

# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

# Game Information

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#### POST SEASON BESTS

#### OSTSEASON WINS

- Yankees
- 119 Cardinals
- Giants 84 82 **Athletics**
- Red Sox

#### MOST DIVISION SERIES WINS

- Yankees Cardinals
- 29
- Braves
- 19 Red Sox **Athletics** 18

#### MOST POSTSEASON GAMES **BALLPARK**

- Yankee Stadium I 161
- Fenway Park
  Dodger Stadium 70
- 57 56
- Coliseum Busch Stadium II

#### MOST DIVISION SERIES APPEARANCES

- 18 Yankees
- Braves
- Cardinals 11
- 10 Red Sox Athletics
- 8 Dodgers

#### MOST DIVISION TITLES

- 18 17 Yankees
- Braves
- 16 **Athletics**
- 12 12 Cardinals
- Dodgers

## MOST POST SEASON APPEARANCES

- Dodgers 27
- 26 **25** Cardinals
- Athletics

### A's vs. TIGERS

The A's won the season series this year, 4-3...lost two of three in Oakland in April but won three of four at Detroit in late August...hit
.285 with 42 runs in the seven games (6.0 per game)...however, allowed 40 runs for a 5.40 ERA...over the last eight years, the A's have won three season series, lost three season series and split two...are 35-32 over that (since 2006), which does not include 2-7 in postseason play...since moving to Oakland in 1968, the A's are 243-235 against the Tigers...that includes 135-105 in Oakland, 106-128 in Detroit and 2-2 in Las Vegas...are 30-22 at Comerica Park...all-time, the A's are 911-988 against the Tigers.

### THIS DATE IN A'S HISTORY

In 1990 the A's complete the four game sweep of the Red Sox in the ALCS with a 3-1 win for their third straight pennant...Dave Stewart picks up his second win as the A's pitching staff allows just one run in each of the four games...in 2001 Johnny Damon is a perfect 4 for 4 with a walk as the A's win at New York 5-3 in the first game of the ALDS...in 2012 Coco Crisp has the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning to cap the A's three-run inning in a 4-3 win over Detroit in Game 4 of the ALDS.

#### **POSTSEASON MEDIA GUIDE**

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

All times Pacific

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013 - O.CO COLISEUM - 5:07 P.M. PDT RHP SONNY GRAY (0-0, 0.00) VS. RHP JUSTIN VERLANDER (0-0, 0.00) - A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) - EN ESPAÑOL (KIQI 1010 AM)

#### **ABOUT THE A's**

ABOUT THE A'S: Have split the first two games of this series...with a win tonight, the A's would advance to the American League Championship Series for the 12<sup>th</sup> time in Oakland history but just the second time over the last 21 years (2006 vs. Detroit)...are 4-9 over their last 13 postseason games, all against Detroit...this is the A's eighth appearance in the Division Series, which is tied for fifth most all-time...have won two American League Division Series, both sweeps (1981 vs. Kansas City, 2006 vs. Minnesota)...the five losses all went the full five games (2000-01 vs. New York, 2002 vs. Minnesota, 2003 vs. Boston; 2012 vs. Detroit)...have an 18-17 (.514) record in the Division Series...the wins are fifth most all-time...are 9-9 at home compared to 9-8 on the road...have advanced to the LCS 11 times, which is tied for third most all-time...only the Yankees (15) and Cardinals (12 including this year) have more.

CLINCHING, ELIMINATION AND WINNER TAKE ALL: The loss on Tuesday in Game 4 at Detroit was the A's loss in their last 12 potential clinch games...the one win was in Game 3 of the 2006 ALDS against Minnesota...prior to that, had not won a potential clinch game since Game 4 of the 1990 ALCS against Boston...have a 3-6 record when facing elimination over the last 14 years, 9-12 in Oakland history and 10-15 in Athletics history...the 2013 ALDS marks the 11<sup>th</sup> time in Athletics history a postseason series has gone the distance...are 4-6 in winner takes all games...have lost each of their last five such games, all in the ALDS (2000-03 and 2012)...the last time the A's won a winner takes all game was the 1973 World Series against the Mets...the last time the A's won a best-of-five series in Game 5 was the 1973 ALCS against Baltimore

POSTSEASON PLAY: The A's have lost eight of their last nine postseason series dating back to the 1990 World Series...have a 17-29 (.370) record over that stretch with the only series win coming in the 2006 ALDS against Minnesota...are making their second consecutive postseason appearance and seventh in the last 14 years...have six American League West championships and one Wild Card appearance over that 14-year span...this is the 17<sup>th</sup> postseason appearance in Oakland history and the 25<sup>th</sup> in franchise history...that is fourth most all-time behind the Yankees (51), Dodgers (27) and Cardinals (26)...have an 82-74 (.526) record all-time in the postseason...the wins are tied for fourth most by any team...only the Yankees (223), Cardinals (118) and Giants (84) have more.

