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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (97-65) VS. TAMPA BAY RAYS (96-66)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019 — OAKLAND COLISEUM

WILD CARD WORKOUT DAY

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's finished the season with a 97-65 (.599) record for the second consecutive year...had the fourth best record in the American League, tied for fifth best in the majors and tied for ninth best in Oakland history...it was the third time in Oakland history (1988-90 and 2001-02) and fifth time in Athletics history (1910-11 and 1928-31) the A's won at least 97 games in at least two straight seasons...have 194 wins over the last two seasons, which is fourth most in the majors... have won at least 90 games in each of the last two years, four of the last eight and 10 of the last 20...only the Yankees (15), Red Sox (13), Cardinals (11) and Braves (11) have more 90-win seasons over the last 20 last years.

A'S IN POSTSEASON PLAY: The A's return to the post-season for the second consecutive season, fifth time in the last eight years and 10th time in the last 20 seasons...over the last eight years, only the Dodgers (7) have more than five postseason appearances and over the last 20 seasons only the Yankees (16), Cardinals (13), Dodgers (11) and Braves (11) have more than 10...this is the 28th postseason appearance in franchise history, which includes 20 with Oakland and eight with Philadelphia...that is fourth most all-time...have reached the postseason for the fourth time as the American League Wild Card, the third time in the two wild card era.

THE WILD CARD: This will be the A's third appearance in the Wild Card game...lost 7-2 at New York last year and 9-8 in 12 innings at Kansas City in 2014...now have an eight-game losing streak in winner-take-all postseason games, which is the longest such streak in Major League history...the last time Oakland won a winner-take-all postseason game was Game 7 of the 1973 World Series, a 5-2 win over New York...dating back to 2000, the A's have now lost 14 of their last 15 postseason games with a chance to clinch the series...have won just one of their last 12 postseason series (includes one-game wild card games), the 2006 ALDS against Minnesota...won 11 of their first 15 postseason series in Oakland through the 1990 ALCS.

POSTSEASON IN OAKLAND: The A's will play their first postseason game in Oakland since Game 5 of the 2013 ALDS on Oct. 10, a 3-0 loss to Detroit... have a 31-26 (.544) postseason record in the Coliseum and the 57 games are the fourth most postseason games in any ballpark.

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: Of the 35 players on the A's active roster at the end of the regular season, 18 have postseason experience...10 of those played for the A's in the Wild Card game last year and six others were on the roster...Brett Anderson and Joakim Soria lead the way with three years of experience...five players have two (Bailey, Diekman, Hendriks, Piscotty, Treinen) and 11 have one (Canha, Chapman, Davis, Fiers, Grossman, Laureano, Olson, Petit, Profar, Semien, Trivino).

THE MIDDLE OF JUNE: The A's were 37-36 (.507) at the conclusion of play on June 16 but then went 60-29 (.674) from June 17 through the end of the season, which was the best record in the majors...last year, the A's were 34-36 (.486) through June 15 but then went 63-29 (.685) from June 16 through the end of the season, which was the best record in the majors.

OFFENSE: The A's set franchise records with 257 home runs and 572 extra base hits...ranked fourth in the AL in home runs and fifth in runs (845), walks (578), extra base hits, OPS (.776), on-base percentage (.327) and slugging percentage (.448)...were hit by a pitch 87 times, which led the AL, ranked third in the majors and fell one short of the record of the Athletics record of 88 set in 2001...had a run differential of +165, which was fourth best in the AL, fifth best in the majors and third best in Oakland history...the runs were fifth most in Oakland history and the most since 2001 (884)...struck out 1338 times, which was fifth fewest in the AL but fourth most in Athletics history.

THE LONG BALL: The A's hit 257 home runs, which was fifth most in the majors in 2019 but tied for eighth most in Major League history...had a franchise

OAKLAND A'S BEST RECORDS			
	W	L	PCT
1988	104	58	.642
2002	103	59	.636
1990	103	59	.636
2001	102	60	.630
1971	101	60	.627
1989	99	63	.611
1975	98	64	.605
1972	93	62	.600
2019	97	65	.599
2018	97	65	.599

MLB POSTSEASON BESTS	
MOST POSTSEASONS	
55	Yankees
33	Dodgers
29	Cardinals
28	Athletics
26	Giants
MOST WINS	
232	Yankees
130	Cardinals
107	Dodgers
102	Red Sox
98	Giants
82	Athletics
GAMES BY BALLPARK	
161	Yankee Stadium I
86	Dodger Stadium
83	Fenway Park
57	Oakland Coliseum
53	Busch Stadium II

record seven players hit 20 or more home runs and the A's are one of 11 teams in Major League history with seven or more players with 20 or more home runs...only the Twins, with eight this year, had more...also set a franchise record with 10 players with 10 or more home runs and tied the record with three players with 30 or more home runs...won just seven games when going homerless, which tied for second fewest in the majors to Seattle (5).

