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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. HOUSTON ASTROS (0-0)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 — DODGER STADIUM

AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES WORKOUT DAY NOTES

A'S IN THE DIVISION SERIES: The A's will be making their ninth appearance in the Division Series, their first since 2013 against Detroit...have lost each of their last two ALDS appearances and six of eight overall...the two wins were in 1981 against Kansas City and 2006 against Minnesota...both of the wins were sweeps and all six losses have gone the full five games (2000, 01, 02, 03, 12, 13)...have an 18-18 record in the ALDS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILD CARD RECAP: The A's defeated the Chicago White Sox in the ALWCs, 2 games to 1...lost Game 1 on Tuesday 4-1 to extend their postseason losing streak to a franchise record-tying six games (also Oct. 10, 2006-Oct. 7, 2012)...won Game 2 the next day 5-3 to snap a five-game losing streak when facing elimination in the postseason...clinched the series with a 6-4 victory in Game 3 on Thursday to win their first postseason series since 2006 (ALDS vs. Minnesota).

NEUTRAL SITE GAMES: The A's have played 14 neutral site games during the regular season since moving to Oakland in 1968...most recently, the A's were the home team against Seattle in Tokyo in three two-game series (2008, 12 and 19)...went 2-4 in those games and were also 2-4 as the home team at Cashman Field in Las Vegas in 1996 against Toronto (0-2) and Detroit (2-4)...also played two games in County Stadium in Milwaukee in 1968 and 1969 as White Sox home games and were 1-1 in those games...are 5-9 overall in neutral site games.

DODGER STADIUM: Tomorrow will mark the A's fifth postseason game at Dodger Stadium as the A's and Dodgers have met twice in the World Series (1974 and 1988)...split Games 1 and 2 in 1974 and lost Games 1 and 2 in 1988...are 7-11 (.389) at Dodger Stadium during the regular season and 8-14 (.364) overall...including 1-2 this year as the A's faced the Dodgers here Sept. 22-24...hit .149 with nine runs scored and three home runs in those three games and had a 5.40 ERA with eight home runs allowed.

HOW THE A'S GOT HERE: The A's qualified for the postseason by winning their first American League West championship since 2013...it was the A's third AL West title in the last nine years, their seventh in the last 21 and their 17th overall...the 17 division titles are fourth most all-time behind the Braves (20), Yankees (19) and Dodgers (19)...this is the A's third consecutive postseason appearance, their sixth in the last nine years and 11 in the last 21 seasons...this is the 29th postseason appearance in franchise history, which includes 21 with Oakland and eight with Philadelphia...are 84-79 (.515) all-time in the postseason.

MORE THAN ONE GAME: Prior to the best-of-three ALWCs, each of the A's previous three postseason appearances were one-game Wild Card appearances, all losses (2014, 18, 19)...are now guaranteed a minimum of six postseason games...have played more than five postseason games once over the last 28 years and that came in 2006 when they had seven (swept the ALDS against Minnesota, were swept in the ALCS against Detroit).

GO THE DISTANCE: Each of the A's last six postseason series (including three one-game Wild Card games) have ended with a winner-take-all game...snapped a Major League record nine-game losing streak in winner-take-all postseason games with a win over Chicago in the ALWCs this year...it was the A's first victory in a winner-take-all postseason game since Game 7 of the 1973 World Series, a 5-2 win over New York...10 of the A's last 12 postseason series have gone the distance.

POSTSEASON STRUGGLES: The win over Chicago in the ALWCs was just the A's second in their last 14 postseason series (also 2006 ALDS against Minnesota)...have lost 15 of their last 17 postseason games with a chance to clinch the series (includes one-game wild card games)...won 11 of their first 15 postseason series in Oakland through the 1990 ALCS.