DIVISION SERIES NOTES: The A's bullpen allowed five runs in 2.0 innings in Game 4 on Tuesday after not allowing a run in 8.0 innings over the first three games...that snapped a nine-game, 26.2-inning scoreless streak by the pen including the regular season...it was the first time the pen allowed a run since September 22...the pitching staff struck out 12 batters in Game 4, which is an Oakland record for an ALDS game...broke the previous mark of 11, which was accomplished four times, most recently in Game 3 of the 2012 ALDS...it is the fifth postseason game of 12 or more strikeouts in Athletics history and is the most since Game 3 of the 1988 World Series when they also had 12...A's pitchers now have 32 strikeouts and eight walks in the four games this year and 71 strikeouts and 15 walks in nine games over the last two years...the A's offense has struck out 46 times in the first four games of this series, which is tied for the third highest strikeout total in a postseason series in Athletics history...struck out 50 times in five games last year to set the A's ALDS record...the all-time Athletics record for strikeouts in a postseason series is 62 in the 1973 World Series, which went seven games...struck out just five times Tuesday in Game 4, ending the A's Major League record-tying streak of five consecutive postseason games with 10 or more strikeouts (also 2010 Giants)...the A's are now batting .216 (63 for 291) with 26 runs scored (2.9 per game) and 96 strikeouts (10.7 per game) in nine postseason games over the last two years...have three triples this series, which are their most in a postseason series since the 1989 World Series when they also had three...the A's pitching staff had its 20-inning scoreless streak snapped in the fourth inning of Game 3...that is the third longest postseason scoreless streak in Athletics history (30 in 1974 ALCS vs. Baltimore, 21 in 1930 World Series vs. St. Louis).

A's AND TIGERS IN THE POSTSEASON: This is the A's third consecutive postseason series against the Tigers...have split the first four games of this series after losing the ALDS last year, 3-2...were swept by Detroit in the 2006 American League Championship Series...are batting .218 (92 for 422) with 35 runs scored (2.7 per game) and 124 strikeouts (9.5 per game) in the 13 games since 2006...seven of their last nine postseason games against Detroit have been decided by one or two runs...are 7-11 (.389) against the Tigers in the postseason, including 5-4 in Oakland and 2-7 in Detroit...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:** Of the 25 players on the A's Division Series roster, 13 were on the A's ALDS roster last year (Anderson, Balfour, Blevins, Céspedes, Cook, Crisp, Donaldson, Doolittle, Moss, Norris, Parker, Reddick, Smith)...an additional five players have postseason experience with other teams (Callaspo, Colón, Lowrie, Suzuki, Young)...seven players will be making their postseason debut (Barton, Chavez, Gray, Otero, Sogard, Straily, Vogt)...Bartolo Colón has the most postseason appearances with this being his sixth (1998-99 and 2001 with Cleveland and 2004-05 with Los Angeles)...Grant Balfour is making his fifth postseason appearance, Coco Crisp and Seth Smith are playing in their fourth postseason and Jed Lowrie, Jarrod Parker and Chris Young are in their third...seven of the players have gone on to play in the LCS (Balfour, Callaspo, Colón, Crisp, Lowrie, Smith, Young) and three have played in the World Series (Balfour, Crisp, Smith).

