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# OAKLAND ATHLETICS (66-40) VS. HOUSTON ASTROS (43-64)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014 – MINUTE MAID PARK – 1:10 P.M. CDT RHP JASON HAMMEL (0-3, 7.11) VS. LHP DALLAS KEUCHEL (9-7, 3.11) A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 7-4 since the All-Star Break and 26-13 over the last 39 games...are a season-high tying 26 games over .500 at 66-40 (65-39, July 27)...that is the **best record in the majors** for the 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive day (since June 18) and 40<sup>th</sup> day this year (also May 21-22)...have held at least a share of first place in the American League West for 106 days (102 alone, four days tied)...this is the 10<sup>th</sup> season in Oakland history the A's have spent at least 100 days in first, but just the second over the last 22 years (2006)...have been alone in first every day since April 28 and have held at least a share of first since April

MER REST KE	COKDS	SINCE	2012
Oakland	W 256	L 174	PCT .595
Atlanta	248	183	.575
Washington	241	187	.563
St. Louis	241	188	.562
Cincinnati	240	190	.558
Detroit	238	189	.557

OAKI	LAND A's	BEST STA	RTS
106 Ga	mes	107 Gai	mes
67-39	1975	68-39	1971
67-39	1971	67-40	1990
66-40	2014	67-40	1975
66-40	1990	65-42	1988
65-41	1988	63-44	1972
62-44	1972		

24...have a 2½ game lead in the West over the Angels...have held the best record in the AL every day since May 31.

**CLOSE CALLS:** The A's scored six runs in the ninth inning last night en route to a 7-4 win...it was their 18<sup>th</sup> win in the last at bat, which is **tied for the Major League lead** (Miami)...are now 18-11 in games decided in the last at bat and the 29 games are fourth most in the majors...the win last night was the A's 11<sup>th</sup> when trailing after seven innings, which is the **most in the majors** and second most in Oakland history (12 in 1969)...it was their sixth win when trailing after eight, which is also the **most in the majors**...are 10-6 (.667) in extra-inning games...lead the majors in extra-inning games and are second in wins...are tied for the second best record in the American League...have seven walk-off wins...have won 10 of their last 14 games decided by two runs or fewer after starting the season 12-17...are 44-19 in games decided by three runs or more.

**WINNING MONTHS:** The A's are 15-9 in July and have clinched a winning record for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive month...that is the **longest streak in Oakland history** (previous: 13, Sept. 1970-Sept. 1972) and second longest in Athletics history (15, July 1928-Sept. 1930)...the only American League team with more than 14 consecutive winning months over the last 36 years is the New York Yankees (20, Sept. 1996-April 2000)...the last time the A's had a losing record in a month was May of 2012 (11-16)...all winning month notes exclude March and October

**RUN DIFFERENTIAL:** The A's have outscored the opposition by 169 runs, which is the **most in the majors** (Los Angeles-AL, 90)...it is currently the third best season run differential in Oakland history (239 in 2001, 180 in 1988, 163 in 1990, 152 in 1975)...have won seven games by 10 or more runs, which is one short of the Oakland record of eight in 2000.

**OFFENSE:** The A's are batting .289 (95 for 329) with 59 runs scored over the last nine games (6.6 runs per game) after hitting .237 with 61 runs scored over the previous 17 contests (3.6 runs per game)...**lead the majors** in runs scored (534) and walks (396), have the third fewest strikeouts (723), are fifth in on-base percentage (.329) and home runs (111) and eighth in slugging percentage (.406) and extra base hits (317).

**STARTING PITCHING:** A's starting pitchers have allowed one earned run or fewer in 12 of the last 22 games and are 12-6 with a 2.72 ERA (42 er in 139.0 ip) over that span...have a 3.23 ERA (230 er in 641.0 ip) for the season, which is the second lowest in the majors (Los Angeles-NL, 3.19)...have the fewest losses in the majors (26) and are tied for the second most wins (46)...are tied for third in the American League in complete games (3).

**PITCHING:** The A's have compiled a 2.67 ERA (59 er in 199.0 ip) over the last 22 games...rank second in the majors in opponents batting average (.231) and on-base percentage (.292) and third in ERA (3.14) and opponents slugging percentage (.351)...have issued the third fewest walks in the American League (284) and have the fourth most shutouts (9).

**DEFENSIVE DOINGS:** A's outfielders have 28 assists, which ranks second in the majors (Arizona, 31) and is three more than the A's season total from last year...the A's have committed 11 errors in the

last 16 games, which has led to six unearned runs...have 69 errors for the season, which is tied for fourth most in the American League, but they have led to just 27 unearned runs, which is fourth fewest.

HOME AND AWAY: The A's are 3-2 on this six-game road trip to Texas (2-1) and Houston (1-1)...went 2-3 on the last road trip to San Francisco (1-1) and Seattle (1-2)...that snapped a streak of 11 consecutive road trips with a .500 record or better, which matched the second longest such streak in Oakland history...it was the first time the A's finished a trip with a losing record since going 2-5 at Texas and Seattle June 17-23, 2013...are 32-23 (.582) on the road, which is tied for the fifth best road record in the majors...return home following the game today for a 10-game homestand against Kansas City (three games), Tampa Bay (three games) and Minnesota (four games)...went 4-2 on the last homestand against Baltimore (2-1) and Houston (2-1)...have won 10 of the last 12 home games, 28 of the last 36 and are 34-17 (.667) for the season...that is tied for the best home record in the majors (Los Angeles-AL).

**IN THE PINCH:** A's pinch hitters are 4 for their last 28 (.143)...are 22 for 88 (.250) for the season and the pinch hits are two more than the season total from last year...lead the American League in RBI (17), walks (16) and extra base hits (8), are tied for the lead in hits and doubles (5), tied for second in plate appearances (106) and home runs (3), third in slugging (.409) and fourth in on-base percentage (.368).

ON THE BASES: The A's are 60 for 72 (83.3%) in stolen base attempts, which is the second best percentage in the majors (Washington, 84.6%)...the Athletics record is 80.7% in 2008...opponents have been successful in 57 of their 70 (81.4%) attempts, which is fourth highest in the majors...the Oakland record is 81.3% in 2005.

THIS AND THAT: Billy Burns made his Major League debut Monday and became the first rookie to appear in a game for the A's this year...that snapped a 104-game streak without using a rookie, which was the longest season-opening streak by a Major League team since the 1971 Baltimore Orioles went the first 152 games (source: Elias)...eight of the A's next 11 games and 28 of their final 56 are against teams currently under .500...the A's had six players named to the AL All-Star team and one named to the National League All-Star team...had six players appear in the game, matching the most in Athletics history (1973 and 1975).

**AT THE BREAK:** The A's were 59-36 (.621) at the All-Star Break...the wins are the most in Athletics history before the All-Star Break and the winning percentage is fourth best...outscored the opposition 466-321 and the run differential of 145 was the best in Athletics history, seventh best in AL history and 14<sup>th</sup> best in Major League history...it was the best by any team since Seattle in 2001 (149).

A's vs. ASTROS: The A's lead the season series, 8-4...are 5-1 in Oakland and 3-3 in Houston...won the season series last year, 15-4...the 15 wins tied for third most in Oakland history against one team and were the most since going 17-2 against Seattle in 2006...have won all three season series against the Astros and lead the all-time series, 28-9...that is the best record by a Major League club against another club among teams that have played each other 20 or more times...are 15-4 in Oakland and 13-5 in Houston.

