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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-2) VS. HOUSTON ASTROS (2-1)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 — DODGER STADIUM — 12:35 PDT

RHP FRANKIE MONTAS (1-0, 4.50) VS. TBA

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**A'S IN THE DIVISION SERIES:** This is the A's 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 a 19-20 record in the ALDS.

**ELIMINATION GAMES:** Today, the A's will be facing elimination for the fourth time this postseason and the 11th time in 20 postseason games dating back to 2012...are 5-5 in the previous 10 games, including 3-0 this year to snap a five-game losing streak when facing elimination...are 6-10 when facing elimination dating back to 2000.

**COMEBACKS:** The A's trailed 7-4 after six innings yesterday but came back to win 9-7...it marked the second time in Athletics history the A's won a postseason game when trailing by at least three runs after six innings...the other time was in Game 4 of the 1929 World Series when they trailed the Cubs 8-0 entering the bottom of the seventh and scored 10 times in the seventh to win 10-8...during the regular season this year, the A's led the majors with six wins when trailing after six innings.

**THE LONG BALL:** The A's hit five home runs yesterday to tie the franchise record for home runs in a postseason game (Game 3 of the 1989 World Series)...now have 10 home runs this series, which sets a franchise record for a single postseason series, breaking the mark of nine in the 1989 World Series...the Major League record for home runs in a Division Series is 11 (Seattle, 1995; New York-AL, 1995; Houston, 2004)...have 13 home runs this postseason, which is second only to the 16 they hit in nine postseason games in 1989...have homered in a franchise record tying five straight games (also 1988 ALCS Game 1 to 1988 WS Game 1)...have scored 13 of their 16 runs in the Division Series on home runs (eight solo, one two-run, one three-run).

**OAKLANDAYS:** Today will be the A's 10th consecutive day game dating back to the Saturday doubleheader against Seattle on Sept. 26...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, the last time the A's played more than nine consecutive day games was April 23-May 8, 1949 when they played 16 straight...have played day games in each of their six postseason games this year (starting times: 12:08, 12:10, 12:10, 1:08, 1:37, 12:37)...today marks the A's seventh straight postseason day game, which is their longest such streak since playing eight straight from Oct. 20, 1973 (WS G#6) to Oct. 13, 1974 (WS G#2)...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%).

**DOWN 0-2:** The A's won Game 3 yesterday after starting a postseason series 0-2 for the ninth time in Athletics history (last: 2012 ALDS)...have never come back to win a series after starting 0-2...were swept six times, went the full five games in the 2012 ALDS and also went five games in the 1988 World Series.

**THIS AND THAT:** The A's have used 35 different lineups over the last 36 games dating back to Aug. 25 after using 19 different lineups over the first 30 games...the only repeat over the last 35 games was Game 3 of the AL-WCS and Game 1 of the ALDS...have used six different players in the three spot over the last eight games...A's pitchers have allowed more home runs (13) than walks (12) this postseason and over the last three seasons (19 home runs, 18 walks)...A's starting pitchers have tossed fewer than five innings in five of the six games this postseason and are 1-2 with a 5.84 ERA (16 er in 24.2 ip) and .340 (36-for-106) opponents batting average...over the last three years, starters have logged fewer than five innings in seven of eight postseason games and are 1-4 with a 7.16 ERA (22 er in 27.2 ip) and .342 (41-for-120) opponents average over that span...the A's are 1-for-12 with runners in scoring position this series, 4-for-26 (.154) this postseason and 4-for-36 (.111) over the last three years.

### MLB POSTSEASON BESTS

#### MOST POSTSEASONS

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

#### MOST WINS

240	Yankees
134	Cardinals
113	Dodgers
102	Red Sox
98	Giants
85	Athletics
85	Braves

**MORE THAN ONE GAME:** Prior to this year, each of the A's previous three postseason appearances were one-game Wild Card appearances, all losses (2014, 18, 19)...today will be the A's seventh game this postseason, which matches their most postseason games in one season over the last 30 years...also had seven in 2006 (swept the ALDS against Minnesota, were swept in the ALCS against Detroit).

