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Lowrie, Porter exchange words in Oakland A's shortstop, who bunted with 7-0 lead in first, nearly hit by pitch in third By Jane Lee / MLB.com <u>http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/news/print.jsp?ymd=20140418&content_id=72599650&vkey=news_o</u> <u>ak&c_id=oak</u> Kazmir tries for third win vs. hometown Astros Lefty owns a 1.40 ERA; Oberholtzer looks to end Houston's skid By Brian McTaggart / MLB.com http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014 04 19 houmlb oakmlb 1&mode=preview&vke y=preview web home&c id=oak

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A's content to close by committee
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