## TODAY'S TIDBITS

Yoenis Céspedes has recorded at least one RBI in each of his past six games (11 total) after driving in just one run over his previous 19 games...Sean Doolittle has 16 saves, which is one short of tying the Athletics record for saves by a left-handed pitcher (17, Embree in 2007)...Josh Reddick was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list July 22 and is 10 for 28 (.357) with seven runs scored, four doubles, two home runs and four RBI in eight games since his return...Stephen Vogt is batting .351, which is the best mark in the majors among batters with 100 or more plate appearances.

# THIS DATE IN A's HISTORY

In 1901 Nap Lajoie becomes the second player in American League history to hit for the cycle, following teammate Harry Davis who was the first 20 days earlier.

## PITCHING PROBABLES

Fri., Aug. 1 vs Kansas City
Sat., Aug. 2 vs. Kansas City
Sun., Aug. 3 vs. Kansas City

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# TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Jason Hammel (0-3, 7.11 ERA)

BRIEFLY: Is 0-3 with a 7.11 ERA (10 er in 12.2 ip) in three starts with the A's...is the second A's pitcher over the last 16 years to lose each of his first three games with the A's...the other is Ryan Glynn, who took the loss in each of his first four contests from June 3-22, 2005...was acquired from the Chicago Cubs July 5 with right-handed pitcher Jeff Samardzija for shortstop Addison Russell, outfielder Billy McKinney, right-handed pitcher Dan Straily and a player to be named later or cash...went 8-5 with a 2.98 ERA in 17 starts with Chicago and is 8-8 with a 3.41 ERA (46 er in 121.1 ip) in 20 starts overall.

**LAST EIGHT STARTS:** Is 2-5 with a 5.02 ERA (24 er in 43.0 ip) and .312 (54 for 173) opponents batting average over his last eight starts after going 6-3 with a 2.53 ERA and .191 opponents average over his first 12 starts...has allowed eight home runs in his last eight starts (43.0 ip, 1.67 per nine innings) after surrendering just five home runs in 78.1 innings over his first 12 starts (0.53 per nine innings).

**BEFORE AND AFTER THE BREAK:** Is 0-2 with a 9.39 ERA (8 er in 7.2 ip) in two starts after the All-Star Break after going 8-6 with a 3.01 ERA in 18 starts before the break...is 0-7 with a 4.24 ERA (35 er in 74.1 ip) over his last 20 post All-Star Break appearances, including 12 starts...has not won after the break since Aug. 13, 2011 at St. Louis...is 13-31 with 5.36 ERA (245 er in 411.0 ip) in 101 career appearances after the break compared to 44-36 with a 4.23 ERA in 134 games before the break.

**OPPONENTS BATTING:** Has allowed 13 home runs, 10 of which have been solo shots...six have come in the first inning...has walked just four batters to lead off an inning.

**INNING BY INNING:** Has a 4.42 ERA (29 er in 59.0 ip) over the first three innings of a game, a 1.18 ERA (5 er in 38.0 ip) in the fourth and fifth innings and a 4.44 ERA (12 er in 24.1 ip) after that.

**NIGHT AND DAY:** Is 5-4 with a 2.49 ERA (18 er in 65.0 ip) and .192 (44 for 229) opponents batting average in 10 starts during the day compared to 3-4 with a 4.47 ERA (28 er in 56.1 ip) and .285 (63 for 221) opponents average in 10 starts at night...had the eighth best day ERA in the National League at the time of the trade (2.49)...each of his three starts with the A's have come at night.

**MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:** Is 1-3 with a 5.79 ERA (12 er in 18.2 ip) and .316 (24 for 76) opponents batting average in four starts in July...has lost four games in a month twice in his career (July, 2013 and May, 2011)...went 4-1 with a 2.08 ERA and .144 opponents batting average in five starts in April...ranked second in the National League in opponents batting average in April, tied for second in wins and 10<sup>th</sup> in ERA...it marked the fourth time he has won four games in a month in his career...became the first Cubs pitcher to win four games in April since 2008 (Dempster, Zambrano)...the opponents batting average was the lowest single month mark of his career.

THIS AND THAT: Had eight wins at the All-Star Break, which matched his most before the break (2012)...his career high for wins is 10 in 2009 and 2010 with Colorado...the A's have lost in his first three starting assignments after the Cubs went 10-7 (.588) in his starts...his teams are 92-86 (.517) in his starting assignments in his career...has tossed exactly 7.0 innings in eight of his 20 starts...has not tossed more than seven innings since May 27, 2013 at Washington (8.0 ip)...has allowed two runs or fewer in 10 of his 20 starts and walked two batters or fewer 18 times.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS:** Had the fifth lowest opponents onbase percentage in the National League at the time of the trade (.272), the seventh lowest batting average (.222) and the ninth lowest slugging percentage (.354)...also ranked sixth in strikeout-to-walk ratio (4.52) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in wins (8).

2014 START-BY-START: Was the winning pitcher in his first start, a 3-2 Cubs win at Pittsburgh *April* 3...retired 13 straight batters at one point...extended his season-opening winning streak to two games in a 7-5 win over Pittsburgh *April* 9...allowed three hits, all solo home runs...was charged with his first loss of the season in a 3-0 loss at New York (AL) on *April* 16...Tanaka and Kelly combined to shutout the Cubs on three hits...picked up his third win of the season in a 9-2 victory over Arizona *April* 22...shutout the Diamondbacks on three hits over the first five innings before allowing his only run in the sixth...combined with Pedro Strop and Hector Rondon on a three-hit shutout in the Cubs 4-0 win at Milwaukee *April* 27...tossed seven innings and allowed all three of the hits...had a no decision in a 5-4 loss to St. Louis *May* 4...left trailing 3-2 but the Cubs tied the game in the seventh before St. Louis scored twice in the ninth...had his second consecutive no decision in a 3-2, 10-inning loss at Atlanta *May* 9...left trailing 2-1 but the Cubs scored a run in the ninth to send the game

into extra innings...was the losing pitcher in a 5-3 loss at St. Louis May 15...allowed four runs in the second inning...won his fifth game of the season in a 6-1 over New York (AL) on *May 20...*shutout the Yankees on two hits over the first five innings and handed Tanaka his first career loss...was the losing pitcher in a 4-3 loss at San Diego May 25...did not allow a hit until Alonso singled to lead off the fifth...combined with Justin Grimm and Pedro Strop on a four-hit shutout in an 8-0 win at Milwaukee *May 31*...tossed seven innings and allowed all four hits...allowed just one base runner to advance into scoring position...tossed 7.0 shutout innings for the second consecutive start but had a no decision in the Cubs 5-3, 13-inning win over Miami *June* 6...the Cubs had a 3-0 lead entering the ninth inning but Rondon allowed three runs for the blown save...was the losing pitcher in a 4-2 loss at Pittsburgh June 11...allowed a two-run home run to McCutchen in the first inning to snap a 14.0-inning scoreless streak and a career-high 51.2-inning homerless streak...had a no decision a 5-4 win, 13-inning win at Miami *June 16*...was trailing 3-0 when the Cubs scored four times in the sixth...allowed the tying run to score in the bottom of the sixth...was the losing pitcher in a 2-1 loss to Pittsburgh *June 22*...left trailing 2-0...snapped his two-game losing streak in a 7-2 win over Washington June 27...allowed two runs in 6.1 innings...was the winning pitcher in his final start with the Cubs, a 7-2 win at Washington *July 4*...is now 8-0 against the Nationals in his career...was the losing pitcher in his first start with the A's, a 5-2 decision at San Francisco July 9...also took the loss in an 8-4 decision to Baltimore July 19 in Oakland...allowed five runs in just 2.0 innings, which was his shortest outing as a starter since April 16, 2010 at Atlanta (1.2 ip).

