



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Media Release

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### **Oakland A's to Open 2017 Season on Monday, April 3**

***Team to dedicate Rickey Henderson Field, honor Hall of Fame Broadcaster Bill King***

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland Athletics will open their 50<sup>th</sup> season at the Oakland Coliseum by dedicating Rickey Henderson Field on Opening Night, Monday, April 3, against the Los Angeles Angels. First pitch is set for 7:05 p.m.

Opening Night festivities will begin at 6:20 p.m. with a presentation for the late Bill King. A's radio play-by-play announcer Ken Korach, along with members of King's family, will unveil a sign on the plaza area above home plate that will commemorate King's induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Celebrations for Rickey Henderson will follow the team introductions. Henderson will be joined on the field by his first scout James Guinn and teammate Dave Stewart. Henderson is scheduled to address the fans before throwing out the ceremonial first pitch to Stewart.

Opening Night ceremonies will also include Season Ticket Members holding the American flag in centerfield and the National Anthem performed by Joshua Henry from the musical "Hamilton." God Bless America will also be performed by cast members from the musical "Hamilton." At the season opener, 25,000 fans will receive an Opening Night pennant presented by NBC Sports California.

The complete homestand is below.

### **Monday, April 3 | Los Angeles Angels | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California/ESPN2**

**Radio: 95.7 The Game and the A's Radio Network**

Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

\*Parking: Noon (South side); 1 p.m. (North side)

**National Anthem:** Joshua Henry, cast member from the musical "Hamilton"

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Rickey Henderson

**God Bless America:** Cast members from the musical "Hamilton"

**OPENING NIGHT PENNANT:** 25,000 fans will receive an A's Opening Night pennant, presented by NBC Sports California.

**A's COMMUNITY FUND 50/50 RAFFLE:** At select home games throughout the 2017 season, fans can participate in the A's Community Fund 50/50 Raffle, presented by Better Health East Bay, a Sutter Health Foundation. One lucky fan has the opportunity to win half of the gross proceeds raised at each game, with the remaining proceeds benefitting the A's Community Fund's mission to support charitable organizations that aim to improve the quality of life for people throughout the Bay Area. Visit the concourse behind Section 217 or look for designated Raffle Team Members around the ballpark.

**BUDWEISER \$4 Fourth:** Fans will be able to enjoy \$4 beers during the fourth inning all season long in the Budweiser Brew House (section 129).

### **Tuesday, April 4 | Los Angeles Angels | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California only available in-market via the NBC Sports app**

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

**Radio: KBLX 102.9FM and the A's Radio Network**

Gates open at 5:35 p.m.

\*Parking: 4 p.m.; dual event: \$20 before 7 p.m., \$40 after 7 p.m.

**National Anthem:** Sinaloa Middle School Band

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** TBD

**GREEN STAMPEDE HOMEWORK CLUB:** On select games throughout the season, elementary school students will visit the Coliseum to receive help with their homework from tutors and aides. After the students have finished their homework, they are able to sit in the stands and watch the game.

**Wednesday, April 5 | Los Angeles Angels | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California**

**Radio: 95.7 The Game and the A's Radio Network**

**National Anthem:** David Longoria

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** BART representative

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**FOOD BANK WEDNESDAYS:** On select Wednesdays throughout the season, volunteers will be on-site to help collect cans of food and monetary donations before the game to benefit the Alameda County Food Bank. With every five cans donated or \$20 contribution, fans will receive two vouchers that are redeemable for a Plaza Level ticket at 50% off for a 2017 A's game.

**Thursday, April 6 | Los Angeles Angels | 12:35 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California**

**Radio: 95.7 The Game and the A's Radio Network**

**National Anthem:** Rabbitt Quinn

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** TBD

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