

## ATHLETICS NEWS LINKS, THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

### OAKLAND TRIBUNE

#### **A's hang on as Yoenis Cespedes hits two home runs**

By Carl Steward, Oakland Tribune

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci\\_26207379/hang-yoenis-cespedes-hits-two-home-runs](http://www.insidebayarea.com/athletics/ci_26207379/hang-yoenis-cespedes-hits-two-home-runs)

### SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

#### **A's hold off Astros 9-7, but Johnson hit hard again**

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/athletics/article/A-s-hold-off-Astros-9-7-but-Johnson-hit-hard-5643047.php>

#### **A's Beat: Callaspo's injured hamstring improving**

Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/athletics/article/A-s-probable-pitchers-5642600.php>

#### **The Drumbeat: A's survive another Johnson debacle to beat Astros 9-7**

By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2014/07/23/as-survive-another-johnson-debacle-to-beat-astros-9-7/>

#### **The Drumbeat: Callaspo to return soon; no more 'Careless Whisper'**

By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

<http://blog.sfgate.com/athletics/2014/07/23/callaspo-to-return-soon-no-more-careless-whisper/>

### ATHLETICS.COM

#### **A's survive late scare on Cespedes' big night Slugger belts two homers; Johnson struggles in wild eighth**

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

[http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014\\_07\\_23\\_houmlb\\_oakmlb\\_1&mode=recap\\_home&c\\_id=oak](http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014_07_23_houmlb_oakmlb_1&mode=recap_home&c_id=oak)

#### **Cespedes day to day with sprained thumb**

- [Foot pain keeps Vogt from catching, not hitting](#)
- [A's targeting Sunday return for Callaspo](#)
- [A's dish out root beer floats for charity](#)

By Jane Lee and Aaron Leibowitz / MLB.com

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#### **Astros seek spark for finale vs. A's, Samardzija Houston without rookie phenom Springer for matinee in Oakland**

By Michael Lananna / MLB.com

[http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014\\_07\\_24\\_houmlb\\_oakmlb\\_1&mode=preview&vkey=preview\\_web\\_home&c\\_id=oak](http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/gameday/index.jsp?gid=2014_07_24_houmlb_oakmlb_1&mode=preview&vkey=preview_web_home&c_id=oak)

#### **Samardzija reinvents himself to become elite pitcher**

#### **A's righty makes adjustments to focus more on throwing fewer pitches, less on K's**

By Anthony Castrovince / MLB.com

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#### **Competitive Balance Lottery pays out 12 Draft picks**

#### **Marlins get first pick of Round A, followed by Rockies, Cards, Brewers, Padres, Tribe**

By Teddy Cahill / MLB.com

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### CSNBAYAREA.COM

## **Rewind: Despite win, Johnson's struggles remain issue**

By Joe Stiglich, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/athletics/rewind-despite-win-johnsons-struggles-remain-issue>

## **Instant Replay: A's hold on to beat Astros 9-7**

By Joe Stiglich, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/athletics/instant-replay-hold-beat-astros-9-7>

## **Callaspo could be activated from DL by Sunday**

By Joe Stiglich, csnbayarea.com

<http://www.csnbayarea.com/athletics/callaspo-could-be-activated-dl-sunday>

## **SACRAMENTO BEE**

### **A's speedsters tempt strategy to stealing bases**

BY Matt Kawahara, Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/07/23/6578417/as-speedsters-tempt-strategy-to.html>

### **Cespedes flashes power but exits A's 9-7 win early with hand injury**

by Matt Kawahara, Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/07/23/6578567/cespedes-flashes-power-but-exits.html>

## **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### **Cespedes' two home runs help A's fend off Astros 9-7**

By Associated Press

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/sports/2427609-181/cespedes-two-home-runs-help>

## **BLEACHER REPORT**

### **From the End of His Rope to Front of Rotation, Scott Kazmir Earning Straight A's**

By Scott Miller , National MLB Columnist

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/2138537-from-the-end-of-his-rope-to-front-of-rotation-scott-kazmir-earning-straight-as>

### **Oakland A's Innovative Catching Trio Is Changing the Game in 2014**

By Jacob Shafer, Bleacher Report

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/2139499-oakland-as-innovative-catching-trio-is-changing-the-game-in-2014>

## **FiveThirtyEight**

### **Billion-Dollar Billy Beane**

By Benjamin Morris, FiveThirtyEight

<http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/billion-dollar-billy-beane/>

## **MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS**

### **SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS**

#### **Chihuahuas Set New Team High in Runs Wednesday**

El Paso Chihuahuas

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## **MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS**

### **Gallo's Blast Spoils Homestand Finale**

By Bob Hards / Midland RockHounds

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### **STOCKTON PORTS**

#### **Stockton's Offense Sputters In 3-0 Loss**

Stockton Ports

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### **BELOIT SNAPPERS**

#### **One Run Not Enough In Return Home**

By Mike Couzens / Fort Wayne TinCaps

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### **VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS**

#### **Vermont Rallies For 8-6 Win Wednesday**

By Paul Stanfield / Vermont Lake Monsters

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