LAST START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 4-1 loss at Texas last Friday...did not allow a home run, snapping a streak of seven consecutive starts with at least one home run...yielded single runs in the second and third innings on RBI singles by Arencibia and Rios...the A's scored a run in the sixth to make the score 2-1 but he allowed two runs in the bottom of the sixth on a Beltre RBI single and an Adduci sacrifice fly.

	HAMMEL'S 2014 STARTS											
Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA*	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	HR	#PIT
		ITH CI	HICAG	O (NL)								
April 3	at Pittsburgh	3-2	W	1.35	6.2	2	1	1	1	5	0	98
April 9	Pittsburgh	7-5	W	2.63	7.0	3	3	3	1	6	3	96
April 16	at New York (AL)	0-3	L	3.05	7.0	5	3	3	3	5	1	104
April 22	Arizona	9-2	W	2.60	7.0	4	1	1	0	4	1	109
April 27	at Milwaukee	4-0	W	2.08	7.0	3	0	0	2	7	0	98
April Tot	tals (5 games, 5 star		4-1	2.08	34.2	17	8	8	7	27	5	
May 4	St. Louis	4-5		2.43	6.0	7	3	3	2	5	0	101
May 9	at Atlanta	2-3 (10)		2.45	7.0	7	2	2	1	5	0	112
May 15	at St. Louis	3-5	L	3.06	5.1	5	5	5	2	6	0	106
May 20	New York (AL)	6-1	W	2.91	5.2	4	1	1	1	6	0	92
May 25	at San Diego	3-4	L	3.08	5.2	3	3	3	2	5	0	90
May 31	at Milwaukee	8-0	W	2.78	7.0	4	0	0	0	8	0	110
May Tota	als (6 games, 6 start		2-2	3.44	36.2	30	14	14	8	35	0	
June 6	Miami	5-3 (13)		2.53	7.0	6	0	0	1	8	0	99
June 11	at Pittsburgh	2-4	L	2.81	5.0	11	4	4	2	6	1	93
June 16	at Miami	5-4 (13)		3.02	6.0	8	4	4	1	9	1	90
June 22	Pittsburgh	1-2	L	2.99	7.0	6	2	2	1	6	1	108
June 27	Washington	7-2	W	2.98	6.1	5	2	2	1	6	1	101
June Tot	tals (5 games, 5 star	rts)	1-2	3.45	31.1	36	12	12	6	35	4	
July 4	at Washington	7-2	W	2.98	6.0	5	2	2	2	7	1	92
CHICAG	O TOTALS (17 G, 17	7 GS)	8-5	2.98	108.2	88	36	36	23	104	10	
			WITH	OAKLA								
July 9	at San Francisco	2-5	L	3.60	5.0	6	3	2	3	3	1	99
July 19	Baltimore	4-8	L	9.00	2.0	6	5	5	2	2	2	58
July 25	at Texas	1-4	L	7.11	5.2	7	4	3	2	3	0	89
*indicate:	s ERA by league											

**HAMMEL vs. HOUSTON:** Is 2-1 with a 1.57 ERA (28.2 ip, 21 h, 8 r, 5 er, 6 bb, 15 so, 1 hr) in five career appearances, including four starts...the ERA is his lowest against any team...is 1-1 with a 0.61 ERA (1 er in 14.2 ip) in three games in his home ballparks and 1-0 with a 2.57 ERA (4 er in 14.0 ip) in two starts at Minute Maid Park...last faced the Astros on Sept. 24, 2011 at Houston and had a no decision in a 4-2 Colorado win in 13 innings...allowed single runs in the first two innings on a Martinez sacrifice fly and a Wallace home run...blanked the Astros on two hits over his final five innings and left with the scored tied 2-2.

		CARE	ER S	TAR	TS				CA	REER	Mat	CH	UPS		
DATE	H/A	DEC	IΡ	Н	R	ER	BB	S0		AVG.	AB	Н	HR	BB	S0
5/14/09	Н	L	5.1	7	4	1	0	4	Altuve	.333	3	1	0	0	0
6/4/09	Α	W	7.0	4	2	2	2	2	Corporan	.000	1	0	0	0	1
6/7/10	Н	W	7.1	6	0	0	3	3	Guzman	.000	3	0	0	0	2
9/24/11	Α		7.0	3	2	2	1	3							

HAMI	MEL	. B\	/ THI	E NI	JMBEF	RS
	W	L	FRA	G	IP	ER
2014	8	8	3.41	20	121.1	46
2013	7	8	4.97	26	139.1	77
Career	57	67	4.65	235	1110.2	574
Home	4	2	3.19	8	48.0	17
Road	4	6	3.56	12	73.1	29
Day	5	4	2.49	10	65.0	18
Night	3	4	4.47	10	56.1	28
Pre-ASB	8	6	3.01	18	113.2	38
Post-ASB	0	2	9.39	2	7.2	8
			AVG.		AB	н
vs. I HH			.244		180	44
vs. RHH			.233		270	63

HAMMEL'S	S CAREER HIGHS
Low Hit CG: IP:	1, 6/16/12 at ATL 9.0, 6/16/12 at ATL
Fewest IP, GS:	1.1, 7/30/09 at NYM
H:	12, 7/23/11 at ARI
R:	8 (twice), last: 6/27/12 vs. LAA
ER:	8 (twice), last: 6/27/12 vs. LAA
BB: 5 (fo	ur times), last: 7/28/13 vs. BOS
SO: 10 (thre	e times), last: 6/22/12 vs. WAS
HR:	4, 5/30/12 at TOR
Pitches:	118, 8/25/09 vs. LAD
Win Streak:	6, 5/27/10 to 7/10/10
Loss Streak:	6 (twice), last: 6/1/13 to 7/28/13
Scoreless Streak:	28.1, 6/1/10 to 6/24/10
Complete Games:	2, last: 6/16/12 at ATL
Shutouts:	1. 6/16/2 at ATL

# FRIDAY'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

RHP Sonny Gray (12-3, 2.65 ERA): Has matched his career high and the A's season high with a six-game winning streak...it also matches the longest active winning streak in the American League...has a 2.11 ERA and .218 opponents batting average during the winning streak...went 5-0 with a 1.03 ERA in five starts in July...is one of two pitchers in the majors to win five games in July and his ERA tied for third lowest in the majors...based on a minimum of 30.0 innings pitched, he had the lowest July ERA by an A's pitcher since at least 1914 and the sixth lowest single month ERA by any pitcher in Oakland history...is tied for the AL lead in wins (12), tied for third in winning percentage (.800), ranks fourth in opponents slugging percentage (.304), sixth in opponents batting average (.224) and seventh in ERA (2.65)...was the winning pitcher in his last start a 5-1 A's win at Texas last Saturday (6.2 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 4 bb, 5 so)...has never faced the Royals in his career.

