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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 — DODGER STADIUM — 1:07 PDT

RHP CHRIS BASSITT (1-0, 1.29) VS. RHP LANCE MCCULLERS JR. (0-0, —)

TBS — A'S CAST ON IHEART RADIO — A'S RADIO NETWORK (960 AM, 103.7 FM HD2, 1140 AM)

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 ALWCWS, 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: Today is 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...the A's have two players who have played in a postseason game at Dodger Stadium (Lamb, Soria).

FOR OPENERS: After losing Game 1 of the ALWCWS, the A's now have a seven-game losing streak in the first game of a postseason series dating back to the 2006 ALCS (including three losses in one-game Wild Cards)...last won a Game 1 in the 2006 ALDS against Minnesota...the ALWCWS win marked just the third time in Oakland history the A's have come back to win a postseason series after losing Game 1 (1973 ALCS, 1974 ALCS)...since moving to Oakland in 1968, have a 14-15 record in Game 1 of a series...have won 10 of 14 series after winning Game 1.

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 ALWCWS, 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 ALWCWS 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.

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

POSTSEASON STRUGGLES: The win over Chicago in the ALWCWS 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 Division Series 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 without postseason experience are Heim, McFarland and Weems...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 seasons (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 seasons.

OAKLAND DAYS: After playing day games in all three games of the ALWCWS 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%).

THIS AND THAT: The A's hit .194 in the ALWCWS and are now batting .195 (31-for-159) with 15 runs scored and four home runs in five postseason games over the last three years...are 3-for-24 (.125) with runners in scoring position over that stretch...Chris Bassitt tossed 7.0 innings in Game 2 of the ALWCWS but A's starting pitchers have logged 3.1 innings or fewer in Oakland's other four postseason games over the last three years...starters are 1-3 with a 6.60 ERA (11 er in 15.0 ip) in five games over the last three years...A's relievers have tossed 5.2 or more innings in four of the last five postseason games.

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.

THIS DATE IN ATHLETICS HISTORY

In **1905** Chief Bender has three hits, including a bases loaded triple, and shuts out Washington 8-0 in the first game of a doubleheader...he picks up the win in relief in the second game and finishes the day with two wins, six hits and eight RBI...in **1988** the A's win Game 1 of the ALCS 2-1 on a Jose Canseco home run and a Rickey Henderson RBI single...Dennis Eckersley pitches two scoreless innings for his first of four saves in the A's sweep...in **2001** the A's become the first team in Major League history to win 100 games after being 10 games under .500, defeating Anaheim, 6-2...the A's were 8-18 on May 1 and finished the year 102-60, 14 games behind Seattle in the AL West but 17 games ahead in the AL Wild Card.

AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES RESULTS AND PROBABLES

Mon, Oct. 5 vs. Houston (Home)	RHP Chris Bassitt (1-0, 1.29) vs. RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (0-0, —)	1:07	TBS/iHeart Radio/960 AM
Tue., Oct. 6 vs. Houston (Home)	LHP Sean Manaea (0-0, —) vs. LHP Framber Valdez (1-0, 0.00)	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

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS
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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: CHRIS BASSITT (1-0, 1.29 ERA IN POSTSEASON)

POSTSEASON: Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of his postseason career...his first came last Wednesday against Chicago in Game 2 of the ALWCS...was on the A's Wild Card roster in 2019 but did not pitch.

TRENDING: Allowed one run in 7.0 innings in Game 2 of the ALWCS against Chicago for the win...is now 4-0 with a 0.53 ERA (2 er in 33.2 ip) and .230 (29-for-126) opponents batting average over his last five starts dating back to Sept. 7...has yielded just one home run in 33.2 innings, walked six and struck out 30...has not surrendered a run in three of those starts and has allowed one run in each of the other two...the win over the White Sox came after an A's loss in Game 1...was 3-0 with a 1.75 ERA in four starts during the regular season following an A's loss and is 9-1 with a 2.29 ERA (23 er in 90.1 ip) in 15 regular season and postseason starts following a loss over the last two years...did not walk a batter to lead off an inning in the ALWCS...walked just one batter to lead off an inning during the regular season and his .227 opponents on-base percentage in that situation was sixth lowest in the majors...has never pitched in Dodger Stadium...the A's are 9-3 (.750) in his starting assignments this year and are 24-13 (.649) over the last two years.