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: Of the 28 players on the A's Wild Card roster, 20 had played in a postseason game prior to this year and five made their debuts this year (Bassitt, Montas, Orf, Pinder, Wendelken)...the three players

MLB POSTSEASON BESTS

MOST POSTSEASONS

56	Yankees
34	Dodgers
30	Cardinals
29	Athletics
26	Giants
26	Braves

MOST WINS

239	Yankees
134	Cardinals
111	Dodgers
102	Red Sox
98	Giants
84	Athletics
83	Braves

without postseason experience are Heim, Machin and McFarland...six players on the Wild Card roster this year did not play in the series (Heim, Kemp, Machin, Manaea, Montas, McFarland)...10 players have played in the Division Series, led by La Stella with three series...Diekman and Soria have two each and seven others have one (Fiers, Hendriks, Kemp, Lamb, Minor, Petit, Piscotty)...six players have played for the A's in each of the last three postseasons (Canha, Davis, Hendriks, Laureano, Olson, Semien)...La Stella has the most postseason experience as this is his fifth year (has played 15 games)...Soria (12 games), Diekman (10 games) and Hendriks (7 games) have now played in four postseasons.

OAKLANDAYS: After playing day games in all three games of the ALWCs against Chicago (starting times: 12:08, 12:10, 12:10) the A's are scheduled for day games in all five games of the ALDS (Games 4 and 5 subject to change)...will play at least six straight postseason day games for the first time since playing eight straight from Oct. 20, 1973 (WS G#6) to Oct. 13, 1974 (WS G#2)...closed out the regular season with three consecutive day games and have not played nine straight day games at any point since 1973 when their final two regular season games and first seven postseason games were day games (credit: Elias)...played 30 of their 60 regular season games during the day, which was five more than any other team...became the first team other than the Cubs to play at least half their games during the day since the Giants in 1994 (61-of-115, 53.0%)...the last time the A's played at least half of their games during the day was in 1960 when they played 78-of-155 (50.3%)...were 17-13 (.567) during the day during the regular season, 19-11 (.633) at night...had a 4.28 ERA during the day, a 3.29 ERA at night...batted .240 during the day, .212 at night.

PLAYER NOTES: *Chris Bassitt* allowed one run in 7.0 innings in Game 2 of the ALWCs for the win...including the regular season, he made five starts in the month on September and yielded one run twice and no runs three times...he was 4-0 with a 0.53 ERA, .230 opponents batting average and one home run in 33.2 innings...*Jake Diekman* pitched in all three ALWCs games and picked up the save in Game 2...in 24 games overall this year, he has allowed just one earned run (0.39 ERA) and eight hits (.107 opponents batting average) in 23.0 innings...*Tommy La Stella* hit safely in all three ALWCs games (3-for-11, .273) and is batting .307 with a .388 on-base percentage in 28 games dating back to Sept. 5...*Sean Murphy* started all three ALWCs games at catcher and hit safely in all three games (3-for-8, .375)...has now reached base safely in each of his 19 games dating back to Sept. 4 and is batting .293 with a .435 on-base percentage and 1.089 OPS over that span...*J.B. Wendelken* did not allow a run in two ALWCs games (3.2 ip) and has not allowed an earned run in 16 of his last 17 games this year...has a 0.82 ERA and .156 opponents batting average over that span

A's vs. ASTROS: This is the first postseason meeting between the A's and Astros...Oakland won the season series during the regular season this year for the first time since 2014 as they went 7-3 (.700)...that was the A's best record against Houston since going 15-4 (.789) in 2013...went 7-1 in Oakland and 0-2 in Houston...were originally scheduled to play three games in Houston but the final game was postponed following an A's positive Covid-19 test and made up as a doubleheader in the Coliseum on Sept. 8...the seven home wins matched the A's most against the Astros (2013)...have won 13 of their last 18 games against Houston dating back to Aug. 15, 2019...the A's won each of the first four season series (31-13) but lost five straight from 2015-19 (37-58)...are 75-74 all-time, including 42-35 in Oakland and 33-39 in Houston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES RESULTS AND PROBABLES

Mon, Oct. 5 vs. Houston (Home)	RHP Chris Bassitt (1-0, 1.29 in postseason) vs. TBA	1:07	TBS/iHeart Radio/960 AM
Tue., Oct. 6 vs. Houston (Home)	LHP Sean Manaea (0-0, —) vs. TBA	1:37	TBS/iHeart Radio/960 AM
Wed., Oct. 7 vs. Houston (Away)	TBA vs. TBA	12:35	TBS/iHeart Radio/960 AM
Thu., Oct. 8 vs. Houston (Away)	(if necessary)	12:35	TBS/iHeart Radio/960 AM
Fri., Oct. 9 vs. Houston (Home)	(if necessary)	12:35	TBS/iHeart Radio/960 AM

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