# **ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS**

20-14, 2.96 ERA (108 er in 328.1 ip) Saves/Opportunities: 24-for-37 (64.9%)

- The A's bullpen has a 1.23 ERA (2 er in 14.2 ip) over its last six games after posting a 4.45 ERA over its previous nine games (14 er in 28.1 ip)...both runs over span have come via solo home runs.
- Is tied for second in the American League in wins (20) and is third in ERA (2.96)...ranks first in opponents on-base percentage (.279) and second in batting average (.223) and slugging percentage (.324).
- Has issued the fewest walks (86) among AL bullpens (second: Boston/Minnesota, 100)...has issued just 16 walks over its last 36 games and 116.1 innings (since June 16)...has allowed 1.24 walks per nine innings during span, the lowest rate among ML bullpens (second: Minnesota, 1.72).
- Relievers have converted five-straight save chances (since July 3) after converting 3 of 7 opportunities from June 21-30...have just three save chances since July 7 (17 games).

# **56 LHP FERNANDO ABAD**

Last Outing: 7/28 at Houston (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 3 so) Saves/Opportunities: 0-0 Inherited Runners/Scored: 17/0 First Hitters: 8-45, 3 bb, hbp

- Has allowed just four runs since May 18 (29 games, 24.1 ip, 1.48 ERA)...all four runs over span have come via solo home runs.
- Is tied for ninth in the AL in games pitched (49).
- Is sixth among AL relievers in WHIP (0.83) and eighth in opponents batting average (.168).
- Has stranded all 17 inherited runners...are the most inherited runners stranded in the AL without allowing one to score.
- Has allowed six extra-base hits (2 2b, 4 hr).
- Has a loss in four games against Houston this season (1 r in 5.0 ip)...are his only career appearances against the Astros.

Last Year: Began the season at Triple-A Syracuse and was 1-0 with a 1.06 ERA in 17 relief appearances...was promoted to Washington May 21 and went 0-3 with a 3.35 ERA in a career-high 39 relief appearances.

# **48 RHP RYAN COOK**

Last Outing: 7/27 at Texas (ND, 0.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so) Saves/Opportunities: 0-0 Inherited Runners/Scored: 14/6 First Hitters: 9-31, 3 bb

- Has thrown 14-straight scoreless outings (13.2 ip, 6 h, 3 bb, 9 so)...are his most consecutive games without allowing a run since -game stretch from Sept. 7, 2012 to Oct. 3, 2012 (15.0 ip)...is the fifth-longest active scoreless innings streak in the AL
- Has appeared in 22 games since coming off the DL June 3 (6 er in 21.0 ip. 2.57 ERA).
- Had a 0.96 ERA (1 er in 9.1 ip) in nine games in April, a 5.93 ERA in May and June combined (9 er in 13.2 ip) and has not allowed a run in July (10.1 ip).
- Righties are 11 for 74 (.149) with 26 strikeouts against him this season...lefties are 12 for 45 (.267) with five strikeouts.
- Has faced the Astros four times this season (0 r in 3.1 ip)...in his career, is 1-0 with a save in 13 games against Houston (12.1 ip, 8 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 17 so, 1.46 ERA).

Last Year: Was 6-4 with two saves and a 2.54 ERA in a team-leading 71 relief appearances...allowed just two home runs in 67.1 innings, an average of 0.27 per nine innings, which was fourth lowest among AL relievers.

# **62 LHP SEAN DOOLITTLE**

**Last Outing:** 7/29 at Houston (SV, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so) **Saves/Opportunities:** 16-19 Inherited Runners/Scored: 11/1 First Hitters: 6-46, sf

MOST SAVES, ATHLETICS LEFT-HANDER (season)

Alan Embree, 2007 Sean Doolittle, 2014

Brian Fuentes, 2011 Rick Honeycutt, 1989

Darold Knowles, 1972

- Strikeout-to-walk ratio of 17.25 is the among all Major League relievers (second: Uehara, 10.50).
- Has thrown six-straight scoreless outings (6.1 ip, 0 h, 2 bb, 8 so) since allowing six runs over a five-game stretch from June 28-July 6.
- From April 29-June 27, had a 24-outing,
  - 26.1-inning scoreless streak...is the second longest streak in the majors this season (Kershaw, 41.0)...allowed just six hits over streak, struck out 42 batters and allowed just one walk...is the fourth longest streak in Oakland history as a reliever.
- Is first among American League relievers in opponents on-base percentage (.175) and WHIP (0.64)...is second in the AL in strikeouts (69) and fifth in opponents batting average (.157).
- Has thrown 520 of 700 pitches for strikes (74.3%), which is the highest strike percentage in the majors (min. 100 pitches).
- Earned a four-out save July 13 at Seattle...was his only save of more than three outs so far this season and the third of his career (last: Sept. 13, 2013 at Texas).
- Has a loss and two saves in six games against Houston this year (4 er in 5.1 ip)...is 1-2 with three saves in 15 career games against
- the Astros (14.2 ip, 9 h, 6 r, 6 er, 3 bb, 16 so, 3.68 ERA). In his career, has allowed 6 of 65 (9.2%) inherited runners to score, the lowest percentage among active relievers (min. 50 IR).

Last Year: Went 5-5 with two saves and a 3.13 ERA in 70 games...allowed just 2-of-32 (6.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest mark in the majors...issued 13 walks in 69.0 innings (1.70 per nine innings).

#### RHP LUKE GREGERSON

Last Outing: 7/26 at Texas (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so) Saves/Opportunities: 3-9 Inherited Runners/Scored: 21/8 First Hitters: 9-46, 3 bb

- Has not allowed a run since June 25 at New York-NL, a span of 10 outings (9.2 ip, 8 h, 3 bb, 5 so)...22 of his last 24 outings have been scoreless (3 er in 25.1 ip, 1.07 ERA during stretch).
- Is tied for fourth in the AL with 16 holds.
- Has allowed 8 of 21 (38.1%) inherited runners to score, which is the seventh highest percentage in the AL...however, has stranded nine of his last 10 runners (since May 25).
- Is tied for ninth in the AL in games pitched (49)...his 412 games pitched since 2009 are the most in the majors over that span.
- Is 1-0 with a save in five games against Houston this year (0 er in 4.2 ip)...is 1-2 with a save in 15 career games against the Astros (14.0 ip, 9 h, 7 r, 7 er, 6 bb, 14 so, 4.50 ERA).

Last Year: Went 6-8 with four saves and a 2.71 ERA in a team-leading 73 games in his fifth and final season with San Diego...topped 70 games for the fourth time in the last five years.

# 39 LHP ERIC O'FLAHERTY

Last Outing: 7/27 at Texas (ND, 1.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so) Saves/Opportunities: 0-0 Inherited Runners/Scored: 2/0 First Hitters: 1-7

- His win July 18 vs. Baltimore was his first since April 16, 2013 vs. Kansas City...has not been charged with a loss since Aug. 14,
- **2011**, a span of 110 appearances (8-0 during stretch). Was reinstated off the 60-day DL July 3 (Tommy John surgery) and has pitched in seven games (8.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 so).
- Since 2011, lefties are 32 for 191 (.168) against him...righties are 92 for 377 (.244) during same span...however, four of his six hits allowed this season have come against left-handers.
- Has not faced Houston this season...has 12 career appearances against the Astros (11.2 ip, 9 h, 1 r, 1 er, 5 bb, 12 so, 0.77 ERA).
- Pitched in eight games during his minor league rehab assignment...his complete 2014 statistics with Sacramento and Stockton:

 
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Last Year: Went 3-0 with a 2.50 ERA in 19 games with Atlanta...allowed just 12 hits in 18.0 innings pitches and lefties went 3 for 21 against him (.143)...was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract with the A's on Jan. 22, 2014.