**NEUTRAL SITE GAMES:** This series with the Astros is the A's first postseason series featuring neutral site games...have played 14 neutral site games during the regular season since moving to Oakland in 1968, including six home games in Tokyo (2008, 12 and 19), six home games in Las Vegas (1996) and two road games at County Stadium in Milwaukee against the White Sox (1968 and 69)...are now 6-11 (.353) in neutral site games in Oakland history.

**DODGER STADIUM:** The A's have played six games at Dodger Stadium this year and have allowed 16 home runs in 52.0 innings (2.77 per nine innings)...have hit 13 home runs but are batting .204 (39-for-191)...have played seven postseason games at Dodger Stadium, including these three against Houston plus four against the Dodgers 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 9-16 (.360) overall.

**GO THE DISTANCE:** Each of the A's previous 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 previous 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:** With appearances by T.J. McFarland and Jordan Weems in Game 1 on Monday, 27 of the 28 players on the A's Division Series roster have now appeared in a postseason game...the exception is Jonah Heim...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 18 games)...Soria (13 games), Diekman (12 games) and Hendriks (8 games) have played in four seasons.

**A's vs. ASTROS:** This series 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 regular season 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 during the regular season, including 42-35 in Oakland and 33-39 in Houston.

### THIS DATE IN ATHLETICS HISTORY

In **1930** the A's win their second consecutive World Championship as George Earnshaw defeats the Cardinals, 7-1...in **1972** John "Blue Moon" Odom tosses a three-hit shutout as the A's defeat the Detroit Tigers 5-0 in Game 2 of the ALCS...Bert Campaneris has three hits in a series the A's would win 3-2 prior to defeating Cincinnati for the first World Championship in Oakland...in **1974** Vida Blue tosses a two-hit shutout as the A's win game three of the ALCS at Baltimore, 1-0...Blue does not walk a batter and strikes out seven...the A's score their only run in the fourth inning on a Sal Bando homer...in **1989** the A's clinch their second straight AL pennant with a 4-3 win at Toronto...Dave Stewart picks up his second win of the series and Dennis Eckersley records his third save.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES RESULTS AND PROBABLES

Mon, Oct. 5 vs. Houston (Home)	L, 5-10	Win: Taylor	Loss: Wendelken	Save: None	
Tue., Oct. 6 vs. Houston (Home)	L, 2-5	Win: Valdez	Loss: Manaea	Save: Pressly	
Wed., Oct. 7 vs. Houston (Away)	W, 9-7	Win: Hendriks	Loss: Raley	Save: None	
Thu., Oct. 8 vs. Houston (Away)	RHP Frankie Montas (1-0, 4.50) vs. TBA				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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# TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: FRANKIE MONTAS (1-0, 4.50 ERA IN POSTSEASON)

**POSTSEASON:** Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of his postseason career...made his postseason debut in relief in Game 3 of the ALWCS against Chicago and was the winning pitcher in the A's 6-4 win...pitched the fourth and fifth inning and allowed one run...is on a postseason roster for the first time in 2020.

**TRENDING:** 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...has lost each of his last four starts on the road and is 1-4 with a 10.13 ERA (24 er in 21.1 ip) and .330 (30-for-91) opponents average in five starts away from the Coliseum...surrendered eight home runs in 21.1 innings on the road...made eight of his 11 regular season starts during the day, which tied for the most in the majors...including his one postseason relief appearance, he is 3-4 with a 6.08 ERA (27 er in 40.0 ip) during the day...five of his 11 starts this year have been fewer than five innings.

**LAST APPEARANCE:** He was the winning pitcher in relief in Game 3 of the ALWCS a week ago today in Oakland, a 6-4 win over Chicago...entered the game to start the fourth inning with the A's trailing 3-0...retired the side in order in the fourth and Oakland scored four times in the bottom of the fourth to take a 4-3 lead...he allowed the game-tying RBI single to Mazara in the fifth but the A's scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead for good...was relieved by Wendelken to start the sixth.

