



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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POST SEASON BESTS

MOST POSTSEASON WINS

223	Yankees
116	Cardinals
84	Giants
80	Athletics
79	Red Sox

MOST DIVISION SERIES WINS

44	Yankees
26	Braves
26	Cardinals
17	Indians
16	Athletics
16	Red Sox

MOST DIVISION SERIES APPEARANCES

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

MOST POSTSEASON GAMES BY BALLPARK

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

MOST DIVISION TITLES

18	Yankees
17	Braves
16	Athletics
12	Cardinals
12	Dodgers

MOST POST SEASON APPEARANCES

51	Yankees
27	Dodgers
26	Cardinals
25	Athletics
24	Giants

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 span (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 **1989** Dave Henderson and Mark McGwire homer and Rickey Henderson steals two bases as the A's defeat Toronto 7-3 in Game 1 of the ALCS...in **2001** the A's defeat Texas 5-4 to finish the regular season with a 17-game home winning streak...the A's would win their first three home games of 2002 to extend the home winning streak to 20 games...in **2006** Frank Thomas hits two home runs in Game 1 of the ALDS, a 3-2 A's win at Minnesota...at the age of 38 years, 128 days, he becomes the oldest player in ML history with a multi-homer game in the post season...in **2012** the A's defeat Texas 12-5 to complete a three-game sweep of the first place Rangers and win the American League West by one game...the A's trailed by as many as five games with nine games to go and 13 games at the end of June.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. DETROIT TIGERS (0-0)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2013 – O.CO COLISEUM

WORKOUT DAY NOTES

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's return to postseason play for the second consecutive season...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 a 16-15 (.516) record in the Division Series and the 16 wins are tied for fifth most all-time...are 8-8 at home compared to 8-7 on the road...have won six of the last nine ALDS games at home (since 2002 Game 2) but have lost five of the last seven on the road (since 2002 Game 4).

POSTSEASON PLAY: The A's are making their seventh postseason appearance in the last 14 years...have six American League West championships and one Wild Card appearance over that span...it is the 17th postseason appearance in Oakland history and the 25th in franchise history...that is fourth most all-time behind the Yankees (51), Dodgers (27) and Cardinals (26)...have an 80-72 (.526) record all-time in the postseason...the 80 wins are fourth most by any team...only the Yankees (223), Cardinals (116) and Giants (84) have more...have lost eight of their last nine postseason series, dating back to the 1990 World Series...are 15-27 (.357) over that span with the only series win coming in the 2006 ALDS against Minnesota.

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 16th 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 (five in Philadelphia), a total surpassed only by the Yankees (27) and Cardinals (11)...the A's also have 15 AL Championships (nine in Philadelphia).

A's AND TIGERS IN THE POSTSEASON: This is the A's third consecutive postseason series against the Tigers...lost the American League Division Series last year 3-2 after being swept by Detroit in the 2006 American League Championship Series...are batting .206 (59 for 286) with 20 runs scored in the nine games (2.2 runs per game)...have lost nine of their last 12 postseason games to the Tigers, including each of the last four in Detroit...the A's and Tigers also met in the 1972 ALCS, which was the last time the A's won a postseason game in Detroit...defeated the Tigers 2-1 in Game 5 on October 12, 1972 and would go on to win to their first World Championship in Oakland...the A's are 5-9 (.357) against the Tigers in the postseason, including 4-3 in Oakland and 1-6 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).

GAME 1 STARTING PITCHER: The A's are scheduled to start Bartolo Colón in Game 1 tomorrow night...he went 18-6 with a career-low 2.65 ERA in 30 starts during the regular season...ranked second in the American League in wins and ERA and was third in winning percentage...this is Colón's sixth postseason, which includes three years with the Indians (1998-99, 2001) and two with the Angels (2004-05)...at the age of 40 years, 133 days he will become the oldest pitcher in Oakland history to start a postseason game...the previous oldest was Bob Welch, who was 35 years, 343 days when he started Game 4 of the 1992 ALCS...he is the second oldest pitcher in Athletics history to Jack Quinn, who was 46 years, 103 days when he started Game 4 of the 1929 World Series...will become the 20th 40-year old in Major League history to start a postseason game...is the oldest pitcher to start a postseason game since Jamie Moyer started Game 3 of the 2008 World Series for Philadelphia at the age of 45 years, 342 days...is 2-3 with a 3.61 ERA in nine career postseason starts, including 1-3 with a 4.15 ERA in eight Division Series starts...his last postseason start came in Game 5 of the 2005 ALDS for Los Angeles against New York...had a no decision in the Angels 5-3 win...left the game after 1.0 inning due to an inflamed right shoulder and missed the rest of the postseason...did not allow a run on two hits and walk while striking out one...is 8-10 with a 5.40 ERA in 27 career appearances against Detroit, including 26 starts...is 0-7 with a 6.93 ERA over his last 14 games, 13 starts...has not defeated the Tigers since April 13, 2003...was 0-0 with a 3.00 ERA (12.0 ip, 15 h, 4 r, 4 er, 0 bb, 6 so) in two starts this year...the first no decision came in the A's 4-3 win in 12 innings in Oakland on April 12...allowed all three of his runs in the third inning on a three-run home run by Fielder...the A's came back with single runs in the third, sixth and seventh to get him off the hook...allowed eight hits, all to the top four hitters in the order...the bottom five were 0 for 15...also had a no decision in a 7-6 A's loss at Detroit August 29...it was the 400th start of his career...the A's scored twice in the first and fourth innings to build a 4-0 lead and he allowed a Pena sacrifice fly in the fifth...was relieved by Blevins to start the sixth with the A's leading 6-1...Detroit narrowed the gap to 6-3 before Balfour allowed four runs in the ninth for the blown save.

2013 RECAP: The A's compiled a 96-66 record, which was second best in the American League and tied for third best in the majors...this was the second consecutive season the A's finished with the best record in the AL...finished 5½ games ahead of second place Texas, which was the A's largest margin since 1992 when they won the West by six games...won 90 games for the 17th time since moving to Oakland in 1968...the only Major League teams with as many 90-win seasons over that span are the Yankees (23) and Atlanta (17)...are 190-134 over the last two years, which is tied with Atlanta for the best record in the majors...finished with a winning record for the second consecutive season, marking the first time the A's put together back-to-back winning seasons since 1999-2006 when they had eight straight.

POSTSEASON MEDIA GUIDE: The 2013 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, 2013 statistics and the A's postseason history.

DIVISION SERIES PITCHING PROBABLES

Fri., Oct. 4 at OAK	RHP Bartolo Colón (18-6, 2.65) vs. RHP Max Scherzer (21-3, 2.90)	6:37 TBS
Sat., Oct. 5 at OAK	RHP Sonny Gray (5-3, 2.67) vs. RHP Justin Verlander (13-12, 3.46)	6:07 TBS
Mon., Oct. 7 at DET	RHP Jarrod Parker (12-8, 3.97) vs. RHP Anibal Sanchez (14-8, 2.57)	TBA TBA
*Tue., Oct. 8 at DET	RHP Dan Straily (10-8, 3.96) vs. RHP Doug Fister (14-9, 3.67)	TBA TBA
*Thu., Oct. 10 at OAK		TBA TBA

* indicates if necessary...all times Pacific

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