PITCHING: The A's compiled a 3.97 ERA, which ranked fourth in the American League...also ranked third in opponents OPS (.712) and slugging percentage (.404) and fourth in batting average (.242) and on-base percentage (.308)... set a franchise record with 1299 strikeouts, breaking the previous mark of 1244 set in 2014...however, had the fourth fewest strikeouts in the AL...sur-rendered 201 home runs, which was third fewest in the AL but fourth most in Athletics history.

STARTING PITCHING: A's starting pitchers went 68-37 with a 4.02 ERA...the 68 wins were second most in the majors to Houston (79)...ranked third in the American League in opponents slugging percentage (.417) and fourth in ERA, OPS (.724), batting average (.249) and on-base percentage (.307)...tossed 886.0 innings, which were fourth most in the AL and the most by an A's team since 2015 (935.2).

THE BULLPEN: The A's bullpen compiled a 3.89 ERA, which was fourth lowest in the American League...had the lowest opponents OPS (.699) and slugging percentage (.385) and ranked third in opponents batting average (.232) and on-base percentage (.308)...however, had a Major League leading and Oakland record 30 blown saves...converted 45-of-75 (60.0%) save opportunities... ranked fifth in the AL in saves but had the fifth lowest save percentage.

DEFENSIVE DOINGS: The A's set an Athletics record for fewest errors in a season with 80...broke the previous mark of 81 set in 1981 when they played just 109 games in the strike-shortened season...had a .987 fielding percentage, which broke the previous franchise record of .986 set in 2006...the errors led to a Major League-low 34 unearned runs, which was also the fewest in Athletics history (39 in 1981)...ranked third in the American League in fewest errors and had the fifth fewest double plays (123).

CLOSE CALLS: The A's were 27-22 (.551) in one-run games...led the American League in one-run wins, tied for the lead in games (49) and had the fourth best record...went 48-35 (.578) in games decided by two runs or fewer...the 83 games were second most in the majors to Cincinnati (89) and it marked just the third time over the last 36 years more than half of the A's games were decided by two runs or fewer (84 in 2006 and 2015)...had 10 walk-off wins, which tied Tampa Bay for the most in the AL...however, had 10 walk-off losses, which tied Baltimore and Detroit for the most in the AL and tied for fourth most in Oakland history...had 11 losses when leading after seven innings, which tied the Cubs for the most in the majors.

IN THE PINCH: A's pinch hitters batted .235 (23-for-98) with seven doubles, a triple, five home runs, 25 RBI and 15 walks...had 13 extra base hits, which tied the Oakland record set in 1968...the five home runs tied for third most in Oakland history and the 25 RBI were the most since 1990 (26)...led the American League in RBI, tied for the lead in home runs, ranked second in hits, doubles and extra base hits and third in OPS (.824) and slugging (.480).

HOME AND AWAY: The A's went 52-29 (.642) at home compared to 45-36 (.556) on the road...had the third best home record in the American League, fourth best in the majors and tied for seventh best in Oakland history...had a winning record at home for the third consecutive season...the road record tied for the fourth best in the AL and tied for eighth best in Oakland history...had a winning record on the road for the second consecutive season... compiled a 3.56 ERA at home compared to 4.40 on the road...had the second lowest home ERA in the AL.

THE INJURED LIST: The A's used the injured list 17 times, which was their fewest since using it 13 times in 2013...the 17 IL placements tied Houston for second fewest in the majors to Kansas City (13).

A's vs. RAYS: The A's and Rays will meet for the first time in the postseason... Oakland won the season series during the regular season this year, 4-3... it was the A's first season series win since 2016 (5-2)...won two of three at Tampa Bay from June 10-12 and then split a four-game series in Oakland from June 20-23...all-time, the A's are 109-76 (.589) against the Rays, which is their best record against any American League team...are 60-32 (.652) in Oakland and 49-44 at Tropicana Field...the mark in the Coliseum is the A's best record against any AL team.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Wed., October 2 vs. Tampa Bay LHP Sean Manaea (4-0, 1.21) vs. RHP Charlie Morton (16-6, 3.05) 5:09 ESPN/KTRB 860 AM

World Champions: 1910•1911•1913•1929•1930•1972•1973•1974•1989
American League Champions: 1902•1905•1910•1911•1913•1914•1929•1930•1931•1972•1973•1974•1988•1989•1990

ATHLETICS PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

SETH BROWN

- Was batting .297 with 37 home runs and 104 RBI in 112 games with Las Vegas when he was selected by Oakland Aug. 26...went on to hit .293 with no home runs and 13 RBI in 26 games with the A's.
- Ranked second in all of minor league baseball in home runs (39) and tied for third most in Oakland history by a minor leaguer.