**LAST START:** He had a no decision in the A's 6-2 win over Seattle on Sept. 27 in Oakland...struck out a career-high 13 batters on a career-high 113 pitches in 6.0 innings...allowed single runs in each of the first two innings but both were unearned...France had a RBI single in the first and Crawford an RBI single in the second...was relieved by Petit to start the seventh with the scored tied 2-2.

## MONTAS' CAREER POSTSEASON APPEARANCES

Series	Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
*2020 ALWCS G#3	Oct. 1	Chicago	6-4	W	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	0	34
<b>Postseason Totals (1 game, 0 starts, 1-0, 4.50 ERA)</b>					<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	

\*indicates relief appearance

**MONTAS vs. HOUSTON:** Is 4-3 with a 4.50 ERA (40.0 ip, 43 h, 22 r, 20 er, 15 bb, 30 so, 5 hr) in nine career appearances, including seven starts...is 1-2 with a 5.87 ERA (10 er in 15.1 ip) in four games at Minute Maid Park and 3-1 with a 3.65 ERA (10 er in 24.2 ip) in five games in the Coliseum...is 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 this year...the first win came in a 3-1 A's victory in Oakland on Aug. 8...tossed 7.0 scoreless innings and allowed just two hits, his fewest hits allowed in a start of more than four innings in his career...retired the first four batters, allowed a double to Gurriel in the fourth, retired the next eight batters, allowed a single to Gurriel in the fifth and then retired the final nine batters...then took the loss in a 6-3 decision at Houston in the second game of the Aug. 29 doubleheader...allowed a bases loaded triple to Tucker in the first inning and a two-run home run to Springer in the second...retired seven of the final eight batters he faced before he was relieved by Wendelken with one out and a runner on first in the fourth...picked up the win in the A's 4-2 win in the first game of the Sept. 8 doubleheader in Oakland when the A's were the visiting team...shut out the Astros on four hits and a walk over the first four innings and had a 2-0 lead when he allowed a two-run home run to Brantley in the bottom of the fifth...Oakland came back with two in the top of the sixth and he was relieved by Diekman to start the bottom of the sixth with the A's leading 4-2.

## STARTS VS. HOUSTON

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
6/14/18	H	L	5.1	11	7	5	4	1
7/9/18	A	W	6.0	3	0	0	2	2
4/5/19	A	L	5.0	7	2	2	3	5
4/17/19	H	W	6.1	3	1	1	2	6
8/8/20	H	W	7.0	2	0	0	0	5
8/29/20	A	L	3.1	6	5	5	2	5
9/8/20	H	W	5.0	6	2	2	1	4

## MONTAS' CAREER MATCHUPS VS. HOUSTON

Player	Bat	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SH	SF	HBP	GDP	AVG	OBP	SLG
Jose Altuve	R	18	5	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	.278	.316	.333
Michael Brantley	L	19	6	3	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	.316	.316	.632
Alex Bregman	R	15	3	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	.200	.368	.200
Carlos Correa	R	14	4	0	0	1	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	.286	.444	.500
Aledmys Diaz	R	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Dustin Garneau	R	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Yuli Gurriel	R	17	5	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	.294	.333	.412
Martin Maldonado	R	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	.200	.333	.200
Jack Mayfield	R	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Josh Reddick	L	17	6	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	.353	.389	.353
George Springer	R	13	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	.308	.357	.538
Myles Straw	R	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Kyle Tucker	L	9	2	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	.222	.222	.556

## ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

### 35 LHP JAKE DIEKMAN

**Last Outing:** 10/7 vs. Houston (DS G#3) (ND, 1.1 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 1 sv, 5 g (3.2 ip, 2 h, 2 bb, 3 so, 0.00 ERA)