LAST START: He was the winning pitcher in the A's 5-3 win over Chicago in Game 2 of the ALWCS last Wednesday...blanked the White Sox on five hits and a walk over the first seven innings and allowed just three base runners as far as second base...had a 5-0 lead when he allowed a lead off single to Anderson in the eighth...was relieved by Hendriks, who allowed Anderson to score on a Grandal home run.

BASSITT'S CAREER POSTSEASON STARTS

Series	Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
2020 ALWCS G#2	Sept. 30	Chicago (AL)	5-3	W	7.0	6	1	1	1	5	0	92

BASSITT vs. HOUSTON: Is 3-2 with a 3.53 ERA (51.0 ip, 45 h, 22 r, 20 er, 15 bb, 35 so, 7 hr) in nine career appearances, including eight starts...is 1-2 with a 7.07 ERA (11 er in 14.0 ip) in three starts in Houston and 2-0 with a 2.19 ERA (9 er in 37.0 ip) in six games in Oakland...went 1-1 with a 2.65 ERA (17.0 ip, 16 h, 5 r, 5 er, 6 bb, 9 so, 2 hr) in three starts this year...the no decision came in the A's 3-2 win 10 innings on Aug. 7 in Oakland...retired seven of the first eight batters before a Maldonado walk, a wild pitch and a Tucker RBI double gave the Astros their first

STARTS VS. HOUSTON

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
8/9/15	H	-	6.2	3	1	1	2	10
7/11/18	A	W	5.0	5	3	3	1	1
6/2/19	H	-	6.0	6	3	3	1	1
7/24/19	A	L	6.0	5	4	4	0	7
8/17/19	H	W	6.0	8	3	3	2	4
8/7/20	H	-	7.0	3	1	1	3	3
8/29/20	A	L	3.0	6	4	4	3	2
9/7/20	H	W	7.0	7	0	0	0	4

run...that was the only run he would allow in seven innings of work and he was relieved by Soria to start the eighth with the score tied 1-1...then took the loss on Aug. 29 at Houston in a 4-2 decision in the first game of a double-header...tossed 3.0 innings, which matched the shortest start of his career (third time, last: Sept. 13, 2019 at Texas)...allowed a three-run home run to Tucker in the first inning...the A's scored once in the fourth but he allowed a leadoff home run to Reddick in the bottom of the fourth...was relieved by Trivino with runners on first and second and no outs in the fourth...then combined with Diekman and Trivino on a seven-hit shutout in the A's 6-0 win in Oakland on Sept. 7...tossed seven of the innings and allowed seven hits...did not walk a batter and struck out four...allowed just three base runners to advance to scoring position, all after two were out.

BASSITT'S CAREER MATCHUPS VS. HOUSTON

Player	Bat	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SH	SF	HBP	GDP	AVG	OBP	SLG
Jose Altuve	R	19	5	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	.263	.263	.421
Yordan Alvarez	L	5	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	.200	.167	.800
Michael Brantley	L	22	6	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	.273	.304	.364
Alex Bregman	R	14	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	.286	.333	.357
Carlos Correa	R	10	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	.400	.571	.500
Aledmys Diaz	R	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.333	.333	.333
Dustin Garneau	R	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	.000	.286	.000
Yuli Gurriel	R	19	7	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	.368	.368	.474
Martin Maldonado	R	5	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	.200	.500	.200
Jack Mayfield	R	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.200	.200	.200
Josh Reddick	L	18	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.056	.056	.222
George Springer	R	17	5	1	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	.294	.294	.706
Myles Straw	R	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.500	.500	.500
Garrett Stubbs	L	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Abraham Toro	S	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333	.333	.333
Kyle Tucker	L	10	2	1	0	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	.200	.200	.600

