



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Post Game Notes

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Tampa Bay Rays (54-50) at Oakland Athletics (56-47) Tuesday, July 31, 2012 Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Tampa Bay	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	2	8	11	0	5
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2

W — Shields (9-7)

L — Milone (9-8)

S — None

OAKLAND NOTES

- The Oakland Athletics were shut out for the 12th time this season...however, it was the first time they have been blanked since June 3...had their season-high six-game home winning streak snapped, which matched the A's longest winning streak at home last year...are 1-1 on this 10-game homestand against Tampa Bay (1-1), Toronto (four games) and Los Angeles (three games).
- The A's went 19-5 (.792) in the month of July, which is a **franchise record for winning percentage in July**...finish with their eighth best record in any month in franchise history...it is the best July by an American League team since the Yankees went 23-6 (.793) in 1956...finish with the best record in the majors this July...finish with their most wins in a month since going 21-6 in August, 2006...hit 36 home runs this month, which is the most by an A's team in one month since August, 2007 (36).
- Tommy Milone** allowed five runs in 6.0 innings...prior to tonight, had allowed seven runs, six earned, in 59.2 innings (0.91 ERA) in eight starts at home for the season...is 1-4 with a 5.94 ERA (24 er in 36.1 ip) in six starts against American League East teams this year compared to 8-4 with a 2.85 ERA (31 er in 98.0 ip) in 15 starts against everyone else...has walked one batter or fewer in each of his last eight starts and has four walks and 47 strikeouts in 54.0 innings over that span.
- Chris Carter** (1 for 3) is 7 for 26 (.269) with three home runs, eight RBI and six walks over his last seven games.
- Yoenis Cespedes** (0 for 3) had his seven-game hitting streak snapped...was 12 for 32 (.375) during the streak...struck out a career-high tying three times (fourth time, last: July 24, 2012 at Toronto).
- George Kottaras** (1 for 3) made his A's debut and had singled in the eighth inning.

Pitching Lines	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Pitches/Strikes
Tommy Milone (L, 9-8)	6.0	7	5	5	1	4	0	95/57
Evan Scribner	2.0	4	3	2	1	3	0	52/36
Jim Miller	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18/10

Home Runs	Inning	Count	RBI	Location	Pitcher
None					

TAMPA BAY NOTES

- The Tampa Bay Rays recorded their 10th shutout of the season, which is second most in the American League...are 9-9 since the All-Star Break and went 13-13 in the month of July...are 19-14 on the road since May 13 compared to 15-22 at home over that same span...are 5-3 on this nine-game road trip to Baltimore (2-1), Los Angeles (2-1) and Oakland (1-1).
- Rays pitchers recorded 241 strikeouts in the month of July, the most by an American League team in July since the 1964 Indians had 264.
- James Shields** tossed his 17th career complete game (last: Sept. 5, 2011 vs. Texas), his seventh shutout (last: Aug. 9, 2011 vs. Kansas City)...had a season-high tying 11 strikeouts (also May 2 vs. Seattle).
- Sam Fuld** (3 for 4) had a season-high tying three hits (also July 26 at Baltimore).
- Desmond Jennings** (1 for 5) is 5 for 29 (.172) in seven starts since returning to the leadoff spot after going 10 for 30 (.333) over his previous nine games batting seventh.
- Jeff Keppinger** (1 for 3) had a RBI single in the sixth inning and is now batting .328 (21 for 64) in 18 games since the All-Star Break.
- Jose Lobaton** (1 for 3) is 6 for 19 (.316) in seven games on the road trip after going 5 for 21 (.238) in eight games on the homestand.
- Sean Rodriguez** (1 for 3) snapped his 0 for 19 streak with a RBI single in the sixth inning.

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James Shields (W, 9-7)	9.0	3	0	0	0	11	0	98/66

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None					

Time of Game 2:37
First Pitch 7:08 pm
Temperature 65 degrees

Attendance.....15,836
Total1,094,397
Average (52 games)21,046

Win/Lose in Last At-Bat 18-9
Extra Innings 8-2

Overall Record 56-47
Streak.....Lost 1
Homestand 1-1
Last Five 3-2
Last 10 7-3

Series Record..... 1-1
Series First Game 18-17
vs. AL West 17-17
vs. RHP/LHP 38-28/18-19

Home/Road 30-22/26-25
Day/Night 18-17/38-30
April/May/June 10-12/11-16/15-13
July/Aug./Sept. 19-5/0-0/0-0

A's Starter goes 7 or more/Less than 7 27-12/29-35
A's/Opponents score first 38-14/18-33
Leading after 7th inn/8th inn 40-5/42-4
Tied after 7th inn/8th inn 10-4/9-2
Trailing after 7th inn/8th inn 6-38/5-41