- Has pitched in five games, which match the most by an A's pitcher in the postseason over the last 31 years (Petit this year, Street in 2006, Eckersley in 1990)...the last time an A's pitcher had more than five games in a post-season was in 1989 when Eckersley and Honeycutt had six each.
- Has not surrendered a run this postseason (3.2 ip) but has allowed 3-of-8 (37.5%) inherited runners to score...opponents are 2-for-13 (.154) but he has walked two.
- Has pitched in six of the A's seven postseason games over the last two years and has a 3.27 ERA (4 er in 11.0 ip) in 12 career postseason appearances...has a 4.00 ERA (4 er in 9.0 ip) in eight Division Series appearances.
- Has not allowed an earned run in 25 of his 26 games this year...has a 0.36 ERA (1 er in 25.0 ip) and .120 (10-for-83) opponents batting average but has walked 14 in 25.0 innings.
- Has faced Houston seven times this year and has not allowed a run (7.0 ip, 3 h, 2 bb, 5 so)...has not yielded a run in his last 18 games against the Astros dating back to April 13, 2018 (17.1 ip, 8 h, 6 bb, 15 so) and has allowed 2-of-7 (28.6%) inherited runners to score over that span...has a 0.79 ERA (3 er in 34.0 ip) in 40 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 sv, 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 a week ago today 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:** 10/7 vs. Houston (DS G#3) (W, 3.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 4 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 1-0, 1 sv, 3 g (5.2 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 12 so, 3.18 ERA)

- Tossed 3.0 scoreless innings yesterday to close out the game and pick up the win...is the third reliever in A's postseason history to pitch at least the final three innings of a game and collect the win (Fingers, 3.0 ip in Game 1 of the 1972 ALCS; Walberg, 5.1 ip in Game 5 of the 1929 World Series).
- Yesterday was his first outing of 3.0 or more innings in a game (regular season or postseason) since Game 4 of the 2015 ALCS when he tossed 4.1 innings.
- Has pitched in three games this postseason and has not allowed a run in his last two (4.0 ip, 2 h, 7 so)...has 17 outs, 12 by strikeout...is the first reliever in A's history with three consecutive postseason games with three or more strikeouts.
- Has pitched in five of the A's eight postseason games over the last three years and is 1-1 with a save and a 4.97 ERA (7 er in 12.2 ip) in eight career postseason appearances...has not allowed a run in two career Division Series outings (3.1 ip, 2 h, 4 so).
- Has allowed five runs in his last four appearances this year (7.0 ip, 8 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 bb, 13 so, 6.43 ERA) after allowing just three runs on 12 hits over his first 23 games (1.13 ERA).
- Has two wins and has converted all three of his save opportunities in six appearances against Houston this year (8.0 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 12 so)...has a 0.98 ERA (2 er in 18.1 ip) and has converted all six save opportunities in 14 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...struck out five, which matches his most as an Athletic (April 27, 2016 at Detroit; Aug. 29, 2019 at Kansas City).

**38 LHP T.J. MCFARLAND****Last Outing:** 10/5 vs. Houston (DS G#1) (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 0 sv, 1 g (1.0 ip, 1 so, 0.00 ERA)

- Made his postseason debut Monday in Game 1 with a scoreless inning of relief...was on the A's Wild Card Series roster but did not pitch.
- Has allowed at least one run in six of his nine outings dating back to Sept. 4 for a 9.72 ERA (9 er in 8.1 ip) and .395 (15-for-38) opponents batting average...has walked three and allowed four home runs in 8.1 innings.
- Has not allowed a run in three games against Houston this year (2.1 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so).
- Has a 1.74 ERA (10.1 ip, 7 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 6 so, 1 hr) in 10 career outings at Dodger Stadium.

**23 LHP MIKE MINOR****Last Outing:** 10/6 vs. Houston (DS G#2) (ND, 2.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 0 sv, 2 g (3.0 ip, 2 so, 2 hbp, 0.00 ERA)

- Pitched in relief in each of the first two games of the ALDS and has tossed 3.0 scoreless innings...has allowed two base runners, both on hit by pitches...was on the A's Wild Card Series roster but did not pitch.
- 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...prior to this series, his last relief appearance came in his A's debut on Sept. 4 against San Diego (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 hr).
- Is 1-0 with a 0.96 ERA (9.1 ip, 8 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 7 so) in three career postseason appearances, including one start...all three appearances have come in the Division Series as he started Game 2 of the 2013 NLDS for Atlanta against Los Angeles.
- Is 0-0 in three games, including one start, against Houston this year (6.1 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 6 so).
- Is 1-0 with a 2.25 ERA (16.0 ip, 14 h, 4 r, 4 er, 3 bb, 11 so, 1 hr) in five career appearances, including three starts, at Dodger Stadium.