RYAN BUCHTER

- Compiled a 2.98 ERA in 64 relief appearances in his second season with the A's...however, yielded a career-high .251 opponents batting average after entering the season with a .185 average in his career.

MARK CANHA

- Started games at five different positions and batted a career-high .273 with a career-high 26 home runs and 58 RBI in 126 games.
- Was hit by a pitch a career-high 18 times, which tied for second in the American League and was fourth most in Athletics history.
- Started 55 games in center field, 25 in right field, 13 at designated hitter, 11 at first base, eight in left field...the A's had a 75-37 (.670) record with him in the starting lineup, 22-28 (.440) when he didn't start.

MATT CHAPMAN

- Had career highs in runs (102), home runs (36), RBI (91), walks (73) and extra base hits (75) in his third season in the majors.
- Tied for sixth in the American League in extra base hits and tied for seventh in home runs and games played (156)
- Set an Athletics record for home runs by a third baseman, breaking the previous mark of 32 by Eric Chavez in 2001...led AL third basemen in home runs and was second in RBI.
- Led the AL in home runs in the seventh inning or later (17), ranked second in go-ahead home runs (17) and tied for 10th in go-ahead RBI (23).
- Led Major League third basemen in fielding percentage (.981), total chances (466), putouts (146) and defensive runs saved (17)...his fielding percentage was second best in Oakland history by a third baseman to Eric Chavez and third in Athletics history to Hank Majeski.

KHRIS DAVIS

- Was off to a strong start as he batted .247 with 12 home runs and 29 RBI over his first 43 games before going on the injured list retroactive to May 22 with a left hip/oblique contusion...was reinstated June 1 and hit .207 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI over his final 90 games.
- Had 23 home runs and 73 RBI in 133 games overall...it was his sixth consecutive season with 20 or more home runs and he is one of nine Major Leaguers with 20 or more home runs in each of the last six seasons.

JAKE DIEKMAN

- Began the season with Kansas City and was 0-6 with a 4.75 ERA in 48 relief appearances when he was traded to Oakland on July 27...went 1-1 with a 4.43 ERA in 28 games with the A's and had a 4.65 ERA in a career-high 76 relief appearances overall...ranked second in the American League in games pitched.

ROBBIE GROSSMAN

- Played in a career-high 138 games in his first season as an Athletic and batted .240 with six home runs and 38 RBI.
- Made 95 of his 103 starts against right-handed pitchers and batted .250 (92-for-368) with five of his six home runs against right-handers compared to .173 (9-for-52) against left-handers.
- Led American League pinch hitters in RBI (7), ranked second in plate appearances (25) and tied for third in hits (5) and walks (4).

LIAM HENDRIKS

- Began the season as a set-up man and occasional opener but took over the closer role after Blake Treinen went on the injured list retroactive to June 21...saved a Major League leading 25 games over that span.
- Led the A's and ranked seventh in the American League in saves
- Struck out a career-high 124 batters in 85.0 innings and his average of 13.13 strikeouts per nine innings was the highest in Athletics history among pitchers with eight or more innings pitched...122 of his strikeouts came as a reliever, which set an Athletics record for strikeouts by a reliever, breaking the mark of 115 set by Rollie Fingers in 1975...ranked second among Major League relievers in strikeouts in 2019 (Hader, MIL 138).

RAMON LAUREANO

- Batted .288 with 24 home runs and 67 RBI in 123 games in a season interrupted by a five-week stay on the IL with a right lower leg stress reaction
- Despite missing 32 games while on the IL, he tied for third among American League outfielders with 10 assists...now has 19 assists in 169 career games in the outfield since making his Major League debut on Aug. 3, 2018, which are the most by any ML outfielder over that span.

JESÚS LUZARDO

- Had his season interrupted twice by a strained left shoulder but, after going 2-1 with a 2.51 ERA and .221 opponents batting average in 11 games (nine starts) with three minor league teams, he was selected by Oakland on Sept. 9 after Las Vegas concluded its season...had no decisions, two saves, a 1.50 ERA and .119 opponents batting average in six relief appearances in his Major League debut.