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: The A's won their second straight American League West title in 2013, marking the fourth time in Oakland history the A's have won consecutive division championships (1971-75, 1988-90, 2002-03)...it was the A's sixth AL West Championship in the last 14 years and the 16<sup>th</sup> in Oakland history, which is third most all-time...only the Yankees (18) and Braves (17) have more division championships...the A's have also won six AL Pennants and four World Championships in 46 seasons in Oakland...have won nine World Championships overall, a total surpassed only by the Yankees (27) and Cardinals (11)...the A's also have 15 AL Championships

### **DIVISION SERIES RESULTS AND PITCHING PROBABLES**

Fri., Oct. 4 at OAK L, 2-3 W: Scherzer (1-0) L: Colón (0-1) ATT: 48.401 S: Benoit (1) W, 1-0 ATT: 48,292 Sat., Oct. 5 at OAK W: Balfour (1-0) L: Albuquerque (0-1) Mon., Oct. 7 at DET L: Sanchez (0-1) W, 6-3 W: Parker (1-0) S: Balfour (1) ATT: 43,973 L: Doolittle (0-1) Tue., Oct. 8 at DET L, 6-8 W: Scherzer (2-0) ATT: 43,958 Thu., Oct. 10 at OAK RHP Sonny Gray (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Justin Verlander (0-0, 0.00) 5:07 TBS

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com

### GAME 5 STARTING PITCHER: Sonny Gray (0-0, 0.00 ERA in ALDS)

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Cabrera	.333	3	1	0	0	1				
Fielder	.000	3	0	0	0	0				
Hunter	.000	4	0	0	0	2				
Iglesias	.500	2	1	0	0	0				
Infante	.000	2	0	0	1	1				
Jackson	.000	4	0	0	0	4				
Kelly	.667	3	2	0	0	0				
Martinez	.000			0	0	0				

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his second career postseason appearance and start...the first was in Game 2 this year.

<b>GRAY'S CAREER POSTSEASON STARTS</b>											
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2013 ALDS #2	10/5	DET	1-0		8.0	4	0	0	2	9	0 111

ROOKIE STARTERS: Tonight marks the seventh time in the A's last 10 postseason games they have a started a rookie pitcher...Gray also started Game 2 this year while Dan Straily started Game 4...this marks the second consecutive postseason series the A's have started a rookie in a winner take all game (Jarrod Parker last year)...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, rookies are 5-7 in 17 starts (including 0-5 since 2011) in winner takes all games in Major League postseason history...Gray is one of seven rookies in Athletics history to start a postseason game, along with Straily this year...had three last year (Parker, Tommy Milone, A.J. Griffin)...the last A's rookie to win a postseason game was Barry Zito in Game 4 of the 2000 ALCS at New York, an 11-1 A's win (5.2 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 5 so)...the other rookie 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:** Is the fourth pitcher in Oakland history under the age of 24 to start a postseason game...his Game 2 start came at the age of 23 years, 332 days, making him the seventh youngest pitcher in Oakland history to start a postseason game...is the youngest since Jarrod Parker, who was 10 days younger than him when he made his last start last year in Game 5.

**LAST START:** He combined with Grant Balfour on a fourhit shutout in the A's 1-0 win in Oakland in Game 2...tossed 8.0 innings and struck out nine...according to the Elias

YOUNGEST PITCHERS IN OAKLAND HISTORY TO

Sports Bureau, he is the third rookie to strikeout at least nine without allowing a run in a postseason game (Dave Righetti, Game 2 of 1981 ALDS; Mike Boddicker, Game 2 of 1983 ALCS)...is the fourth pitcher with 10 or fewer career regular seasons starts that has not allowed a run in a postseason start (Duster Mails, Game 6 of 1920 World Series; Brandon Backe, Game 5 of 2004 NLCS; Matt Moore, Game 1 of 2011 ALDS)...allowed just three runners into scoring position and one as far as third base.

**GRAY vs. DETROIT:** Is making his second career appearance and start...the first was in Game 2 of the ALDS (see last start above).

### **ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS**

#### 49 LHP BRETT ANDERSON

ALDS: (1 g, 0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 wp)

Last Outing: 10/8 at Detroit, G#4 (ND, 0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

- Made his second career postseason appearance Tuesday in Game 4, his first in relief...his postseason debut was a start in Game 3 of the ALDS last year against Detroit...combined with Cook, Doolittle and Balfour on a four-hit shutout in the A's 2-0 win (6.0 ip, 2 h, 2 bb, 6 so).
- Is 0-1 with a save and an 11.00 ERA (9.0 ip, 14 h, 11 r, 11 er, 4 bb, 4 so, 3 hr) in three games, one start, against Detroit this year in both the regular season and postseason...is now 3-3 with a 5.12 ERA (18 er in 31.2 ip) in eight career appearances, including six starts, against the Tigers (regular season and postseason).
- Has pitched in 11 games, all in relief, since he was reinstated from the disabled list August 28 and is 0-0 with a 6.19 ERA (11 er in 16.0 ip) and .313 (20 for 64) opponents batting average over that span.