# **61 RHP DAN OTERO**

Last Outing: 7/29 at Houston (ND, 0.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so) Saves/Opportunities: 1-4 Inherited Runners/Scored: 35/14 First Hitters: 9-46, ibb, hbp, sf

- Is first among American League relievers in wins (7) and is second in innings pitched (61.0).
- Allowed just his third career home run Monday (in 112.1 ip)...is second among active relievers with a 0.24 HR/9 ip ratio (min. 100.0 ip).
- Has a 2.02 ERA (11 er in 49.0 ip) this season when pitching on two days rest or fewer and a 4.50 ERA (6 er in 12.0 ip) when pitching on three days rest or more...40 of his 49 games this season have
- been with two days of rest or fewer.
  Has thrown just 13.8 pitches per inning this season, which is the fourth lowest rate among qualifying relievers in the majors.
- Recorded his first career save June 19 vs. Boston in his 78th appearance...is now 1 for 5 in save opportunities in his career.
- Has allowed 14 of 35 inherited runners to score this season (40.0%)...is tied for the fifth highest percentage in the American League...35 inherited runners are tied for fifth most in the AL.
- Has a win in eight games against Houston this season (2 er in 6.1 ip)...is 1-0 in 10 games all-time against the Astros (8.0 ip, 13 h, 4 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 6 so, 3.38 ERA).

Last Year: Began the year at Triple-A Sacramento where he went 1-0 with 15 saves and a 0.99 ERA in 23 appearances...was promoted to Oakland June 14 and finished the season with the A's, going 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in 33 games.

# **58 RHP EVAN SCRIBNER**

**Last Outing:** 7/29 at Houston (W, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so) **Saves/Opportunities:** 0-0 Inherited Runners/Scored: 2/0 First Hitters: 1-6

- Last night, earned his first Major League win since Oct. 3, 2012 vs. Texas, which clinched the AL West title for the A's.
- Was recalled Thursday for his third stint with the A's this season...began the season with the A's and appeared in two games (0 r in 1.1 ip) before being optioned to Triple-A Sacramento on April 7...was recalled on June 17 but did not appear in a game before being optioned to Sacramento on June 20.
- Is 1-0 in three games against Houston this season (0 r in 3.0 ip)...has a win in five career games against the Astros (6.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 5 so, 1.50 ERA).
- Had the fourth most saves in the Pacific Coast League at the time of his promotion...his complete 2014 statistics with Sacramento:

  W L ERA G GS CG SHO SV IP H R ER BB SO
  Sacramento (AAA) 4 1 3.35 31 0 0 0 14 37.2 35 14 14 7 57
  Last Year: Spent most of the season with Triple-A Sacramento where he went

3-1 with a 2.22 ERA in 31 games...also appeared in 18 games over five stirts with the A's...went 0-0 with a 4.39 ERA and a .243 opponents batting average.

# **ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES**

#### 19 BILLY BURNS

Current Streak: 0 for 1 Houston Series: 0-1 Road Trip: 0-1

Career vs. Keuchel: 0-0 (---), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Was selected from Double-A Midland Monday and has appeared in each of the A's two games since then (one as pinch hitter, one as pinch runner).
- Is a .295 (387 for 1313) career hitter in 357 minor league games over four professional seasons, none above Double-A.
- Also has 193 walks for a .398 on-base percentage as a minor leaguer and has been successful in 176 of 198 stolen base attempts (88.9%).
- Ranked fourth among all of Minor League Baseball with 51 stolen bases at the time of his promotion...his complete 2014 statistics with Double-A Midland:

Midland (AA) .250 91 364 57 91 20 3 1 23 44 65 51 5 .330 .333

Last Year: Named Nationals Minor League Player of the Year after hitting .315 with 74 stolen bases between Single-A Potomac and Double-A Harrisburg...acquired via trade for Jerry Blevins, Dec. 11, 2013.

# 7 ALBERTO CALLASPO

Current Streak: 2 games (2 for 5) Houston Series: 2-5, 2 rbi Road Trip: 2-5, 2 rbi Career vs. Keuchel: 0-5 (.000), 0 hr, 1 bb, 1 so

- Was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list Sunday and is 2 for 5 (.400) with two RBI in two games since his return.
- Is batting .268 (51 for 190) against right-handed pitching compared to .175 (17 for 97) against left-handers.
- Is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the American League in grounded into double plays (14).
- Has started at least 10 games at four different positions (30 at designated hitter, 18 at second base, 16 at first base, 13 at third base)...is the first Athletic to start at least 10 games at four different positions since Jason Giambi in 1996 (43 in left field, 42 at first base, 38 at third base, 12 at designated hitter).
- Was placed on the DL July 12 with a right hamstring strain...was 1 for 5 in one game on a rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton Saturday, a start at second base (also appeared at third base).

Last Year: Was acquired by the A's from the Angels one day before the trading deadline and batted .270 with five home runs and 22 RBI in 50 games with Oakland...combined for a .258 batting average in 136 games overall.

#### **52 YOENIS CÉSPEDES**

Current Streak: 1 game (3 for 5) Houston Series: 3-8, r, 2 2b, 2 rbi, so, sb, sf Road Trip: 7-21, 3 r, 3 2b, hr, 6 rbi, 4 so, 2 sb, sf Career vs. Keuchel: 5-6 (.833), 0 hr, 0 bb, 1 so

- Recorded a season-high tying three hits last night (sixth time, last: June 11 at Los Angeles-AL)...including a career-high tying two doubles (eighth time, last: May 18, 2014 at Cleveland)...the doubles matched the most by an Athletic this season.
- Has recorded at least one RBI in each of his past six games (11 total) after driving in just one run over his previous 19 games.
- Is batting .357 (15 for 42) over his past 10 games but is 18 for 87 (.207) in the month of July.
- Is 12 for 31 (.387) with three home runs and 10 RBI in eight games against Houston.
- Has 12 outfield assists, which is tied for the most in the majors by an outfielder...since 2000, only one A's outfielder has more assists (Reddick, 15 in 2012)...now has 31 career assists, which ranks third in the majors since 2012.
- The A's are 63-34 with him in the starting lineup, 3-6 when he doesn't start...in his three seasons, the A's are 228-130 (.637) with him in the starting lineup, 28-44 (.389) without.
- Was named to his first AL All-Star team...also won the Home Run Derby for the second consecutive season, joining Ken Griffey, Jr. (1998-99) as the only players to win back-to-back derbies.

Last Year: Batted .240 with 26 home runs and 80 RBI in 135 games in his second season in the majors...the home runs were a career high but his batting average dropped 52 points from his .292 in 2012.