**36 RHP YUSMEIRO PETIT****Last Outing:** 10/7 vs. Houston (DS G#3) (ND, 0.1 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 0 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 0 sv, 5 g (4.1 ip, 8 h, 6 r, 6 er, 1 bb, 4 so, 1 hr, 1 hb, 12.46 ERA)

- Has pitched in five games (including each of the first three ALDS games), which match the most by an A's pitcher in the postseason over the last 31 years (Diekman this year, Street in 2006, Eckersley in 1990)...the last time an A's pitcher had more than five games in a postseason was in 1989 when Eckersley and Honeycutt had six each.
- Has stranded all five of his inherited runners but has allowed at least one run of his own in three of his five outings (6 er in 4.1 ip, 12.46 ERA)...including three runs yesterday, which match his most runs allowed in a game (regular season or postseason) over the last four years.
- Has pitched in six of the A's seven postseason games over the last two years and is 3-0 with a 4.12 ERA (9 er in 19.2 ip) in 10 career postseason appearances...including 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA (4 er in 8.0 ip) in four Division Series outings.
- Did not allow a run in three regular season games against Houston (2.0 ip) but has allowed four in 2.0 innings in three postseason appearances.

**48 RHP JOAKIM SORIA****Last Outing:** 10/6 vs. Houston (DS G#2) (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 0 sv, 3 g (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hr, 3.00 ERA)

- Has pitched in three of the A's six postseason games, including once in the Division Series...was on the A's Wild Card roster last year but did not pitch.

- Has a win, a loss, a blown save and a 9.64 ERA (4.2 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 3 bb, 5 so) in six career appearances in the Division Series (2014 with Detroit, 2018 with Milwaukee, 2020 with Oakland).
- Has yielded at least one run in five of his 13 career postseason appearances...is 1-1 with a blown save and a 9.31 ERA (9.2 ip, 11 h, 10 r, 10 er, 7 bb, 12 so, 1 hr) in those 13 games.
- Has not allowed a run in five of his last six games this year (6.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 1 hr).
- Has faced Houston four times this year (4.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so)...has a 2.43 ERA (9 er in 33.1 ip) in 34 career appearances against the Astros.
- Has eight career appearances in Dodger Stadium (6.2 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 4 so), including four in the postseason (2.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...pitched in three NLCS games here for Milwaukee in 2018.

**62 RHP LOU TRIVINO****Last Outing:** 10/6 vs. Houston (DS G#2) (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 0 sv, 3 g (2.1 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hr, 3.86 ERA)

- Pitched in each of the first two games of the ALDS, three times this postseason and four times in his postseason career...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings (5.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 5 so, 1 hr, 1.69 ERA).
- Has a 6.75 ERA (8.0 ip, 6 h, 6 r, 6 er, 6 bb, 8 so, 3 hr) over his last nine games this year after allowing no runs over his previous 10 contests (12.2 ip).
- Has faced Houston five times this year (5.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 3 so, 1 hr).
- His Game 3 outing in the ALWCS a week ago today against Chicago in the ALWCS 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.

**70 RHP JORDAN WEEMS****Last Outing:** 10/5 vs. Houston (DS G#1) (ND, 0.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 0 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-0, 0 sv, 1 g (0.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb)

- The rookie right-hander was not on the A's Wild Card Series roster but was added to the Division Series roster Monday and made his postseason debut that day...did not retire any of the three batters he faced (2 h, 1 bb) and was charged with two runs.
- Has allowed five runs over his last four appearances dating back to Sept. 20 (3.0 ip, 6 h, 5 r, 5 er, 6 bb, 3 so) after yielding no runs over his previous five games (8.0 ip).
- Did not face Houston in the regular season.

