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Oakland A's PLAY BALL Weekend, Pride Night Set for Upcoming Homestand

OAKLAND, Calif. – On Friday, June 2 the Oakland A's will open a six-game homestand against the Washington Nationals and Toronto Blue Jays. Highlights of the homestand include a pair of giveaways, the celebration of PLAY BALL Weekend and the third annual Pride Night.

On Saturday, June 3, 15,000 fans will receive a Khris Davis bobblehead, presented by XFINITY. The following day, 15,000 fans will receive a PLAY BALL bat/ball set, presented by Chevrolet, as part of the PLAY BALL Weekend.

The A's will celebrate PLAY BALL Weekend June 3 – 4, a league-wide effort by MLB and all 30 Clubs to engage young baseball fans and celebrate the continued support of youth participation in baseball and softball. In addition to the PLAY BALL bat/ball set giveaway, the team will host a baseball game with the Oakland Cal Ripken Baseball League on Saturday, June 3 at Greenman Field and an equipment drive in partnership with the Baseball Tomorrow Fund.

The complete homestand is below.

Friday, June 2 | Washington Nationals | 7:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

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

Gates open at 5:05 p.m.

Parking: 4 p.m.

NBC SPORTS CALIFORNIA AUTHENTIC FAN FRIDAY: Every Friday home game, fans in sections 316 – 318, will receive a giveaway, a personalized photo booth card, \$6 food or merchandise value, and more. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit athletics.com/authenticfan.

A'S TAP TAKEOVER: Firestone Walker Brewing Company will take over the Gastropub, located in the Shibe Park Tavern. Fans will be able to taste and enjoy up to a dozen different Firestone Walker offerings to include seasonal, one-offs, traditional and specialty brews. Several beers will be available this day only, including Bretta Weisse (light, crisp and full of citrus notes) and Fortem (full-bodied IPA with notes of mango, lime and blueberry that jump out of the glass).

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.

National Anthem: Matthew Zavod

Ceremonial First Pitch: NBC Sports California representative

Saturday, June 3 | Washington Nationals | 1:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: KFOX 98.5 FM

Gates open at 10:30 p.m.

Parking: 8 a.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

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PLAY BALL WEEKEND YOUTH GAME TAKEOVER: Adam Rosales and Vida Blue will join local baseball and softball players at Greenman Field from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for a sandlot game, to play catch, take photos and sign autographs. The visit is supported by Rosales' nonprofit, Sandlot Nation.

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY: The A's have partnered with Autism Speaks to help raise funds for research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

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A's COMMUNITY FUND SILENT AUCTION: Every Saturday and Sunday home game (and other select games), the A's Community Fund hosts a silent auction featuring signed and unsigned A's memorabilia as well as game-used items. The silent auctions are located in the A's fan center behind section 120 and end with the last out in the bottom of the fifth inning.

National Anthem: JD Greer

Ceremonial First Pitch: XFINITY representative

Sunday, June 4 | Washington Nationals | 1:05 p.m.

TV: NBC Sports California

Radio: 95.7 FM The Game, KFOX 98.5 FM and the A's Radio Network

Gates open at 11:05 a.m.

Parking: 9 a.m.

MLB PITCH HIT AND RUN COMPETITION: This spring, over 650,000 children have participated nationwide in Major League Baseball's free PITCH HIT RUN. Prior to today's game, the top 12 baseball and top 12 softball qualifiers from Northern California and Nevada will compete at Coliseum in hopes of advancing to the National Finals during 2017 Major League Baseball All-Star Week in Miami.

CAL RIPKEN DAY: All uniformed players and coaches that purchase a special ticket for this event will be able to attend a pregame festival and participate in an on-field pregame parade. The event will begin with a pregame rally in B Lot at 10:45 a.m. hosted by Youth Sports Nation and Mr. Community. After the rally, the Cal Ripken Day on-field parade for uniformed players and coaches will begin promptly at noon. This event is open to all Cal Ripken players, as well as coaches, families and friends.

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PLAY BALL WEEKEND BAT AND BALL SET GIVEAWAY: 15,000 fans will receive a PLAY BALL Weekend bat and ball giveaway, presented by Chevrolet.

BASEBALL EQUIPMENT DRIVE: Donate new or used baseball and softball equipment at C Gate, D Gate and the BART Plaza before the game. All donations will benefit the Oakland Cal Ripken Baseball League. This initiative is in partnership with the Baseball Tomorrow Fund.

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TAKE THE FIELD WITH THE A's: The Take the Field with the A's program gives youth baseball and softball teams the chance to live out their Major League dreams. Members of the Rohnert Park Cal Ripken League will join Oakland A's players on the field during the National Anthem.

RACE AROUND THE BASES: Race Around the Bases, presented by Sutter Health, invites children 14 years old and younger onto the field after most Sunday day games to run the bases. Each participant will receive an A's Fitness Sluggers cheer card as they leave the field.

National Anthem: Natalie Schroeder
Ceremonial First Pitch: Dylan Jereb

Monday, June 5 | Toronto Blue Jays | 7:05 p.m.

TV: NBCSCA

Radio: KFOX 98.5 FM and the A's Radio Network

Gates open at 5:35 p.m.

Parking: 4 p.m.

GREEN STAMPEDE HOMEWORK CLUB: 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.

National Anthem: Daniel Borup
Ceremonial First Pitch: NBC Sports California representative

Tuesday, June 6 | Toronto Blue Jays | 7:05 p.m.

TV: NBCSCA

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

Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

Parking: 4 p.m.

A'S PRIDE NIGHT: The A's will host the third annual Pride Night. Fans who purchase this special ticket will receive an A's Pride Scarf. Partial proceeds from ticket sales will benefit three LGBTQ nonprofits: AIDS Project of the East Bay, Our Space, and Rainbow Community Center. All fans are invited to attend a pregame party in the Westside Patio and Shibe Park Tavern. For more information, visit athletics.com/pride.

SCHOOL OF IMAGINATION VISIT: Stephen Vogt will visit with students at Dublin's School of Imagination from 10:30 a.m. – noon. Vogt makes regular visits to the school throughout the season. Additionally, Vogt will host supporters of the School of Imagination for a catch-on-the-field experience at 3 p.m. Following the catch, the fans will participate in a behind-the-scenes tour, watch BP from the field, and receive tickets to the game. The program is supported by Azusa Pacific University, Vogt's alma mater.

YOUTH SPORTS NATION'S "PLAY BALL" TOUR SCHOOL VISIT: The A's will visit with students at Joaquin Miller Elementary School in Oakland from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. as part of the Youth Sports Nation's "Play Ball" Tour. An A's player will join Terry T. Butler, aka Mr. Community, for a presentation that combines music, sports and community to celebrate the game of baseball. The program will also include Youth Sports Nation's three pledges: get an education, love my parents and respect my elders.

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.

National Anthem: East Bay Gay Men's Chorus

Ceremonial First Pitch: Rhea Butcher

Take Me Out to the Ballgame: East Bay Gay Men's Chorus

Wednesday, June 7 | Toronto Blue Jays | 12:35 p.m.

TV: MLB Network

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

Gates open at 11:05 a.m.

Parking: 9 a.m.

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. Food Bank Wednesdays is presented by Lagunitas.

National Anthem: Lynne Lewis

Ceremonial First Pitch: TBD

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