SEAN MURPHY

- Played in just 41 minor league games due to two stints on the injured list with a strained left knee and combined for a .293 batting average with 11 home runs and 31 RBI in 41 games with Triple-A Las Vegas and both of the A's affiliates in the AZL...was selected by Oakland on Sept. 1 when rosters

expanded and hit .245 with four home runs and eight RBI in 20 games...started 13 of the A's 26 games at catcher following his promotion.

SHELDON NEUSE

- Began the season at Triple-A Las Vegas and was batting .317 with 27 home runs and 102 RBI in 126 games when he was selected by Oakland on Aug. 29...hit .250 with no home runs and seven RBI in 25 games with the A's in his Major League debut.

MATT OLSON

- Missed 34 games while on the injured list early in the season but still hit 36 home runs and drove in 91 runs while batting .267 in 127 games...had career highs in home runs, RBI and batting average and matched his high in extra base hits (62).
- Tied for seventh in the American League in home runs...led AL first basemen in home runs, ranked third in the majors and was seventh in Oakland history...joins Mark McGwire (eight times) and Jason Giambi (twice) as the only first baseman in Oakland history with 30 or more home runs.
- The A's compiled a 15-19 (.442) record while he was on the 10-day IL from March 27 to May 6 following a right hamate excision...was reinstated May 7 and Oakland went 82-44 (.651) following his return

YUSMEIRO PETIT

- Pitched in an American League leading 80 games and was 5-3 with a 2.71 ERA and .194 opponents batting average...had a career-high in games and career lows in ERA, opponents batting and on-base percentage (.218).
- Became just the third pitcher in Athletics history with 80 or more games in a season (Billy Koch, 84 in 2002; John Wyatt, 81 in 1964).
- Had the lowest opponents on-base percentage among Major League relievers (.221)...led AL relievers in fewest walks per nine innings (1.08), tied for third in holds (29) and tied for fourth in innings pitched (83.0).

JOSH PHEGLEY

- Saw the most extensive playing time of his seven-year career and batted .239 with 12 home runs and 62 RBI in 106 games.
- Committed just two errors and his .997 fielding percentage was third best by a catcher in the American League and Oakland history...tossed out 19-of-69 (27.5%) attempted base stealers...the 19 caught stealings were the most in the AL but the 50 stolen bases allowed tied for second most.

CHAD PINDER

- Spent the entire season on the active roster for the first time in his career and batted .240 with 13 home runs and 47 RBI in 124 games.
- Started at least one game at seven different positions for the second consecutive season and is the only player in Oakland history to start at least one game at seven positions in one season.
- Led American League pinch hitters in plate appearances (26), tied for the lead in home runs (2) and tied for third in hits (5) and RBI (6).

JURICKSON PROFAR

- Hit a career-high tying 20 home runs in his first season with the A's but batted .218 with 67 RBI in 139 games
- The switch-hitter batted .305 (32-for-105) against left-handed pitchers compared to .192 (68-for-354) against right-handers...is the fifth switch-hitter in Athletics history to hit 20 or more home runs.

A.J. PUK

- Began the season on the minor league injured list as he continued his recovery from April 10, 2018 ulnar collateral ligament surgery on April 10, 2018...combined for a 4-1 record, a 4.97 ERA and .226 opponents batting average in 18 games, including four starts, with Stockton, Midland and Las Vegas...was selected by Oakland on Aug. 20 and went 2-0 with a 3.18 ERA in 10 relief appearances in his ML debut.

MARCUS SEMIEN

- Finished in the top five in Oakland history in eight different categories...scored 123 runs, which tied the Oakland record set by Reggie Jackson in 1969...also tied the record for games played (162)...ranked second in at bats (657), third in extra base hits (83), tied for third in hits (187) and total bases (343), tied for fourth in doubles (43) and fifth in multiple hit games (53).
- Ranked second in the American League in total bases, third in runs, doubles and extra base hits, fifth in hits, tied for fifth in triples (7), sixth in walks (87), tied for seventh in multiple hit games and ninth in plate appearances per strikeout (7.32).
- Was one of five players to appear in each of his teams games and played all but 30 innings at shortstop...has a consecutive games played streak of 243 dating back to June 28, 2018 (all starts) and has played all but 37 innings at short over that span...his consecutive games started streak is second longest in Oakland history while the consecutive games played streak is fourth best.
- Led AL shortstops in fielding percentage (.981), total chances (634), assists (436) and double plays (85) and ranked second in putouts (186).

JOAKIM SORIA

- Was 2-4 with a save, five blown saves and a 4.30 ERA in 71 games in his 12th season in the majors...tied for ninth in the American League in games pitched.
- Struck out a career-high 79 batters and matched his high in innings (69.0)...his .202 opponents batting average was his lowest since 2008 (.169).