



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

MEDIA RELEASE

Oakland Athletics Baseball Company • 510-638-4900 • athletics.com • @athletics

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 30, 2019

Oakland Native MC Hammer to Throw A's Ceremonial First Pitch on Wednesday ***A's to host American League Wild Card Game on Oct. 2; tickets still available***

OAKLAND, Calif. – Oakland native MC Hammer will throw out the ceremonial first pitch ahead of Wednesday's American League Wild Card Game at 5:09 p.m. A limited amount of tickets for the A's versus Rays game are still available at athletics.com/postseason.

Stanley Burrell, the "Hammertime" and "2 Legit 2 Quit" rapper, was born in Oakland and served as clubhouse assistant and bat boy for the Oakland A's from 1973 to 1980. Team owner Charlie Finley discovered Burrell when he was 11 years old selling stray baseballs and dancing in the parking lots, and invited him to watch a game from a luxury box before hiring him as a bat boy. Players dubbed Burrell "Little Hammer" due to his resemblance to Hank Aaron. He adopted the moniker MC for "Master of Ceremonies" when he performed at clubs when the A's were out of town.

The A's will host the American League Wild Card Game presented by Hankook Tire at the Coliseum on Wednesday, Oct. 2. It is the A's first home Postseason game since 2013. A limited number of tickets are still available at athletics.com/postseason.

- athletics.com -

Contact: Erica George, 510.746.4419
egeorge@athletics.com