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Oakland Athletics Announce 2014 Schedule

Next Year's Slate Features Earliest Home Opening Day in Club History; Interleague Home Games vs. Nationals, Mets & Phillies; First Ever Visit to Miami's Marlins Park

OAKLAND, **Calif.**–While the focus remains on repeating as American League West Division champions at month's end, the Oakland A's today announced their regular season schedule for 2014. The A's will host the Cleveland Indians Monday, March 31 for the earliest home Opening Day in Oakland history, while other 2014 highlights include NL East interleague home games at the O.co Coliseum against the Washington Nationals, New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies and a first-ever appearance at the new Marlins Park in Miami.

For the second consecutive year, the Athletics will also play four straight games against the cross-bay rival Giants as part of the interleague schedule, with the first two match-ups staged in Oakland July 7-8 followed by a two-game series at AT&T Park July 9-10.

The A's, who will break a string of four straight Opening Days against Seattle, christen the 2014 season with a 7:05 p.m. game March 31 with Cleveland, the first of a seven-game homestand against the Indians (also April 1-2) and Mariners (April 3-6). The only time Oakland has opened their season prior to March 31 was when it played Seattle in Japan in both 2008 and last year.

If next September promises to be pivotal month, the A's appear to hold a distinct edge as they play 15 home contests in a 22-game stretch before finishing the regular season schedule with a four-game series at Texas Sept. 25-28.

The Washington Nationals will launch next year's interleague schedule with a three-game weekend series in the Bay Area May 9-11. Later in the campaign, the Giants, Mets (Aug. 19-20) and Phillies (Sept. 19-21) also bring their brand of National League baseball to Oakland. Besides San Francisco, the A's will visit three other interleague cities next season in New York (the Mets' Citi Field, June 24-25), Miami (June 27-29) and Atlanta (Aug. 15-17).

Oakland's schedule will be comprised of an unbalanced format that includes 19 games against American League West opponents. The A's also will play either six or seven games vs. all other American League teams outside of their division in a home-and-home series arrangement.

Other highlights of the A's 2014 home schedule include:

- A three-game weekend series against the New York Yankees June 13-15, which includes a Fireworks date (13th) and Father's Day (15th).
- A four-game weekend series with the Boston Red Sox June 19-22, the only Oakland appearance by Boston next year.
- The Baltimore Orioles help the A's kick off the second half of the season with a three-game weekend series at the Coliseum July 18-20 right after the All-Star Break.
- Additional home attractions that fall on holidays or special days: the Houston Astros on Easter Sunday, April 20; the Washington Nationals on Mother's Day, May 11; the Detroit Tigers on Memorial Day, May 26; the Toronto Blue Jays on the 4th of July; and the Seattle Mariners on Labor Day, Sept. 1.
- A challenging final homestand of the season which features the Texas Rangers (Sept. 16-18), Philadelphia Phillies (Sept. 19-21) and Los Angeles Angels (Sept. 22-24).

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June could be the A's most rigorous month, as they embark on two different road trips to the East Coast, first a June 3-11 swing through New York, Baltimore and then to Anaheim before returning home to play the Yankees, Rangers and Red Sox for a grueling 10-game homestand. The month then ends with Oakland flying back to New York, where they will play a two-game interleague series with the Mets, following by road series in Miami and Detroit.

Fans wishing to place a \$150-per-seat deposit towards 2014 season tickets can do so by calling (510) 638-GO A's (4627) or by logging onto <u>www.oaklandathetics.com/deposit</u>. For each deposit placed, fans will be given the option to purchase an equal number of 2013 postseason ticket strips. Purchasing the full postseason ticket strip will lock in ticket pricing and guarantee seating throughout the postseason.

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(Complete 2014 Athletics Schedule Follows)

Oakland Athletics 2014 Regular Season Schedule

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