#### **50 RHP GRANT BALFOUR**

**ALDS:** (2 g, 1-0, 1 sv, 2.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)

Last Outing: 10/7 at Detroit, G#3 (S, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

- Recorded his second career postseason save Monday in Game 3 after picking up his first win in Game 2 on Saturday...the last time the A's had
  a pitcher with both a win and a save in a postseason series was the 1974 World Series when both Rollie Fingers and Catfish Hunter did it.
- Has not allowed a run in 11 of his 12 career Division Series appearances (13.1 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 10 so, 0.68 ERA)...is 1-1 with two saves and a 3.38 ERA (7 er in 18.2 ip) in 19 career postseason appearances with Minnesota (2004), Tampa Bay (2008, 2010) and Oakland (2012-13).
  Had a loss, a save and a blown save in three regular season outings against Detroit this year (2.2 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 1 hr)...over the last
- Had a loss, a save and a blown save in three regular season outings against Detroit this year (2.2 ip, 5 n, 5 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 1 nr)...over the last two years, including postseason and regular season, he is 1-2 with three saves, a blown save and a 5.63 ERA (5 er in 8.0 ip) in nine games against the Tigers.
- Has not allowed a run in eight of his last nine games dating back to September 12 and is 2-0 with two saves, a blown save and a 2.00 ERA over that span (9.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 5 bb, 11 so, 1 hr).

### 13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS

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**ALDS**: (0 g)

- Made his postseason debut with three scoreless appearances against Detroit in the ALDS last year (3.2 ip, 1 h).
- Faced Detroit three times this year (3.1 ip, 7 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 so, 8.10 ERA) and has a 6.30 ERA (7 er in 10.0 ip) in 11 career regular season appearances against the Tigers.
- Did not allow a run over his final nine regular season outings (7.2 ip, 4 h, 1 bb, 6 so).

#### **60 RHP JESSE CHAVEZ**

Last Outing: 9/29 at Seattle (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)

Last Outing: 9/28 at Seattle (ND, 0.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

**ALDS**: (0 g)

- Has no postseason experience.
- Has not faced Detroit since September 18, 2012 (1.0 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er)...has a 14.00 ERA (14 er in 9.0 ip) in seven career appearances against the Tigers.
- Did not allow an earned run over his final six regular season outings beginning September 15 (6.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 bb, 8 so).

### 48 RHP RYAN COOK

**ALDS:** (1 g, 0.2 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

Last Outing: 10/8 at Detroit, G#4 (ND, 0.2 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

- Made his first appearance in the 2013 ALDS Tuesday in Game 4 after appearing in four of the five games last year...is 1-0 with a blown save and an 11.25 ERA (4.0 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 5 so) in five career postseason appearances.
- Did not allow a run in three regular season appearances against Detroit this year (2.2 ip, 3 h, 2 bb, 1 so)...has not allowed a run in five regular season outings against the Tigers in his career (5.1 ip).
- Is 2-2 with four blown saves and a 5.06 ERA (16.0 ip, 24 h, 10 r, 9 er, 12 bb, 20 so) over his last 22 games dating back to August 12.

#### **62 LHP SEAN DOOLITTLE**

ALDS: (3 g, 0-1, 1 bs, 3.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 5 so, 1 hr)

Last Outing: 10/8 at Detroit, G#4 (BS/L, 0.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

Last Outing: 10/8 at Detroit, G#4 (ND, 0.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)

- Has appeared in three of the four games of the 2013 ALDS and has a blown save and a loss, both in Game 4 on Tuesday...is now 0-1 with two blown saves and a 4.50 ERA (6.0 ip, 8 h, 5 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 10 so, 1 hr) in six career postseason appearances.
- Faced the Tigers three times this year during the regular season (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er).
- Tossed 1.2 innings Friday night in Game 1 and has pitched more than one inning in eight of his last 15 outings dating back to August 29...has a 1.53 ERA (17.2 ip, 9 h, 3 r, 3 er, 4 bb, 17 so) and .150 (9 for 60) opponents batting average over that span...has allowed two home runs over his last 45 games, both at Comerica Park.