**57 RHP J.B. WENDELKEN****Last Outing:** 10/5 vs. Houston (DS G#1) (BS/L, 0.2 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)  
**2020 Postseason:** 0-1, 0 sv, 1 bs, 3 g (4.2 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 0 er, 4 so, 0.00 ERA)

- Was charged with four runs in 0.2 innings of work Monday for the blown save and loss...all four runs were unearned, which tied for third most by a reliever in MLB postseason history...three of the eight runs he allowed during the regular season were unearned.
- Has allowed six runs in four games against Houston this year, all of which have been unearned...has a win, two losses and a blown save in those games (6.2 ip, 7 h, 6 r, 0 er, 2 bb, 7 so)...has a 0.69 ERA (1 er in 13.0 ip) in seven career appearances against the Astros.
- Has pitched in three of the A's six postseason games this year and has not allowed an earned run (4.1 ip)...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 17 of his last 18 appearances dating back to Aug. 14...has a 0.79 ERA (2 er in 22.2 ip) and .181 (15-for-83) opponents batting average over that span.

**ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES****20 MARK CANHA****Current Streak:** 1 game (2 for 5)  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 2-11 r, hr, 2 rbi, 5 so, sf  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 3-21 (.143), 2 r, hr, 3 rbi, 2 bb, 6 so, sf

- Went 2-for-5 with his first career postseason home run yesterday after going 1-for-20 (.050) over his first seven postseason games.
- Has started each of the A's last seven postseason games at three different positions (three in right field, three in left field, one in center field)...has played in all eight of the A's postseason games over the last three years and is 3-for-25 (.120) with a home run, three RBI and three walks.
- Is 8-for-43 (.186) with six walks in 13 games against Houston this year.

**2 CHRIS DAVIS****Current Streak:** 0 for 6  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 4-12, 2 r, 2 hr, 3 rbi, 4 so  
**2020 Postseason:** 5 g, 6-20 (.300), 3 r, 3 hr, 4 rbi, 6 so

- Has three home runs this postseason and is the eighth Athletic with three or more home runs in a single postseason...the most is four by Jose Canseco in 1988 and Gene Tenace in 1972...homered just twice in 30 regular season games.
- Has four career postseason home runs, which is tied for fifth most in Athletics history behind Canseco (7), Al Simmons (6), Sal Bando (5) and Reggie Jackson (5).
- Went 0-for-5 yesterday after hitting safely in each of his first four games...has now started seven of the A's eight postseason games over the last three years at designated hitter and is 7-for-28 (.250) with four home runs and six RBI.
- Homered in each of the first two games of this series, which marks the 13th time in Athletics postseason history a player has homered in back-to-back games (second time this year along with Sean Murphy)...is one of six Athletics with two home runs in an ALDS...no one has three.

- Is batting .298 (14-for-47) with four home runs and eight RBI in 16 games since played resumed on Sept. 4...homered just once over his first 19 contests.
- Is 7-for-27 (.259) with two doubles, three home runs and five RBI in seven games against Houston this year.

**8 ROBBIE GROSSMAN****Current Streak:** 0 for 4  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 1-6, r, 2b, 2 bb, 2 so  
**2020 Postseason:** 5 g, 1-13 (.077), 2 r, 2b, 3 bb, 4 so

- Has appeared in all three games of the ALDS, the first Division series games of his career...is 3-for-21 (.143) with three walks in seven career postseason games.
- Has made three starts this postseason, all in left field and all in games started by a right-hander...all 45 of his regular season starts came against right-handers...is also 0-for-1 with a walk as a pinch hitter.
- Is 7-for-47 (.149) over his last 15 games dating back to Sept. 15 but five of the seven hits are for extra bases (two doubles, three home runs).
- Is hitting .250 (9-for-36) with two home runs and three RBI in 12 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 7  
**AL Division Series:** 1 g, 0-2, so, gidp  
**2020 Postseason:** 4 g, 1-7 (.143), so, gidp

- Has started three of the A's six postseason games, all at third base...has played in four games and has not batted against a left-handed pitcher.
- Played in three NLDS games with Arizona in 2017 and is now 2-for-10 (.200) in four career Division Series games.
- Is batting .350 (7-for-20) with no extra base hits and no RBI in eight career postseason games.
- Is hitting .250 (13-for-52) with four doubles, three home runs and nine RBI in 17 games since signing with the A's as a free agent on Sept. 14.
- Is 0-for-4 in two games against Houston this year.
- Is 1-for-13 (.077) in four games at Dodger Stadium this year and is a .205 (24-for-117) career hitter in this park, which includes three LDS games (2-for-7, .286).