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

LHP Sean Manaea (0-0, — ERA in 2020 Postseason): Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of his postseason career...his first came in the 2019 ALWC against Tampa Bay and he was the losing pitcher in the A's 5-1 loss (2.0 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 0 bb, 5 so, 3 hr)...was on the A's ALWCS roster against Chicago this year but did not pitch...his last outing was a start and no decision here at Dodger Stadium in the A's 6-4 win over Los Angeles on Sept. 23 (6.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...is 3-5 with a 3.27 ERA (71.2 ip, 64 h, 30 r, 26 er, 21 bb, 62 so, 7 hr) in 13 career starts against Houston...was the winning pitcher in his only start this year, a 3-1 A's win in Oakland on Sept. 10 (7.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 4 so).

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

35 LHP JAKE DIEKMAN

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (ND, 0.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 1 sv, 3 g (1.2 ip, 2 bb, 1 so, 0.00 ERA)

- Pitched in all three games of the ALWCS against Chicago and did not allow a run or hit in 1.2 innings...allowed 1-of-5 inherited runners to score...has pitched in each of the A's four postseason games over the last two years (2.0 ip, 2 bb, 1 so) and has a 4.00 ERA (9.0 ip, 7 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 bb, 7 so) in 10 career postseason appearances.
- Has pitched seven times in the ALDS (7.0 ip, 7 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 6 so, 5.14), all with Texas against Toronto (2015 and 2016).
- Has not allowed an earned run in 23 of his 24 games this year...has a 0.39 ERA (1 er in 23.0 ip) and .107 (8-for-75) opponents batting average but has walked 14 in 23.0 innings.
- Faced Houston four times this year and did not allow a run (5.0 ip, 1 h, 2 bb, 3 so)...has not allowed a run in his last 16 games against the Astros dating back to April 13, 2018 (15.1 ip, 6 h, 6 bb, 13 so) and has stranded all four of his inherited runners over that span...has a 0.84 ERA (3 er in 32.0 ip) in 38 career appearances against Houston.
- Was credited with the save in Game 2 of the ALWCS...has seven career saves during the regular season with the last coming on June 20, 2018 for Texas at Kansas City

50 RHP MIKE FIERS

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3)-GS (ND, 1.2 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 0 save, 1 g, 1 gs (1.2 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so, 1 hr, 5.40 ERA)

- Made his A's postseason debut with a start in Game 3 of the ALWCS on Thursday and had a no decision in the A's 6-4 win...was on the A's Wild Card roster last year but did not pitch...was not on the roster in 2018.
- Has one other postseason appearance and it came in relief in Game 5 of the 2015 ALDS for Houston at Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er).
- Has made 19 career regular season relief appearances and is 1-3 with a 5.40 ERA...his last came on Sept. 28, 2018 at Los Angeles (AL) in relief of opener Lou Trivino (3.1 ip, 7 h, 6 r, 6 er, 3 so, 2 hr).
- Did not face the Astros this year...is 1-3 with a 7.46 ERA (41.0 ip, 55 h, 34 r, 34 er, 11 bb, 30 so, 18 hr) in eight career starts against Houston.
- Is 1-1 with a 2.25 ERA (12.0 ip, 10 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 6 so, 1 hr) in two career starts in Dodger Stadium.