### MOST CAREER STRIKEOUTS BY AN ATHLETICS RELIEVER, **POSTSEASON**

- 40 Rollie Fingers, 1971-75
- 15 Dennis Eckersley, 1988-9212 Lefty Grove, 1929-30
- 12 Rube Walberg, 1929-31
- 10 Sean Doolittle, 2012-present

#### **61 RHP DAN OTERO**

**ALDS:** (3 g, 3.2 ip, 2 h, 2 so)

- Has pitched in three of the first four games of this series in his postseason debut and has not allowed a run (3.2 ip).
- Has not allowed a run in two career regular season appearances against Detroit, both this year (3.0 ip, 4 h, 2 bb, 2 so).
- Has not allowed a run over his last 10 outings dating back to September 13 (9.2 ip, 7 h, 1 bb, 7 so).

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Note: Career vs. Pitcher stats include postseason where applicable. Current Streak includes regular season where applicable.

#### 10 DARIC BARTON ALDS: 0-3, 3 so

Career vs. Verlander (.143, 2-14, 0 HR, 4 BB, 5 SO)

Current Streak: 0 for 3

- Went 0 for 3 with three strikeouts in a start at first base Friday night Game 1 in his postseason debut...also played first base in the ninth inning Monday in Game 3.
- Went 4 for 14 (.286) with three RBI in four regular season games against Detroit this year.
- Is 2 for 14 (.143) over his last seven games dating back to September 24.

#### **18 ALBERTO CALLASPO**

Career vs. Verlander (.211, 4-19, 0 HR, 2 BB, 4 SO)

Current Streak: 0 for 1

ALDS: 1-3, 2b, so

- Has pinch hit in three of the first four games of this series, including a pinch hit double in the eighth inning Saturday night in Game 2 for his first postseason hit...is 1 for 5 (.200) in five career postseason games, all as a pinch hitter.
- Hit safely in each of his seven regular season games against Detroit this year (11 for 28, .393) and has a 14-game hitting streak against the Tigers during the regular season (18 for 49, .367)...is a .315 (64 for 203) career hitter against Detroit with seven home runs and 27 RBI in 56 regular season games.
- Is batting .274 (17 for 62) over his last 19 games dating back to September 10 but has four home runs and 12 RBI over that span.

#### **52 YOENIS CÉSPEDES**

Career vs. Verlander (.333, 5-15, 0 HR, 1 BB, 1 SO)

Current Streak: 4 games (7 for 18)

ALDS: 7-18, 3 r, 2b, 3b, hr, 4 rbi, 4 so

- Has hit safely and started in left field in each of the A's nine postseason games over the last two years (13 for 37, .351)...that is the longest ALDS hitting streak in Oakland history and the longest career-opening postseason hitting streak in Athletics history...it is tied for the third longest postseason hitting streak in Athletics history.
- Tripled and homered in Game 1 Friday night...joins Rickey Henderson (1989 World Series Game 4) as the only two players in Athletics history with a triple and a home run in a postseason game.
- Went 3 for 15 (.200) with three RBI in four regular season games against Detroit this year.
- Is batting .320 (32 for 100) with seven home runs and 23 RBI over his last 25 games dating back to September 2.

# ATHLETICS LONGEST POSTSEASON HITTING STREAKS

- 15 Rickey Henderson, 1989-90
- Carney Lansford, 1988-90
- Yoenis Céspedes, 2012-present

Current Streak: 2 games (7 for 9)

- Bert Campaneris, 1972-73 8 Jimmie Foxx, 1930-31
- 8 Jack Barry, 1911-13

#### 4 COCO CRISP

Career vs. Verlander (.257, 9-35, 1 HR, 1 BB, 5 SO)