**3 TOMMY LA STELLA**

**Current Streak:** 1 game (2 for 3)  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 3-11, 2 r, hr, rbi, bb, so, hbp, gidp  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 6-22 (.273), 5 r, hr, rbi, 2 bb, 3 so, hbp, gidp

- Has started all six games at second base, which are the most postseason starts at second base by an Athletic in a single season since 1990 when Willie Randolph also had six...the last with more is Tony Phillips with seven in 1989.
- Hit his first career postseason home run yesterday.
- Has hit safely in five of his six games this postseason (6-for-22, .273) after going 0-for-13 in 12 games over his first four postseasons.
- Is 3-for-13 (.231) with two walk in seven career Division Series games as he also played in three consecutive NLDS for the Cubs from 2015-17.
- Has hit safely in nine of his last 10 games dating back to Sept. 25 (11-for-34, .324).
- Is 11-for-43 (.256) against Houston this year and is a .185 (12-for-65) career hitter against the Astros.

**22 RAMON LAUREANO**

**Current Streak:** 1 game (1 for 4)  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 1-11, r, 2b, bb, 3 so, gidp  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 3-22 (.136), 2 r, 2b, rbi, bb, 7 so, gidp

- Has started all six games this postseason in center field and has started all eight of the A's postseason games over the last three years (seven in center field, one in right field)...is 4-for-28 (.143) with two RBI and two walks.
- Snapped a 0-for-14 streak with his eighth inning double yesterday and is now 7-for-51 (.137) over his last 15 games dating back to Sept. 16.
- Is 1-for-11 this series after reaching base safely in all 10 regular season games against Houston...is 12-for-46 (.261) with four doubles, a triple, a home run, four RBI, three walks and four hit by pitches in 13 games against the Astros this year and is a .291 (30-for-103) career hitter against Houston.

**12 SEAN MURPHY**

**Current Streak:** 0 for 9  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 1-10, r, hr, 2 rbi, 3 so, sf  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 4-18 (.222), 4 r, 2 hr, 4 rbi, 2 bb, 4 so, sf

- Has started all seven of the A's postseason games over the last two years at catcher and is 4-for-19 (.211) with four runs, two home runs, four RBI and two walks.
- Homered Monday in Game 1 after homering in the final game of the ALWCs...it is 12th time in Athletics postseason history a player has homered in back-to-back games, the first since Dave Parker in 1989 (ALCS Games 2 and 3)...is the first rookie catcher to homer in back-to-back postseason games in Major League history...has hit two of the five home runs by a rookie in Athletics postseason history (Wally Schang, 1913 WS G#3; Terrence Long, 2000 ALDS G#3; Mark Ellis, 2002 ALDS G#5).
- Is 0-for-6 over his last two games after reaching base safely in each of previous 20 contests dating back to Sept. 4...batted .288 (17-for-59) with 17 runs, seven home runs, 12 RBI and 14 walks during the streak with a .425 on-base percentage and 1.103 OPS.
- Is 4-for-25 (.160) with two home runs, five RBI and six walks in 10 games against Houston this year...is a .235 (8-for-34) career hitter against the Astros with five home runs and 10 RBI in 12 games...has eight home runs against all other teams.