16 RHP LIAM HENDRIKS

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (S, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 3 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 1 sv, 2 g (2.2 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 8 so, 6.75 ERA)

- Has recorded eight outs this postseason, all by strikeout...has now pitched in four of the A's five postseason games over the last three years and has a loss and a save (4.2 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 10 so, 2 hr, 7.71 ERA).
- Has one career ALDS appearance and it came for Toronto in Game 2 in 2015 against Texas (0.1 ip, 1 h).
- Has a 6.52 ERA (9.2 ip, 11 h, 7 r, 7 er, 2 bb, 12 so, 2 hr) in seven career postseason appearances.
- Has allowed five runs in his last three appearances this year (4.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 bb, 9 so, 11.25 ERA) after allowing just three runs on 12 hits over his first 23 games (1.13 ERA).
- Had a win and converted all three of his save opportunities in five appearances against Houston this year (5.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 8 so)...has a 1.17 ERA (2 er in 15.1 ip) and has converted all six save opportunities in 13 games against the Astros over the last three years.
- Threw 49 pitches in Game 2 of the ALWCS, which were his most in any game (regular season or postseason) since he had 59 in 4.1 innings of relief for Toronto in Game 4 of the 2015 ALCS against Kansas City...the 1.2 innings pitched matched his high from the regular season this year (Sept. 16 at Colorado)...struck out five, which matches his most as an Athletic (April 27, 2016 at Detroit; Aug. 29, 2019 at Kansas City).

44 LHP JESUS LUZARDO

Last Outing: 9/29 vs. Chicago (WC G#1)-GS (L, 3.1 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 0 bb, 5 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-1, 0 sv, 1 g, 1 gs (3.1 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 5 so, 2 hr, 8.10 ERA)

- Made his first career postseason start in Game 1 of the ALWCS and was the losing pitcher in the A's 4-1 loss...the start came one day before his 23rd birthday, making him the eighth youngest pitcher in Athletics history to start a postseason game.
- Also pitched 3.0 scoreless innings of relief in the Wild Card game last year and is 0-1 with a 4.26 ERA (6.1 ip, 7 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 9 so, 2 hr) in two career postseason appearances.
- Has made 10 career relief appearances in the regular season and postseason and has a 2.92 ERA (8 er in 24.2 ip)...had three this year (6 er in 9.2 ip, 5.59 ERA), most recently on Sept. 24 at Los Angeles-NL (3.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 0 so)...that outing is his only career appearance in Dodger Stadium.
- Is 1-0 with a 2.87 ERA (15.2 ip, 10 h, 5 r, 5 er, 3 bb, 14 so, 4 hr) in three career appearances against Houston, including two starts.

38 LHP T.J. MCFARLAND

Last Outing: 9/26 vs. Seattle-G#2 (ND, 1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 0 so)
2020 Postseason: Has not pitched

- Was on the A's Wild Card Series roster but did not pitch.
- The eight-year veteran has not appeared in a postseason game.
- Has allowed at least one run in six of his eight outings dating back to Sept. 4 for an 11.05 ERA (9 er in 7.1 ip) and .417 (15-for-36) opponents batting average...walked three and allowed four home runs in 7.1 innings.
- Did not allow a run in two games against Houston this year (1.1 ip, 2 h, 1 bb).
- Has a 1.93 ERA (9.1 ip, 7 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 5 so, 1 hr) in nine career outings at Dodger Stadium.

23 LHP MIKE MINOR

Last Outing: 9/26 vs. Seattle-GS in G#1 (ND, 5.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 7 so)
2020 Postseason: Has not pitched

- Was on the A's Wild Card Series roster but did not pitch.
- Has made one career postseason appearance, a start in Game 2 of the 2013 NLDS for Atlanta against Los Angeles...was the winning pitcher in the Braves 4-3 win (6.1 ip, 8 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 5 so).
- Has made 67 career relief appearance during the regular season and is 6-6 with six saves and a 2.70 ERA (24 er in 80.0 ip)...65 of those games came with Kansas City in 2015...his last relief appearance came this year in his A's debut on Sept. 4 against San Diego (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 hr).
- Had a no decision in his only appearance against Houston this year, a start in the A's 5-4 loss on Sept. 8 (3.1 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 4 so).
- Is 1-0 with a 2.77 ERA (13.0 ip, 14 h, 4 r, 4 er, 3 bb, 9 so, 1 hr) in three career appearances, including two starts, at Dodger Stadium.

