

## **OAKLAND ATHLETICS NEWS CLIPS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

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By John Hickey, Oakland Tribune

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By John Hickey, Oakland Tribune

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By John Hickey, Oakland Tribune

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By Carl Steward, Oakland Tribune

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by John Hickey, Oakland Tribune

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By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

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By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

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By Ron Kroichick, San Francisco Chronicle

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By Al Saracevic, San Francisco Chronicle

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By Ann Killion, San Francisco Chronicle

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By Susan Slusser, San Francisco Chronicle

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By Jane Lee, mlb.com

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By John Schlegel, mlb.com

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By Phil Barber, Santa Rosa Press Democrat

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By Ken Rosenthal, Jon Paul Morosi, Rob Neyer, Gabe Kapler, C.J. Nitkowski, foxsports.com

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