# 4 COCO CRISP

Current Streak: 0 for 5 Texas Series: 0-4 Last Homestand: 3-23, 4 r, rbi, 5 bb, 5 so, sf Career vs. Keuchel: 4-12 (.333), 0 hr, 3 bb, 1 so

- Has missed the past three games with a strained neck.
- Is 8 for 45 (.178) with 10 walks over his last 13 games but is batting .308 (44 for 143) with 29 runs scored and 25 walks over his last 40 contests.
- Has a .372 on-base percentage, which ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the American League and is 27 points above his career high (.345 in 2005)...is also tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the AL in walks (47).

Last Year: Hit a career-high 22 home runs and stole 21 bases to become the 10<sup>th</sup> player in Athletics history with 20 HR and 20 SB in a season...also had career highs in runs (93) and walks (61)...batted .261 in 131 games.

#### 20 JOSH DONALDSON

Current Streak: 4 games (5 for 16) Houston Series: 3-8, r, 2 2b, 2 rbi, bb Road Trip: 5-19, 3 r, 2 2b, hr, 3 rbi, 3 bb, so, gidp Career vs. Keuchel: 4-13 (.308), 0 hr, 1 bb, 2 so

- Is 17 for 56 (.304) with 12 RBI and 12 runs scored over his last 15 games...however, is batting .198 (33 for 167) with five home runs and 25 RBI over his last 43 games (since June 7) after hitting .280 with 17 home runs and 50 RBI over his first 60 contests.
- Is third in the AL in runs (71), tied for fifth in RBI (74) and go-ahead RBI (19) and is seventh in homers (22).
- His 22 home runs are two short of his career high from last year...13 of those have come with runners on base (nine two-run, four three-run), 11 have put the A's ahead and four have come in the ninth inning.
- Is 16 for 44 (.364) with four home runs and 14 RBI in 12 games against Houston...is a .360 (40 for 111) career hitter with six home runs and 23 RBI against the Astros...the RBI are his most against any team.
- Has committed 18 errors, which is an on-going career high and the most by an A's third baseman since Eric Chavez had 18 in 2000...ranks second among all Major League fielders in errors (Alvarez, PIT 22)...leads ML third basemen in total chances (339) and double plays (28).
- Was named to his first AL All-Star team and was the starting third baseman...became the fifth Athletic to start at third base in an All-Star Game...also participated in the home run derby.

Last Year: Batted .301 with 24 home runs and 93 RBI in 158 games...ranked sixth in the American League in on-base percentage (.384), tied for seventh in walks (76), ninth in slugging percentage (.499) and 10th in RBI.

#### **5 JOHN JASO**

Current Streak: 4 games (5 for 17)

Houston Series: 1-5, r

Road Trip: 5-17, 3 r, 2b, hr, 5 rbi, so

Career vs. Keuchel: 1-1 (1.000), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Is 20 for 55 (.364) with five doubles, two triples and 13 RBI over his last 16 games...is hitting .323 (32 for 99) over his last 28 contests.
- Has hit safely in each of his last 16 games when batting leadoff (24 for 62, .387), which dates back to May 9...it is the longest hitting streak by an A's leadoff hitter since Terrence Long had a 17-game streak from June 10-29, 2000.
- Has made 66 starts, all against right-handed pitching...is batting .295 (70 for 237) with all eight of his home runs and 33 of his 38 RBI against righties...is 4 for 23 (.174) against lefties...has made each of his 121 starts in two seasons with the A's against righties.
- Is batting .331 (48 for 145) in 47 games as a catcher and .202 (21 for 104) in 29 games at designated hitter.
- Is 6 for 13 (.462) with two doubles, two home runs, three RBI and three walks as a pinch hitter...leads American League pinch hitters in extra base hits (4), is tied for the lead in doubles and home runs, third in hits and tied for third in walks...since 2010, he leads AL pinch hitters in hits (17) and walks (17).
- Has three triples, which is one short of the Oakland record for a catcher (Mike Heath, 4 in 1982 and 1985).
- Has tossed out 3 of 28 (10.7%) attempted base stealers.

Last Year: Batted .271 with three home runs and 21 RBI in 70 games in a season that ended July 25 after suffering a concussion...added 38 walks for a .387 on-base percentage, which was fifth best in the AL (min. 200 PA).

## **8 JED LOWRIE**

Current Streak: 0 for 3 Houston Series: 2-7, 2 r, 3b, 3 bb, 2 so Road Trip: 3-15, 3 r, 2b, 3b, 4 bb, 3 so Career vs. Keuchel: 5-16 (.313), 0 hr, 0 bb, 4 so

- Is batting .342 (25 for 73) with 12 runs scored, six doubles, one triple, nine RBI and nine multiple-hit games over his last 19 games.
- Is tied for seventh in the American League in sacrifice flies (6) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in doubles (26).
- Is batting .347 (17 for 49) against Houston this season and .316 (37 for 117) in his career.
- Batted .298 over his first 23 games, .180 over a 51-game stretch from April 26 to June 25 and is hitting .311 (32 for 103) with 12 multiple-hit games in 25 games since then.

Last Year: Batted .290 with 45 doubles, 15 home runs and 75 RBI in 154 games...set an Athletics record for doubles by a switch hitter and an Oakland record for hits by a switch-hitter (175)...ranked second in the AL in doubles.

#### **37 BRANDON MOSS**

Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 5)
Houston Series: 1-8, r, rbi, bb, 2 so
Road Trip: 3-20, r, rbi, 2 bb, 4 so
Career vs. Keuchel: 1-6 (.167), 0 hr, 0 bb, 2 so

- Snapped his 0 for 14 streak with the go-ahead RBI single in the ninth inning last night.
- Had his career-high 10-game hitting streak snapped Sunday...was 10 for 41 (.244) with four home runs and eight RBI during the hitting streak.
- Hit his third grand slam of the season and his career Thursday...is
  the sixth player in Oakland history and the 10<sup>th</sup> in Athletics history
  with at least three grand slams in a season...the record is four by
  Jason Giambi in 2000...leads the majors in grand slams and is tied
  for the lead in RBI with the bases loaded (17)
- Ranks sixth in the American League in home runs (23), seventh in RBI (72), and ninth in slugging percentage (.505)...is also tied for fifth in hit by pitches (7).
- Has hit 13 of his 23 home runs with runners on base (seven tworun, three three-run, three grand slams)...19 have come off righthanders and 17 have come at night.
- Has started games at four different positions (43 at first base, 26 in right field, 17 in left field, seven at designated hitter).
- · Was named to his first AL All-Star team

**Last Year:** Led the A's with 30 home runs and finished second with 87 RBI despite spending most of the season in a platoon...ranked sixth in the AL in slugging percentage (.522) and tied for eighth in home runs.

#### **36 DEREK NORRIS**

Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 8) Houston Series: 3-8, r, rbi, bb Road Trip: 3-12, r, rbi, bb, so Career vs. Keuchel: 5-11 (.455), 0 hr, 1 bb, 3 so

- Is batting .319 (29 for 91) with 13 walks (.404 on-base percentage) over his last 31 games dating back to June 6.
- Has a .399 on-base percentage for the season, which is second best in the American League among players with 200 or more plate appearances (Bautista, TOR .418).
- Is hitting .360 (32 for 89) against left-handed pitchers compared to .259 (35 for 135) against right-handers...ranks second in the majors in RBI off left-handers (25)...has hit five of his nine home runs this year and 16 of 25 in his career off lefties.
- Is batting .377 (26 for 69) with runners in scoring position.
- Has the second lowest catchers ERA in the majors (3.15) but has the second lowest caught stealing percentage (5 of 37, 13.5%).
- Has career-highs in hits (67), RBI (40) and walks (38) and has matched his best in home runs (9).
- Is 13 for 27 (.481) against Houston this season and is a .339 (19 for 56) career hitter against the Astros.
- Is 4 for 12 (.333) with a double, home run, five RBI and three walks as a pinch hitter...is tied for the lead among AL pinch hitters in RBI, tied for second in extra base hits (2) and tied for third in home runs and walks...has four career pinch hit home runs, which is one short of the Oakland record of five.
- Is hitting .308 (94 for 305) in 111 games since the 2013 All-Star Break after batting .204 over the first 126 games of his career.
- Was named to his first AL All-Star team...went 1 for 2 and scored the winning run while catching four innings.

