



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### **Oakland A's to open 10-game homestand Friday, April 14** ***\$15 View Level tickets available at all games***

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland Athletics will play host to three division foes on their upcoming 10-game homestand beginning Friday, April 14. The homestand opens with back-to-back three-game sets against the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers, before concluding with a four-game series against Felix Hernandez, Robinson Canó, and the Seattle Mariners.

For the first time in more than a decade, fans can enjoy the games from the View Level. With the removal of the tarps, View Level tickets for the upcoming homestand will be \$15, with half of every ticket purchase benefitting Oakland Promise, a cradle-to-career initiative that aims to triple the number of college graduates from Oakland within the next decade.

Starting Friday, April 14, the A's, and their retail partner Fanatics, are teaming up with Oaklandish to offer Oaklandish product in team stores. Select Oaklandish t-shirts in men's and women's sizes will be available in the A's main team store (D-store) and C-store at the Coliseum.

Other highlights from the homestand include a Pet Calendar giveaway presented by AvoDerm Natural and Nylabone (10,000 fans) on Friday, April 21, a Warriors/A's t-shirt giveaway presented by Cache Creek Casino Resort (10,000 fans) on Saturday, April 22, and a Khris Davis Striped Socks giveaway presented by Black Bear Diner (15,000 fans) on Sunday, April 23.

The complete homestand is below.

#### **Friday, April 14 | Houston Astros | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California Plus**  
**Radio: 95.7 The Game and the A's Radio Network**

**National Anthem:** Monte Vista High School Choir  
**Ceremonial First Pitch:** NBC Sports California

#### **Saturday, April 15 | Houston Astros | 1:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California**  
**Radio: 95.7 The Game and the A's Radio Network**

**National Anthem:** Teana Boston  
**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Jackie Robinson Scholar  
**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Marion Ritchie (Navy Veteran and just turned 100 yrs old in March)

**JASON TURBOW BOOK SIGNING:** A's fans can join Jason Turbow, author of "Dynastic, Bombastic, Fantastic," for a book signing in the Shibe Park Tavern from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. The book features Reggie, Rollie, Catfish, and Charlie Finley's Swinging A's. The book will be available for purchase during the signing.

**LITTLE A's:** Local youth and their chaperones from nonprofit organizations will have the opportunity to attend an A's game free of charge through the Little A's program. In addition to a game ticket, each child receives a Bank of America

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souvenir and child-admission pass to the Oakland Zoo. The Little A's program is presented by Bank of America and supported by the Oakland Zoo, Clorox, and Capitol Corridor.

**Sunday, April 16 | Houston Astros | 1:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California**

**Radio: KFOX 95.5 FM the A's Radio Network**

\*Parking: \$40 because of the Warriors game

**National Anthem:** Natalie Schroeder

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** TBD

**Monday, April 17 | Texas Rangers | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California**

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

**National Anthem:** College Park High School Choir

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** TBD

**BREAKING BARRIERS ESSAY CONTEST WINNER:** Major League Baseball and Scholastic are celebrating the 21st year of Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life, the educational program designed to teach young students about obstacles faced by Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson as he broke baseball's color barrier in 1947. The A's will honor Rainah Ackley from San Ramon Valley Christian Academy for her winning essay in this year's Breaking Barriers contest, which asks students in grades four through nine to submit an essay about barriers or obstacles they have faced or are still facing in their lives and how they overcame those obstacles using the values demonstrated by Jackie Robinson. Ackley will be joined on the field by Sharon Robinson and an A's player for this pregame ceremony.

**Tuesday, April 18 | Texas Rangers | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California Plus**

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

**Pregame Performance:** Korean Samulnori Performance Group

**National Anthem:** San Ramon Hansomo

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Koreah Heritage Night

**KOREAN HERITAGE NIGHT, presented by Cache Creek Casino Resort:** All fans who purchase a special ticket for this event will receive an exclusive A's Korean Heritage beanie. Korean Heritage Night will also feature special pregame festivities and performances.

**CHEVY FREE PARKING TUESDAY:** To continually provide value to A's fans, Free Parking Tuesdays is back for most Tuesday home games during the 2017 season. All fans park for free on these days.

**A's AMIGOS:** The A's Amigos program gives our community's bilingual Spanish speaking children from nonprofit organizations the opportunity to interact with bilingual A's players. Participants are able to learn about the value of sportsmanship and hard work from their role models. In addition to the pregame chat, each child receives a game ticket and an A's cap. A's Amigos is driven by Chevrolet.

**Wednesday, April 19 | Texas Rangers | 12:35 p.m.**

**TV: MLB Network**

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

\*Parking: dual event, \$20 before 2 p.m., \$40 after 2 p.m.

**National Anthem:** Berkeley Unified School District Sixth Grade Music Students

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** TBD

**Thursday, April 20 | Seattle Mariners | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV: NBC Sports California**

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

**National Anthem:** Davidson Middle School Band

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Walter Sprago, veteran

**Friday, April 21 | Seattle Mariners | 7:05 p.m.**

**TV:** NBC Sports California

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

**National Anthem:** Ladies First Choir

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Avoderm/Nylabone representative

**PET CALENDAR, presented by AvoDerm Natural and Nylabone:** 10,000 fans will receive a 2017 wall calendar featuring A's players posing with their pet or an available rescue animal, presented by AvoDerm Natural and Nylabone.

**Saturday, April 22 | Seattle Mariners | 1:05 p.m.**

**TV:** NBC Sports California

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

**National Anthem:** Daniel Borup

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Cache Creek Casino Resort representative

**WARRIORS/A'S T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY:** 10,000 fans will receive a Warriors/A's t-shirt, presented by Cache Creek Casino Resort.

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**Sunday, April 23 | Seattle Mariners | 1:05 p.m.**

**TV:** NBC Sports California

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

**National Anthem:** Isabella deCosta

**Ceremonial First Pitch:** Biscuit Bear, Black Bear Diner mascot

**KHRIS DAVIS STRIPED SOCKS GIVEAWAY, presented by Black Bear Diner:** 15,000 fans will receive Khri Davis striped socks, presented by Black Bear Diner.

**LITTLE LEAGUE DAY:** All fans who purchase a special ticket for this event will be able to attend the pregame festival and participate in an on-field parade. This event is open to all Little Leagues, youth baseball and softball leagues, as well as coaches, families and friends. The Little League Festival runs from 9 - 10:30 a.m. in B Lot, followed by the on-field parade at 10:45 a.m.

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