ALDS: 7-14, 4 r, 2 2b, 3b, 2 rbi, 3 bb, 2 so, sf, sb

- Went 4 for 5 in Game 4 on Tuesday to tie the Athletics record for hits in a postseason game...it was the 11th four-hit game in A's postseason history, the first since Milton Bradley in Game 2 of the 2006 ALCS...now has four career games of three or more hits in the postseason
- Scored three runs in Game 4 to tie the A's ALDS record (third time, last: Ray Durham 2002 Game 2).
- Had three hits in Game 3 and is the third player in Athletics postseason history with back-to-back three-hit games...joins Carney Lansford (1990 ALCS Games 1 and 2) and Bert Campaneris (1973 World Series Game 7 and 1974 ALCS Game 1).
- Tied an Athletics postseason record with two doubles in Game 3 (27th time, first since Mark Kotsay, 2006 ALCS Game 2) and three walks in Game 1 (ninth time, last: Jason Giambi, 2000 ALDS Game 4).
- Has started all nine of the A's postseason games over the last two years in center field and is 11 for 36 (.306)...is a .290 (27 for 93) career hitter in 29 postseason games with Boston (2007-08) and Oakland (2012-13). Went 6 for 21 (.286) with a home run, three RBI, four runs scored and two steals in five regular season games against Detroit this year...has a
- .318 (112 for 352) career average in 91 regular season games against the Tigers...the average is his best against any team (min. 20 games). Is batting .322 (48 for 149) with 12 home runs, 28 RBI and 39 runs scored over his last 38 games dating back to August 21.

### 20 JOSH DONALDSON

Career vs. Verlander (.263, 5-19, 0 HR, 2 BB, 3 SO)

Current Streak: 3 games (3 for 13)

Current Streak: 1 game (2 for 4)

ALDS: 3-17, bb, 5 so

- Has started all nine of the A's postseason games over the last two years at third base...is 8 for 34 (.235) with nine strikeouts.
- Hit safely in six of seven regular season games against Detroit this year and was 10 for 28 (.357) with a home run, four RBI and seven runs scored...has a .333 (14 for 42) average in 11 career regular season games against the Tigers.
- Snapped a 0 for 17 streak (including the regular season) with his fourth inning single Saturday in Game 2...is now 3 for 29 (.103) with one RBI over his last eight games dating back to September 24.

### **8 JED LOWRIE**

Career vs. Verlander (.182, 2-11, 0 HR, 1 BB, 4 SO)

**ALDS:** 2-16, 2 r, hr, 3 rbi, 2 bb, 6 so, gidp

- Snapped a 0 for 18 streak in the postseason dating back to 2009 with Boston with a first inning single Tuesday in Game 4...also hit his first career postseason home run in the game and drove in three runs...had just two career postseason RBI entering the game...is now 2 for 22 (.091) over his last nine postseason games after going 6 for 25 (.240) over his first seven contests...this is his third postseason (Boston, 2008-09; Oakland, 2013).
- Hit .385 (10 for 26) with seven runs, five doubles, a home run and six RBI in seven regular season games against Detroit this year...is a .340 (17 for 50) career hitter against the Tigers during the regular season.
- Went 16 for 44 (.364) with 10 runs scored, three home runs and eight RBI over his final 10 regular season games.

#### **37 BRANDON MOSS**

Career vs. Verlander (.133, 2-15, 1 HR, 3 BB, 8 SO)

Current Streak: 0 for 6

- **ALDS:** 2-15, 2 r, hr, rbi, 3 bb, 10 so Struck out for the 10th time this series Tuesday in Game 4, which ties the Athletics record for strikeouts in a postseason series (Josh Reddick, 2012 ALDS)...the LDS record for strikeouts in a series is 11 by Brett Boone in 2001 with Seattle.
- Has started each of the A's nine postseason games over the last two years (eight at first base, last Friday night at designated hitter) and is 4 for 30 (.133) with 17 strikeouts.
- Hit his first career postseason home run Monday in Game 2 but also struck out three times for the third consecutive game...is the second player in Major League history to strikeout three times in three consecutive postseason games (Austin Jackson, 2011).
- Went 7 for 26 (.269) with seven runs scored, four home runs, 10 RBI and five walks in seven regular season games against Detroit this year. Of his last 13 hits, 12 are for extra bases (seven doubles, five home runs)...is now batting .291 (34 for 117) with 13 home runs and 34 RBI over his last 38 games dating back to August 19.

#### 36 DEREK NORRIS

Career vs. Verlander (.111, 1-9, 0 HR, 0 BB, 5 SO)

ALDS: 0-1. so

Struck out as a pinch hitter in his first appearance of this series Monday in Game 3...is now 1 for 13 (.077) with seven strikeouts in six career postseason games...started four of the A's five games against Detroit in the ALDS last year at catcher in his postseason debut.

- Was 3 for 6 (.500) with two doubles and two RBI in three regular season games against Detroit this year.
- Was reinstated from the disabled list September 5 and went 13 for 40 (.325) over his final 14 regular season games.