Last Year: Hit .246 in 98 games with the A's, which was a 45-point improvement over his rookie season average of .201 in 2012...added nine home runs and 30 RBI...walked 37 times for a .345 on-base percentage.

# 1 NICK PUNTO

Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3) Houston Series: 1-3, bb Road Trip: 1-7, bb Career vs. Keuchel: 0-2 (.000), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Is 7 for 61 (.115) over his last 23 games.
- Is hitting .155 (18 for 116) at night compared to .305 (18 for 59) during the day.
- Has appeared in 43 games at second base (32 starts), 15 at shortstop (10 starts), two at third base and one in right field.
- Is 0 for 12 with a walk as a pinch hitter this year and is a .177 (17 for 96) career hitter in the pinch.

Last Year: Spent the entire season with Los Angeles (NL) and hit .255 with two home runs and 21 RBI in 116 games...the games played were his most since 2009...batted .309 against left-handed pitching, .228 against right-handers.

# 16 JOSH REDDICK

Current Streak: 1 game (2 for 4)
Houston Series: 2-7, 2 r, 2b, hr, rbi
Road Trip: 6-18, 3 r, 2b, 2 hr, 3 rbi
Career vs. Keuchel: 1-8 (.125), 0 hr, 1 bb, 2 so

- Recorded a season-high tying three hits Sunday (fifth time, last: June 27 at Miami).
- Was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list July 22 and is 10 for 28 (.357) with seven runs scored, four doubles, two home runs and four RBI in eight games since his return.

- Is batting .287 (41 for 143) against right-handed pitching compared to .156 (10 for 64) against left-handers.
- Is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the American League in triples (4).
- Is hitting .290 (38 for 131) at night compared to .171 (13 for 76) during the day.
- Is 16 for 40 (.400) with two home runs and six RBI in 12 games against Houston.
- Went 9 for 21 (.429) with six runs, two doubles, three home runs, eight RBI, one walk and six strikeouts on a five-game rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton from July 14-21 (four in right field, one at designated hitter).
- Was placed on the DL June 29 with a right knee strain...it was his second stint on the DL this season...was out from June 1-23 with a hyperextended right knee...appeared in four games between injuries (5 for 11, .455).

Last Year: Batted .226 with 12 home runs and 56 RBI in 114 games in a season interrupted by two stints on the disabled list with a sprained right wrist...the home runs were 20 fewer than his 32 from 2012.

### 28 ERIC SOGARD

Current Streak: 0 for 5 Houston Series: 0-3 Road Trip: 3-12, 4 r, 2b, so Career vs. Keuchel: 1-2 (.500), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Is 7 for 23 (.304) with seven runs and three walks over his last seven games after going 4 for 35 (.114) over his previous 22 contests from June 3 to July 12.
- Doubled in back-to-back games Saturday and Sunday to snap a 29-game streak in which he did not record an extra-base hit.
- Has made 53 of his 55 starts against right-handed pitching...is batting .217 (34 for 157) against righties, .091 (2 for 22) against lefties.
- Is batting .253 (20 for 79) at home compared to .160 (16 for 100) on the road.
- Has a career-high 106-game homerless streak...his last home run was July 21, 2013 at Los Angeles (AL).

Last Year: Batted .266 with two home runs and 35 RBI in 130 games in his first full Major League season...made 104 of his 110 starts against right-handed pitchers...hit .274 against right-handers, .230 against left-handers.

### 21 STEPHEN VOGT

Current Streak: 0 for 6 Houston Series: 2-9, r, 2b, hr, rbi, ibb, so Road Trip: 7-22, 2 r, 3 2b, hr, 2 rbi, ibb, 2 so Career vs. Keuchel: 0-0 (---), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

> MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING LEADERS

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 Is batting .375 (33 for 88) over his last 24 games after hitting .317 over his first 21 contests.

# Is hitting .365 (46 for 126) against right-handed pitching compared to .280 (7 for 25) against left-handers.

- Is batting .394 (37 for 94) at night, .281 (16 for 57) during the day.
- for 57) during the day.

   Has started 36 games at five different
- positions (13 in right field, 12 at first base, eight at catcher, three at designated hitter, one in left field).
- Has tossed out both of his attempted base stealers.
- Is 2 for 5 (.400) with a double and two RBI as a pinch hitter...was 0 for 12 as a pinch hitter entering the season.
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento June 1 after hitting .364 with three home runs and 19 RBI in 21 games with the River Cats.

Last Year: Spent most of the season at Triple-A Sacramento where he was named to the Pacific Coast League Postseason All-Star Team at catcher...also had two stints with the A's and batted .252 with 4 HR and 16 RBI in 47 games.

# A's vs. HOUSTON

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.128	39	5	1	6	Crisp	.253	99	25	5	16
.364	44	16	4	14	Donaldson	.360	111	40	6	23
.222	27	6	0	3	Jaso	.303	66	20	2	11
.347	49	17	2	8	Lowrie	.316	117	37	5	20
.233	43	10	2	9	Moss	.221	145	32	4	24
.481	27	13	0	4	Norris	.339	56	19	0	5
.348	23	8	0	0	Punto	.350	60	21	1	8
.400	40	16	2	6	Reddick	.295	88	26	3	12
.217	23	5	0	0	Sogard	.256	78	20	0	4
.250	20	5	1	4	Vogt	.222	36	8	1	5
.265	34	9	0	4	others					
.300	434	130	17	77	TOTALS					

# 2014 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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Player	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Tot.	Date	Opponent	Pitcher	GP Since
Blanks	2	0	0	0	2	May 31, 2014	Los Angeles (AL)	Skaggs	12
Burns	0	0	0	0	0	*			1
Callaspo	0	2	1	0	3	April 24, 2014	at Houston	Oberholtzer	66
Céspedes	12	2	3	0	17	July 26, 2014	at Texas	Tepesch	3
Crisp	5	1	1	0	7	July 2, 2014	Detroit	Verlander	12
Donaldson .	9	9	4	0	22	July 26, 2014	at Texas	Adcock	3
Gentry	0	0	0	0	0	Aug. 21, 2013	Houston	Bedard	101
Jaso	5	3	0	0	8	July 26, 2014	at Texas	Tepesch	2
Lowrie	5	0	0	0	5	July 23, 2014	Houston	Peacock	5
Moss	10	7	3	3	23	July 24, 2014	Houston	Bass	5
Norris	3	0	5	1	9	July 18, 2014	Baltimore	Tillman	6
Punto	1	1	0	0	2	July 14, 2014	at Seattle	Beimel	5
Reddick	2	3	0	1	6	July 29, 2014	at Houston	Feldman	
Sogard	0	0	0	0	0	July 21, 2013	at Los Angeles (AL)	Williams	106
Vogt	4	1	0	0	5	July 28, 2014	at Houston	Oberholtzer	1
others	0	1	1	0	2	•			
Team	58	30	18	5	111				