47 RHP FRANKIE MONTAS

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (W, 2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 2 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 0 sv, 1 g (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so, 4.50 ERA)

- Is on a postseason roster for the first time in his career and made his post-season debut in Game 3 of the ALWCS...pitched the fourth and fifth innings and was credited with the win.
- The relief appearance against the White Sox was his first since Sept. 19, 2018 and he is 2-1 with a 5.61 ERA (27 er in 43.1 ip) in 31 career relief appearances during the regular season and postseason.
- Has a 1.13 ERA (8.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 15 so) over his last two appearances this year after going 1-4 with a 10.88 ERA over his previous six starts.
- Was 2-1 with a 4.11 ERA (15.1 ip, 14 h, 7 r, 7 er, 3 bb, 14 so, 2 hr) in three starts against Houston this year.

36 RHP YUSMEIRO PETIT

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (ND, 1.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 0 sv, 2 g (2.1 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 so, 7.71 ERA)

- Has pitched in three of the A's four postseason games over the last two years (5.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 0 bb, 4 so, 1 hr)...was on the Wild Card roster in 2018 but did not pitch.
- Has one career appearance in the LDS and it came in Game 2 of the 2014 NLDS for San Francisco at Washington...pitched 6.0 innings of scoreless relief for the win in the Giants 2-1, 18-inning win (1 h, 3 bb, 7 so)...that remains as the longest scoreless outing by a reliever in a postseason game since Bruce Kison in the 1971 World Series (6.1 ip).
- Is 3-0 with a 2.55 ERA (5 er in 17.2 ip) in seven career postseason outings.
- Allowed two runs in Game 3 of the ALWCS on Thursday after not allowing a run in 16 of his previous 17 games (0.61 ERA).
- Did not allow a run in three appearances against Houston this year (2.0 ip, 2 h, 3 bb, 2 so) but allowed 3-of-5 inherited runners to score...has a 1.42 ERA (2 er in 12.2 ip) in 11 games against the Astros over the last two years.

48 RHP JOAKIM SORIA

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 0 sv, 2 g (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hr, 4.50 ERA)

- Pitched in Game 1 and 3 of the ALWCS...was on the A's Wild Card roster last year but did not pitch.
- Has a win, a loss, a blown save and a 12.27 ERA (3.2 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 3 bb, 5 so) in five career appearances in the LDS (2014 with Detroit, 2018 with Milwaukee).
- Has yielded at least one run in five of his 12 career postseason appearances...is 1-1 with a blown save and a 10.38 ERA (8.2 ip, 11 h, 10 r, 10 er, 7 bb, 12 so, 1 hr) in those 12 games.
- Has not allowed a run in four of his last five games this year (5.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 1 hr).
- Faced Houston three times this year (3.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so)...has a 2.51 ERA (9 er in 32.1 ip) in 33 career appearances against the Astros.
- Has seven career appearances in Dodger Stadium (5.2 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 4 so)...including three in the 2018 NLCS for Milwaukee (1.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 2 so).

62 RHP LOU TRIVINO

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (ND, 0.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 0 sv, 1 g (0.2 ip, 0.00 ERA)

- Made his second career postseason appearance in Game 3 of the ALWCS and has not allowed a run in those two games (3.2 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 4 so)...also pitched in the 2018 Wild Card game...was not on the Wild Card roster in 2019.
- His Game 3 outing on Wednesday came on his 29th birthday...joins Dennis Eckersley as the only pitchers in Athletics postseason history to pitch in a game on his birthday...Eck did it on his 35th birthday in Game 1 of the 1989 ALCS.
- Has a 7.11 ERA (6.1 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 5 bb, 7 so, 2 hr) over his last seven games this year after allowing no runs over his previous 10 contests (12.2 ip).
- Did not allow a run in three games against Houston this year (3.1 ip, 1 h, 2 so) and stranded all three of his inherited runners.