16 JOSH REDDICK

Career vs. Verlander (.143, 3-21, 0 HR, 1 BB, 8 SO)

Current Streak: 3 games (3 for 11)

Current Streak: 0 for 5

ALDS: 3-15, r, 2b, hr, rbi, bb, ibb, 5 so

- Has started all nine of the A's postseason games over the last two years in right field and is 5 for 32 (.156) with two home runs and 15 strikeouts...struck out 10 times last year, which set an Athletics record for strikeouts in a postseason series (matched by Moss this year).
- Is 3 for 15 with five strikeouts in the ALDS after going 1 for 13 with seven strikeouts in three regular season games against the Tigers this year.
- Threw out Martinez at home plate last Friday night in the sixth inning...has five assists over his last 11 games dating back to September 22.
- Was reinstated from the DL September 10 and went 17 for 56 (.304) with two home runs and 10 RBI over his final 17 regular season games.

#### 15 SETH SMITH

Career vs. Verlander (.167, 3-18, 1 HR, 6 BB, 5 SO)

Current Streak: 4 games (8 for 17)

ALDS: 5-12, r, hr, 2 rbi, bb, ibb, 3 so

- Has started each of the last three games at designated hitter and has now started eight of the A's nine postseason games over the last two years at DH (7 for 27, .259)...is 11 for 38 (.289) with two home runs and seven RBI in 17 career postseason games with Colorado (2007, 2009) and Oakland (2012-13)...including 4 for 8 (.500) with a double and two RBI as a pinch hitter.
- Had two hits in Games 2 and 3, the first two postseason multiple hit games of his career.
- Is 9 for 26 (.346) with two home runs and three RBI in 10 games against Detroit this year and is a .300 (24 for 80) career hitter against the Tigers with six home runs and 14 RBI in 27 games (includes regular season and postseason).
- Is batting .455 (15 for 33) with four doubles, two home runs and eight RBI over his last 13 games dating back to September 8.

#### 28 ERIC SOGARD

Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-9, 0 HR, 0 BB, 3 SO)

Current Streak: 0 for 14

ALDS: 0-9, bb, so, sh

- Has started each of the first four games of the ALDS at second base in his postseason debut...is hitless in nine at bats.
- Hit .333 (5 for 15) in five regular season games against Detroit this year...however, is 7 for 46 (.152) in 17 career games against Detroit during the regular season and postseason.
- Is batting .195 (8 for 41) over his last 18 games dating back to September 11.

### 22 KURT SUZUKI

Career vs. Verlander (.231, 6-26, 0 HR, 1 BB, 3 SO)

Current Streak: 0 for 2

**ALDS:** 0-0

- Started all five games at catcher for Washington in the NLDS last year against St. Louis in his postseason debut...went 4 for 17 (.235).
- Went 4 for 12 (.333) in three games against Detroit this year.
- Was 3 for 15 (.200) over his final nine regular season games.

#### 21 STEPHEN VOGT

Career vs. Verlander (.000, 0-8, 0 HR, 0 BB, 4 SO)

Current Streak: 3 games (3 for 10)

ALDS: 3-13, 2 r, 3b, rbi, bb, 5 so

- Has started each of the first four games of the ALDS at catcher in his postseason debut...the A's have now started a rookie catcher in eight of their last nine postseason games.
- Had a "walk-off" RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning Saturday night in Game 2...it was the eighth walk-off win in Athletics postseason history...according to the Elias Sports Bureau he is the first rookie with a game-ending RBI in the postseason since Jed Lowrie for Boston in Game 4 of the 2008 ALDS...it was the first walk-off RBI in Major League postseason history by a rookie catcher.
- Hit safely in all three of his regular season games against Detroit this year (4 for 11, .364).
- Is 6 for 35 (.171) over his last 13 games dating back to September 17.

#### **25 CHRIS YOUNG**

**ALDS**: 0-0

Career vs. Verlander (.167, 1-6, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 SO)

Hit .326 (14 for 43) with nine runs, two doubles, five home runs and nine RBI in 12 postseason games with Arizona (2007, 2011)...added nine

Current Streak: 2 games (2 for 5)

- walks and a hit by pitch for a .453 on-base percentage...started all 12 of Arizona's postseason games over that stretch in center field.
- Went 1 for 14 (.071) in four games against Detroit this year. Hit .143 (4 for 28) over his final nine regular season games.