

Oakland A's News Links, Thursday, July 18, 2013

OAKLAND TRIBUNE

Report: Sacramento River Cats are most valuable minor league team

Bay Area News Group staff

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_23678790/report-sacramento-river-cats-are-most-valuable-minor

All-Star game notebook: Buster Posey catches heat -- and likes it

By Mike Tully, Correspondent, Oakland Tribune

http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_23675153/all-star-game-notebook-buster-posey-catches-heat

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

A's confidence carried over from 2012

A's: Leading division and there's still lots of room to improve

by Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/athletics/article/A-s-confidence-carried-over-from-2012-4671610.php?t=0c78eec2d628c9ccac>

Rivera All-Star MVP in AL's 3-hitter

Balfour pitches 6th inning in AL's 3-hitter

By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/sports/article/Rivera-All-Star-MVP-in-AL-s-3-hitter-4669462.php?t=63a8cfcfdb28c9ccac>

Bochy, Balfour feel the love at parade

by Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/sports/article/Bochy-Balfour-feel-the-love-at-parade-4669545.php?t=d0931f28fb28c9ccac>

The Drumbeat: Grant Balfour is all about Mo in his All-Star appearance

From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser at Citi Field

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2013/07/16/grant-balfour-is-all-about-mo-in-his-all-star-appearance/>

The Drumbeat: All-Star Balfour marvels at Yoenis Cespedes

From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser at Citi Field

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2013/07/16/all-star-balfour-marvels-at-cespedes/>

All-Stars hail Mariano Rivera

By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/athletics/article/All-Stars-hail-Mariano-Rivera-4667438.php?t=594d75a41e28c9ccac>

OAKLANDATHLETICS.COM

First-place A's far more confident than recent years

Diverse offense allowing Oakland to attack teams in different ways than past clubs

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20130715&content_id=53851696&vkey=news_oak&c_id=oak

Late-bloomer Balfour right on time at All-Star Game

Oakland's veteran reliever works scoreless inning in Midsummer Classic debut

By Marty Noble / MLB.com

http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20130716&content_id=53936808&vkey=news_oak&c_id=oak

COMCASTSPORTSNET.COM

Balfour rages, then relaxes at Midsummer Classic

Paul Gutierrez, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/paul-gutierrez/balfour-rages-then-relaxes-midsummer-classic>

Instant Replay: A.L. shuts out N.L. for All-Star Game win

Paul Gutierrez, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/paul-gutierrez/instant-replay-al-shuts-out-nl-all-star-game-win>

Griffin, not Colon, to open second half for A's

Paul Gutierrez, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/paul-gutierrez/griffin-not-colon-open-second-half>

A shadow looms over Midsummer Classic

Paul Gutierrez, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/paul-gutierrez/shadow-looms-over-midsummer-classic>

Selig remains mum on A's San Jose situation

Paul Gutierrez, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/blog/paul-gutierrez/selig-remains-mum-san-jose-situation>

SACRAMENTO BEE

Leading Off: How will A's, Giants fare in second half?

By Tom Couzens, Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/07/18/v-print/5574873/leading-off-how-will-as-giants.html>

As second half begins, A's are 'right where we want to be'

Matt Kawahara, Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/07/17/v-print/5574442/as-second-half-begins-as-are-right.html>

ASSOCIATED PRESS

First-place Athletics alone in first place in the AL West for the first time since 1990

By JANIE McCAULEY AP Baseball Writer

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/42b1b1753c014a9299a10ed217087102/BBA--First-Place-Athletics>

Cespedes the All-Star crusher

By Mike Fitzpatrick, Associated Press

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20130715/WIRE/130719680?title=Cespedes-the-All-Star-crusher>

Selig says baseball is cleaner than ever

Associated Press

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/sports/article/Selig-says-baseball-is-cleaner-than-ever-4667444.php?t=a44476d1c828c9ccac>

BLEACHER REPORT

O.Co Coliseum Gives Oakland A's the Best Atmosphere in Baseball

By D.J. O'Connor, Bleacher Report

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/1706017-oco-coliseum-gives-oakland-as-the-best-atmosphere-in-baseball>

DUKE CHRONICLE

Former Duke baseball star Nate Freiman making it in the majors

By Ryan Hoerger, Duke Chronicle

<http://www.dukechronicle.com/articles/2013/07/17/former-duke-baseball-star-nate-freiman-making-it-majors/print>

MIAMI HERALD

Cuba's policy hurts its best ballplayers

BY LUKE SALAS, Miami Herald

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/07/17/v-print/3505271/cubas-policy-hurts-its-best-ballplayers.html>

USA TODAY

Nightengale: MLB set for nuclear winter, not cruel summer

Bob Nightengale, USA Today

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/mlb/2013/07/16/mlb-biogenesis-michael-weiner-bud-selig-discipline/2522357/>

MINOR LEAGUE NEWS

SACRAMENTO RIVERCATS

Life Begins at 25: The Pitching Rebirth of Jeremy Barfield

Devin Pangaro, swingin' A's

<http://swinginas.com/2013/07/17/life-begins-at-25-pitching-rebirth-of-jeremy-barfield/>

All Star Break

MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS

Postponed due to rain

STOCKTON PORTS

Quakes Take Opener In 14-Inning Marathon

Stockton Ports

http://www.milb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20130718&content_id=53997814&vkey=recap&fext=.jsp&sid=t524

BELOIT SNAPPERS

Avila, Snappers Extinguish Dragons, 4-2

Beloit Snappers

http://www.milb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20130718&content_id=53997320&vkey=recap&fext=.jsp&sid=t554

VERMONT LAKEMONSTERS

Vermont Falls 5-1 On Wednesday

By Paul Stanfield / Vermont Lake Monsters

http://www.milb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20130717&content_id=53989660&vkey=recap&fext=.jsp&sid=t462