70 RHP JORDAN WEEMS

Last Outing: 9/26 vs. Seattle (G#2) (ND, 1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 0 so)
2020 Postseason: Has not pitched

- The rookie right-hander was not on the A's Wild Card Series roster.
- Allowed three runs over his final three regular season appearances (3.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 5 bb, 3 so) after yielding no runs over his previous five games (8.0 ip).
- Has never faced Houston.

57 RHP J.B. WENDELKEN

Last Outing: 10/1 vs. Chicago (WC G#3) (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)
2020 Postseason: 0-0, 0 sv, 2 g (3.2 ip, 1 h, 3 so, 0.00 ERA)

- Pitched in two of the A's three games in the ALWCS...did not allow a run in 3.2 innings and opponents went 1-for-12 (.083)...was on the A's Wild Card roster in each of the previous two seasons but did not pitch.
- Has not allowed an earned run in 16 of his last 17 appearances dating back to Aug. 14...has a 0.82 ERA (2 er in 22.0 ip) and .156 (12-for-77) opponents batting average over that span.
- Has a win and a loss in three games against Houston this year (6.0 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 0 er, 2 bb, 6 so)...has a 0.73 ERA (1 er in 12.1 ip) in six career appearances against the Astros.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES**20 MARK CANHA**

Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 4)
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 1-10, r, rbi, 2 bb, so

- Singled in the first inning in Game 3 of the ALWCS after going 0-for-10 to start his postseason career.
- Has started each of the A's last four postseason games at three different positions (two in right field, one in left field, one in center field)...has played in each of the A's five postseason games over the last three years and is 1-for-14 (.071) with three walks and four strikeouts.
- Is 9-for-29 (.310) with three doubles, a home run, eight RBI and nine walks (1 sf, .462 on-base percentage) over his last 10 games this year.
- Went 6-for-32 (.188) with six walks against Houston.

2 KHRIS DAVIS

Current Streak: 3 games (3 for 9)
AL Wild Card Series: 2 g, 2-8, r, hr, rbi, 2 so

- Hit safely in both of his ALWCS starts (2-for-8) and has now started four of the A's five postseason games over the last three years at designated hitter...is 3-for-16 (.188) with two home runs, three RBI and seven strikeouts.
- Is batting .286 (10-for-35) with two home runs and five RBI in 13 games since played resumed on Sept. 4...homered just once over his first 19 contests.
- Seven of his last nine starts have come in games started by a left-handed pitcher.
- Was 3-for-15 (.200) with two doubles and a home run in four games against Houston this year...is a .199 (55-for-277) career hitter against the Astros.

8 ROBBIE GROSSMAN

Current Streak: 0 for 7
AL Wild Card Series: 2 g, 0-7, r, bb, 2 so

- Started Games 1 and 3 of the ALWCS in left field and went 0-for-7...both of the starts came against right-handed pitchers as did all 45 of his starts during the regular season.
- Is now 2-for-11 (.182) in three postseason games with the A's over the last two years and is 2-for-15 (.133) with six strikeouts in four games in his career, all in Wild Card games.
- Is 6-for-51 (.146) over his last 12 games this year but three of the six hits are home runs.
- Hit .267 (8-for-30) with two home runs and three RBI in nine games against Houston this year...has six career home runs against the Astros, which match his most against any team (Red Sox).

37 JONAH HEIM

Current Streak: 0 for 8
AL Wild Card Series: On roster, did not play

- The rookie catcher was on the A's Wild Card Series roster but did not play.
- Went 1-for-14 over his final five regular season games.
- Was 0-for-7 in three games against Houston.

