

## A's News Links, Friday March 29, 2013

### OAKLAND TRIBUNE

#### **A's notebook: Five pitchers look to be competing for one bullpen spot as season nears**

By Carl Steward, Oakland Tribune

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci\\_22896888/notebook-five-pitchers-look-be-competing-one-bullpen](http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_22896888/notebook-five-pitchers-look-be-competing-one-bullpen)

#### **Inside the Oakland A's: Lowrie could be a lifesaver at shortstop with Nakajima's nightmarish spring**

By Carl Steward, Oakland Tribune

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

### SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

#### **Melvin mulls final spots in A's bullpen**

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/athletics/article/Melvin-mulls-final-spots-in-A-s-bullpen-4393754.php?t=67c57c6b5a28c9ccac>

#### **Minor-leaguer in awe around A's Sogard**

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/athletics/article/Minor-leaguer-in-awe-around-A-s-Sogard-4393711.php?t=d4fc2d347928c9ccac>

#### **2013 Oakland A's scouting report**

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/athletics/article/2013-Oakland-A-s-scouting-report-4393617.php?t=081f0b291528c9ccac>

#### **A's versatile roster offers many options**

Deep, flexible roster gives Melvin lots of options - and many egos to juggle

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/athletics/article/A-s-versatile-roster-offers-many-options-4393614.php?t=8fd7122da828c9ccac>

#### **Winning formula starts with compatibility**

**Giants, A's short on prima donnas and long on 'friendly, good dudes,' says Travis Blackley, who played for both in 2012**

Ann Killion, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/giants/article/Winning-formula-starts-with-compatibility-4393618.php?t=62cf0c1f3028c9ccac>

#### **Bench can make a big difference**

**Following the lead of many before them, Giants and A's were able to achieve glory by employing a deep roster**

Bruce Jenkins, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/giants/jenkins/article/Bench-can-make-a-big-difference-4393619.php?t=de0a6de3cd28c9ccac>

#### **An All-Star team that doesn't age**

**One man's all-star lineup chosen from Hollywood musicals, fantasies, tear-jerkers, comedies and cartoons**

Scott Ostler, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/sports/ostler/article/An-All-Star-team-that-doesn-t-age-4393624.php>

#### **The Drumbeat: Last big decision looming for A's: final bullpen spot**

From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser at AT&T Park

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2013/03/28/last-big-decision-looming-for-as-final-bullpen-spot/>

### OAKLANDATHLETICS.COM

#### **Reddick, Cespedes homer to back Milone**

**Left-hander allows two runs with five strikeouts over 4 2/3 innings**

By Alex Espinoza / Special to MLB.com

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**Despite 2012 success, A's remain grounded**  
**Defending AL West champions insist they're taking things game-by-game**

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

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**Jaso catches another learning curve**

- Hamstring keeps Nakajima out vs. Giants
- Bullpen spots still up for grabs
- Rodriguez undergoes Tommy John surgery

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

[http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20130328&content\\_id=43470926&notebook\\_id=43477394&vkey=notebook\\_oak&c\\_id=oak](http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20130328&content_id=43470926&notebook_id=43477394&vkey=notebook_oak&c_id=oak)

**Major Lee-ague: A's facing bullpen decisions**

Jane Lee, mlb.com

<http://janelee.mlblogs.com/>

## COMCASTSPORTSNET.COM

**A's extras: Lincecum happy Cespedes is in AL**

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/casey-pratt/extras-lincecum-happy-cespedes-al>

**Milone's final spring start solidifies his confidence**

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/casey-pratt/milones-final-spring-start-solidifies-his-confidence>

**Hiro Nakajima will miss final three exhibition games**

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/casey-pratt/hiro-nakajima-will-miss-final-three-exhibition-games>

**A's RHP Fernando Rodriguez has successful surgery**

Casey Pratt, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/casey-pratt/rhp-fernando-rodriguez-has-successful-surgery>

**Winning increases value of Giants and A's**

Csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/giants/winning-increases-value-giants-and>

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Lincecum dominates, then fizzles in Bay Bridge Series opener**

**Cespedes homers as Athletics, 7-3**

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ, ASSOCIATED PRESS

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20130328/WIRE/130329475/1011/SPORTS03?template=printart>

## SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

**Fun clubhouse helps Oakland A's overcome inequalities from having a small budget**

Mychael Urban, San Francisco Examiner

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sports/teams/as/2013/03/fun-clubhouse-helps-oakland-overcome-inequalities-having-small-budget>

**Examiner.com**

**Oakland downs San Francisco, 7-3, in first of three exhibition games in Bay Area**

Sam McPherson, examiner.com

[http://www.examiner.com/article/oakland-downs-san-francisco-7-3-first-of-three-exhibition-games-bay-area?CID=examiner\\_alerts\\_article](http://www.examiner.com/article/oakland-downs-san-francisco-7-3-first-of-three-exhibition-games-bay-area?CID=examiner_alerts_article)