009.
- Hit his first career postseason home run Tuesday night in Game 2, a solo shot off Sanchez in the fifth inning...the home run came as the designated hitter...hit just two of his 14 regular season home runs as a DH.
- Hit .417 (10 for 24) with seven runs, three doubles, two home runs, six RBI and six walks (.533 on-base percentage) in seven regular season games against Detroit...is a .333 (13 for 39) career hitter against the Tigers with three home runs and eight RBI in 12 regular season games.
- Is 11 for 66 (.167) with 25 strikeouts over his last 23 games.

DIVISION SERIES RESULTS AND PITCHING PROBABLES					
Sat., Oct. 6 at DET	L, 1-3	W: Verlander (1-0)	L: Parker (0-1)	S: Valverde (1)	ATT: 43,323*
Sun., Oct. 7 at DET	L, 4-5	W: Albuquerque (1-0)	L: Balfour (0-1)		ATT: 40,684*
Tue., Oct. 9 at OAK	W, 2-0	W: Anderson (1-0)	L: Sanchez (0-1)	S: Balfour (1)	ATT: 37,090*
Wed., Oct. 10 at OAK	W, 4-3	W: Cook (1-0)	L: Valverde (0-1)		ATT: 36,385*
Thu., Oct. 11 at OAK	RHP Jarrod Parker (0-1, 2.84) vs. RHP Justin Verlander (1-0, 1.29)				6:37 TNT