**HOME RUN BREAKDOWN** 

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Player	Category	No.	Needs
Callaspo	Games	954	46 for 1000
Cook	Games	188	12 for 200
Crisp	Triples (w/OAK)	20	1 for 21 (ties Monday and Page for 10th in Oakland history)
	Steals	294	6 for 300
	Steals (w/OAK)	157	15 for 172 (ties Baker for 9th in Athletics history)
Jaso	Games	464	36 for 500
Moss	Hits	446	54 for 500
	Doubles	96	4 for 100
	Home Runs	89	11 for 100
O'Flaherty	Games	380	20 for 400
Otero	Games	94	6 for 100
Reddick	Games	475	25 for 500
	Doubles	80	20 for 100
Samardzija	Games Started	88	12 for 100

# A's AT A GLANCE

Season High 65-39/66-4 Season Low 0-1/1-2/2-3 (March	0 (July 27/July 29) 31/April 2/April 5)
April	18-9
May	16-12
June	17-9
July	15-9
August	0-0
September	0-0
Home Series	12-3-1
Road Series	10-5-3
Series Sweeps	9-3
First Game of Series	19-16
Last Game of Series	23-11
A's Score First	44-11
Opponent Scores First	22-29
Leading After 7th	49-5
Leading After 8th	52-4
Tied After 7th	6-6
Tied After 8th	8-4
Trailing After 7th	11-29
Trailing After 8 <sup>th</sup>	6-32
Commit No Errors	32-22
Commit 1 or More Errors	34-18
More HR Than Opp.	33-3
Fewer HR Than Opp.	8-22
Same Total HR of Opp.	25-15
Starter Pitches 7 or More	26-7
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	40-33
When Scoring 4 or More	55-12
When Scoring Less Than 4	11-28
Last At Bat	18-11
Replay Challenges	12-8
Different Lineups	91

# **WALK-OFF WINS (7)**

Coco Crisp, April 3 vs. Seattle (home run) Josh Reddick, April 19 vs. Houston (single) John Jaso, May 10 vs. Washington (double) Josh Donaldson, May 28 vs. Detroit (home run) Coco Crisp, June 21 vs. Boston (single) Nick Punto, July 4 vs. Toronto (double and error) Josh Donaldson, July 18 vs. Baltimore (home run)

# **DISABLED LIST**

Player	Injury	Dates Gan	nes Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Blanks	Left calf strain	June 23-present (eligible July	y 8) 30	Griffin	Flexor muscle strain	March 21-present	106
Callaspo	Right hamstring strain	July 12-26	10	O'Flaherty	Tommy John surgery	Feb. 17-July 1	84
Cook	Right shoulder tendinitis	March 21-April 6	6	Parker	Tommy John surgery	March 20-present	106
Cook	Right forearm strain	May 8-June 2	22	Pomeranz	Fractured right hand	June 17-July 12	24
Elmore	Strained left quad	March 28-June 15	69	Reddick	Hyperextended right knee	June 1-23	20
Gentry	Lower back strain	March 21-April 11	10	Reddick	Strained right knee	June 29-July 21	18
Gentry	Broken right hand	July 28-present (eligible Aug	. 12) 2	Rodriguez	Tommy John surgery	March 21-April 28	26

The A's have used the disabled list 14 times this season...used the DL 13 times in 2013.

# **RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

June 9 June 11 Kent Matthes outrighted to Midland Eric O'Flaherty transferred to Sacramento

May 9	Fernando Rodriguez and Joe Savery recalled from Sacramento; Dan Straily optioned to Sacramento; Ryan Cook placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May (strained right forearm)
May 15	8 (strained right forearm)  Kyle Blanks acquired from San Diego for minor leaguer Jake Goebbert and a player to be named later; Daric Barton designated for assignment
May 17	Daric Barton cleared waivers and outrighted to Sacramento
May 18	Jeff Francis claimed off waivers from Cincinnati; Joe Savery optioned to Sacramento; Jake Elmore transferred to the 60-day disabled list
May 28	Minor leaguer Ronald Herrera sent to San Diego as the player to be named later in the May 15 trade
May 31	Ryan Cook sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
June 1	Stephen Vogt recalled from Sacramento; Fernando Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento
June 3	Ryan Cook reinstated from the 15-day disabled list; Josh Reddick placed on the 15- day disabled list retroactive to June 1
June 6	(hyperextended right knee) Justin Marks acquired from Kansas City for cash considerations and optioned to Sacramento; Kent Matthes designated for assignment; Eric O'Flaherty sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment

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Jake Elmore sent to Sacramento on a rehab

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June 13	Alberto Callaspo placed on the paternity list;
	Andy Parrino recalled from Sacramento
June 16	Alberto Callaspo reinstated from the
	paternity list; Andy Parrino optioned to
	Sacramento; Marcus Walden outrighted to
	Midland; Jake Elmore reinstated from the
	disabled list and optioned to Sacramento
June 17	Drew Pomeranz placed on the 15-day
	disabled list (fractured right hand); Evan
	Scribner recalled from Sacramento
June 18	Josh Reddick sent to Sacramento on a
	rehab assignment
June 20	Brad Mills selected from Sacramento; Evan
	Scribner optioned to Sacramento; Justin
	Marks claimed off waivers by Texas
June 24	Josh Reddick reinstated from the disabled
	list; Kyle Blanks placed on the 15-day
	disabled list retroactive to June 23 (left calf
	strain)
June 29	Josh Reddick placed on the 15-day disabled
	list (right knee strain); Nate Freiman recalled
	from Sacramento
July 3	Eric O'Flaherty reinstated from the disabled
	list; Jeff Francis designated for assignment
July 5	Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel
	acquired from the Chicago Cubs for Dan
	Straily and minor leaguers Addison Russell,
	Billy McKinney and a player to be named
	later or cash; Nick Buss designated for
	assignment; Tommy Milone optioned to
	Sacramento

July 7	Brad Mills designated for assignment; Kenny Wilson claimed off waivers from Toronto and optioned to Sacramento; Nick Buss outrighted to Sacramento
July 11	Jeff Francis and cash considerations traded to the New York Yankees for a player to be named later
July 12	Alberto Callaspo placed on the 15-day disabled list (right hamstring strain); Andy Parrino recalled from Sacramento; Drew Pomeranz sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
July 13	Drew Pomeranz reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento
July 14	Josh Reddick sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
July 17	Brad Mills claimed off waivers by Toronto
July 20	Andy Parrino optioned to Sacramento (following game)
July 22	Josh Reddick reinstated from the disabled list
July 24	Evan Scribner recalled from Sacramento, Jim Johnson designated for assignment
July 25	Deck McGuire acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays for cash considerations and optioned to Sacramento
July 26	Alberto Callaspo sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
July 27	Alberto Callaspo reinstated from the disabled list; Nate Freiman optioned to Sacramento
July 28	Craig Gentry placed on the 15-day disabled list (broken right hand); Billy Burns selected from Midland; Kenny Wilson designated for assignment