5 TONY KEMP

Current Streak: 2 games (1 for 4)
AL Wild Card Series: On roster, did not play

- Was on the A's Wild Card Series roster but did not appear in a game.
- Played in six postseason games for Houston in 2018 (one in the ALDS and five in the ALCS) and was 4-for-14 (.286) with a double, home run and five walks...made one start at designated hitter in the ALDS against Cleveland (1-for-3, 2 runs, 2 walks) and three in left field in the ALCS against Boston.
- Went 5-for-17 (.294) over his final nine regular season games.
- The former Astro is 4-for-13 (.308) with five walks (1 hbp, 1 sf, .500 on-base percentage) in eight career games against Houston, all this year.

4 JAKE LAMB

Current Streak: 0 for 5
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 1-5

- Started two of the three ALWCS games at third base and played in all three games...was 1-for-5 (.200).
- Is 7-for-18 (.389) with no extra base hits and no RBI in seven career postseason games...has played in three LDS games, all with Arizona in 2017 (2-for-8, .250).
- Is batting .260 (13-for-50) with four doubles, three home runs and nine RBI in 16 games since signing with the A's as a free agent on Sept. 14.
- Went 0-for-2 in one game against Houston this year with Arizona.
- Was 1-for-11 (.091) in three games at Dodger Stadium this year, all with the A's, and is a .209 (24-for-115) career hitter in this park, which includes two NLDS games in 2017 (2-for-5, .400).

3 TOMMY LA STELLA

Current Streak: 7 games (8 for 23)
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 3-11, 3 r, bb, 2 so

- Started at second base and hit safely in all three Wild Card games (3-for-11, .273)...was 0-for-13 over his first 12 career postseason games.
- Played in three consecutive Division Series for the Cubs from 2015-17 and went 0-for-2 with a walk and a catchers interference in four games, all as a pinch hitter.
- Has hit safely in each of his last seven games this year (8-for-23, .348).
- Was 8-for-32 (.250) against Houston this year but is a .167 (9-for-54) career hitter against the Astros.

22 RAMON LAUREANO

Current Streak: 0 for 5
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 2-11, r, rbi, 4 so

- Started all three games of the ALWCS in center field and has started all five of the A's postseason games over the last three years (four in center field, one in right field)...is 3-for-17 (.176) with two RBI, a walk and seven strikeouts.
- Is 6-for-40 (.150) over his last 12 games dating back to Sept. 16.
- Reached base safely in all 10 games against Houston this year...was 11-for-35 (.314) with three doubles, a triple, a home run, four RBI, two walks and four hit by pitches...is a .315 (29-for-92) career hitter against the Astros.
- Is 2-for-6 (.333) with a home run and three RBI in two career games at Dodger Stadium, both this year.

12 SEAN MURPHY

Current Streak: 5 games (5 for 14)
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 3-8, 3 r, hr, 2 rbi, 2 bb, so

- Hit safely in all three ALWCS games and has now started all four A's postseason games at catcher over the last two years...is 3-for-9 (.333) with three runs, a home run, two RBI and two walks.
- Homered in Game 3 of the ALWCS to become the fourth A's rookie to homer in a postseason game (Wally Schang, 1913 WS G#3; Terrence Long, 2000 ALDS G#3; Mark Ellis, 2002 ALDS G#5)
- Including the regular season, he has now reached base safely in each of his last 19 games...is batting .291 (16-for-55) with 16 runs, six home runs, 11 RBI and 14 walks over that stretch...has a .435 on-base percentage and 1.089 OPS.
- Went 3-for-15 (.200) against Houston this year but walked six times in seven games...is a .292 (7-for-24) career hitter against the Astros with four home runs and eight RBI in 10 games.

28 MATT OLSON

Current Streak: 0 for 13
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 0-9, rbi, 3 bb, 6 so

- Went 0-for-9 with three walks and six strikeouts in the ALWCS...has started each of the A's five postseason games over the last three years at first base and is 1-for-14 (.071) with one RBI, six walks and seven strikeouts.
- Is 8-for-58 (.138) with one home run, five RBI and 32 strikeouts over his last 18 games dating back to Sept. 13.
- Went 4-for-36 (.111) against Houston this year but three of the hits were home runs and he had eight RBI in 10 games...has 15 home runs and 41 RBI in his career against the Astros, both his best marks against any team.
- Is 5-for-16 (.313) with no extra base hits in five career games at Dodger Stadium.