**28 MATT OLSON**

**Current Streak:** 1 game (1 for 4)  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 2-10, 3 r, 2 hr, 2 rbi, 2 bb, 2 so, gidp  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 2-19 (.105), 3 r, 2 hr, 3 rbi, 5 bb, 8 so, gidp

- Hit his second career postseason home run yesterday and both have come in this series...is one of six Athletics with two home runs in an ALDS...no one has three.
- Has started each of the A's eight postseason games over the last three years at first base and is 3-for-24 (.125) with two home runs, three RBI, eight walks (.344 on-base percentage) and nine strikeouts.
- Is batting .147 (10-for-68) with three home runs, seven RBI and 34 strikeouts over his last 21 games dating back to Sept. 13.
- Is 6-for-46 (.130) against Houston this year but five of the hits are home runs and he has 10 RBI in 13 games...has 17 home runs and 43 RBI in his career against the Astros, both his best marks against any team.

**45 NATE ORF**

**Current Streak:** 0 for 7  
**AL Division Series:** 1 g, 0-0  
**2020 Postseason:** 2 g, 0-0

- Is making his postseason debut this year and has played in two games without an at bat (Game 2 of the ALWCs, Game 3 of the ALDS).
- Had never played against Houston in his career prior to yesterday.
- 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 (4 for 8)  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 4-9, 2 r, 2b, 2 hr, 5 rbi, bb, so, sf, gidp  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 7-18 (.389), 2 r, 2b, 2 hr, 7 rbi, 2 bb, 3 so, sf, gidp

- Had the first four RBI game by an Athletics third baseman in the postseason yesterday...now has seven RBI, which match the most by an Athletic in a postseason over the last 31 years (Sierra, 1992; Bradley, 2006).
- Has homered in back-to-back games...is the third Athletic to do that this postseason (Murphy and Davis) and the 14th in Athletics postseason history.
- Is 4-for-9 (.444) with a double, two home runs and five RBI in three Division Series games...is one of six Athletics with two home runs in an ALDS (no one has three)...his five RBI are one short of Marco Scutaro's Oakland Division Series record of six in 2006.
- Has played in all six games this postseason, including three starts at third base and one at designated hitter...is 1-for-2 as a pinch hitter...was on the A's Wild Card roster in each of the previous two seasons but did not play in either game.
- Was reinstated from the injured list Sept. 27 (strained right hamstring) and has played in each of the A's seven games since then...is 8-for-21 (.381) with a double, two home runs, eight RBI and three walks over that span.
- Is 9-for-22 (.409) in nine games against Houston this year and is a .295 (39-for-132) career hitter against the Astros with nine home runs and 24 RBI in 50 games...the home runs and RBI are his most against any team.

**25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY**

**Current Streak:** 0 for 3  
**AL Division Series:** 2 g, 1-4  
**2020 Postseason:** 3 g, 1-7 (.143), so, gidp

- Has made four career postseason starts for the A's, all in right field.
- Is 7-for-20 (.350) with five runs, three home runs and six RBI in six career Division Series games, including four for St. Louis in the 2015 NLDS against Chicago...is a .269 (7-for-26) career hitter in the postseason with three home runs and six RBI in eight games.
- Is 5-for-45 (.111) with no extra base hits and one RBI over his last 14 games dating back to Sept. 12.
- Is 5-for-19 (.263) in eight games against Houston this year.
- Is 9-for-46 (.196) with no extra base hits and one RBI in 13 career games at Dodger Stadium.

**10 MARCUS SEMIEN**

**Current Streak:** 5 games (9 for 19)  
**AL Division Series:** 3 g, 6-11, 3 r, hr, rbi, 2 bb  
**2020 Postseason:** 6 g, 9-23 (.391), 5 r, 2b, 2 hr, 3 rbi, 3 bb, so

- Has four straight multiple hit games (8-for-15, .533), which matches the longest postseason streak in Athletics history (Harold Baines, 1992 ALCS G#1-4; Carney Lansford, 1989 WS G#3-1990 ALCS G#2; Frank Baker, 1911 WS G#6-1913 WS G#3).
- Has started each of the A's eight postseason games over the last three years at shortstop and is 11-for-31 (.355) with two home runs and three RBI.
- Is 13-for-39 (.333) over his last 10 games dating back to Sept. 24.
- Is 6-for-11 (.545) in three postseason games against Houston after going 5-for-28 (.179) in seven regular season games.