45 NATE ORF

Current Streak: 0 for 7
AL Wild Card Series: 1 g, 0-0

- Made his postseason debut in Game 2 of the ALWCS as a defensive replacement at second base in the ninth inning...did not bat.
- Has never played against Houston in his career.
- Was selected from the A's alternate site on Sept. 13 and went 0-for-7 in six games.

18 CHAD PINDER

Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 6)
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 3-9, 2 rbi, bb, 1bb, 2 so

- Played in all three games of the ALWCS, including starts at designated hitter in Game 1 and third base in Game 2...was on the A's Wild Card roster in each of the previous two seasons but did not play in either game.
- Had a pinch hit single in the third inning of Game 3 of the ALWCS and remained in the game...ended up going 2-for-3 with a walk and two RBI to become the first non-starter in A's postseason history to reach base safely three times in a game...joins Vic Davalillo (1973 ALCS Game 1) as the only non-starter with two hits and Jim Holt (1974 WS Game 4) and Doc Cramer (1931 WS Game 7) as the only non-starters with two RBI.
- Was reinstated from the injured list Sept. 27 (strained right hamstring) and has played in each of the A's four games since then...is 4-for-12 (.333) with three RBI and two walks over that span.
- Went 5-for-13 (.385) in six games against Houston this year and is a .285 (35-for-123) career hitter against the Astros with seven home runs and 19 RBI...the home runs and RBI are his most against any team.

25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY

Current Streak: 0 for 13
AL Wild Card Series: 1 g, 0-3, so, gidp

- Has made two career postseason starts for the A's, both in right field (2020 ALWCS Game 2 and 2018 WC)...is 0-for-6 with a walk and three strikeouts...was not on the A's Wild Card roster last year.
- Also played in four postseason games for St. Louis in the 2015 NLDS against Chicago, all starts (three at first base, one in right field)...went 6-for-16 (.375) with five runs, three home runs and six RBI.
- Is 4-for-41 (.098) with no extra base hits and one RBI over his last 12 games dating back to Sept. 12.
- Went 4-for-15 (.235) in six games against Houston this year.
- Is 8-for-42 (.190) with no extra base hits and one RBI in 11 career games at Dodger Stadium.

10 MARCUS SEMIEN

Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 8)
AL Wild Card Series: 3 g, 3-12, 2 r, 2b, hr, 2 rbi, bb

- Has started each of the A's five postseason games over the last three years at shortstop and is 5-for-20 (.250) with a home run and two RBI...the home run came in Game 2 of the ALWCS this year.
- Is 7-for-38 (.184) with five walks over his last 10 games dating back to Sept. 20.
- Went 5-for-28 (.179) in seven games against Houston this year.

A'S CAREER HITTING VS. MCCULLERS

PLAYER	BAT	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SH	SF	HBP	GIDP	AVG	OBP	SLG
Mark Canha	R	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	.167	.444	.167
Matt Chapman	R	11	4	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	.364	.385	.636
Khris Davis	R	19	5	2	0	1	4	1	3	0	1	0	1	.263	.286	.526
Robbie Grossman	S	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.333	.333	.667
Tony Kemp	L	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.500	.500
Tommy La Stella	L	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.500	.000
Jake Lamb	L	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	.400	.400	.400
Ramon Laureano	R	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000	1.500
Sean Murphy	R	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	.000	.000
Matt Olson	L	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1.000	.000	.000
Chad Pinder	R	4	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	.250	.400	1.000
Stephen Piscotty	R	10	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	.400	.462	.400
Marcus Semien	R	19	7	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	1	.368	.478	.421