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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (73-47) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (65-54)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014 – KAUFFMAN STADIUM – 1:10 P.M. CDT
RHP JEFF SAMARDZIJA (3-1, 3.08) VS. RHP JAMES SHIELDS (11-6, 3.25)
MLB NETWORK (IN PROGRESS) – A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three of the past four games after winning three in a row...are 26 games over .500 at 73-46, which is two away from the season-high of 28 (72-44, August 9)...have owned the **best record in the majors** every day since June 18 and the best in the AL since May 31...lead Los Angeles in the American League West by 2½ games...have held sole possession of first place in the AL West every day since April 28, a streak of 104 consecutive days...that is the fifth longest streak of consecutive days alone in first in Oakland history and is the longest since 1988 when they spent the final 164 days of the season alone in first...have held at least a share of first since April 24...have spent 121 days in first place (117 alone, four days tied)...this is the 10th season in Oakland history the A's have spent at least 100 days in first, but just the second over the last 22 years (125 in 2006).

RUN DIFFERENTIAL: The A's have outscored the opposition by 172 runs, which is **nearly double the next closest team** (Seattle, 89)...it is currently the third best season run differential in Oakland history (239 in 2001, 180 in 1988, 163 in 1990, 152 in 1975).

PITCHING: The A's have compiled a 2.95 ERA (106 er in 323.0 ip) over the last 36 games (since July 3) and have a 3.17 ERA for the season, which ranks second in the American League to Seattle (2.95)...have not finished with an ERA under 3.18 since 1989 (3.09)...rank second in the AL in opponents batting average (.233) and on-base percentage (.293) and third in slugging percentage (.350)...have issued the third fewest walks (320) and rank fourth in shutouts (11).

STARTING PITCHING: A's starting pitchers are 52-32 with a 3.33 ERA (270 er in 730.0 ip)...**lead the American League** in wins, rank second in ERA and tied for third in complete games (4) and complete game shutouts (2)...have the fewest losses in the majors...have three of the top nine individual ERA's in the AL (Lester 5th, Kazmir 8th, Gray 9th).

OFFENSE: The A's were shut out last night for the sixth time this season, which is tied for third fewest in the American League...are batting .231 (146 for 633) with 77 runs scored over the last 19 games (4.05 runs per game)...however, **lead the majors** in runs scored (586) and walks (444), have the second fewest strikeouts (821), are sixth in home runs (120) and on-base percentage (.326), eighth in slugging percentage (.398) and ninth in extra base hits (346)...scored 11 runs on a season-high 20 hits on Tuesday night (previous: 17, two times; last: May 13 vs. Chicago-AL)...it was the first time the A's recorded at least 20 hits in a game since Sept. 11, 2013 at Minnesota when they had 22.

HOME AND AWAY: Are 1-2 on this seven-game road trip to Kansas City (1-2) and Atlanta (three games)...are 33-26 (.559) on the road, which is tied for the third best record in the American League...went 18-6 over the first 24 road games but are 15-20 since then...were 3-3 on the last road trip to Texas (2-1) and Houston (1-2)...are 40-21 (.656) at home, which is the **best mark in the majors** ahead of the Angels (41-23, .641)...with their next home win, the A's will clinch a winning record at home for the fifth consecutive season...went 6-9 over the first 15 home games but are 34-12 since then...went 6-4 on the last homestand against Kansas City (1-2), Tampa Bay (2-1) and Minnesota (3-1).

CLOSE CALLS: The A's **lead the majors** with 11 wins when trailing after seven innings and six when trailing after eight innings...the 11 wins when trailing after seven innings is the second best total in Oakland history (12 in 1969) and the six wins when trailing after eight is tied for second best (10 in 1971)...are 19-11 in games decided in the last at bat...are tied with Miami for the Major League lead in last at bat wins and tied for sixth in games decided in the last at bat (30)...are tied for second in the American League in walk-off wins (8)...are 11-6 (.647) in extra-inning games...lead the majors in extra-inning games and rank second in wins...have the second best record in the AL...are

MLB BEST RECORDS SINCE 2012

	W	L	PCT
Oakland	263	181	.592
Atlanta	251	193	.565
Washington	249	193	.563
St. Louis	248	195	.560
Baltimore	247	196	.558

OAKLAND A'S BEST STARTS

120 Games	121 Games
78-42 1971	78-43 1971
77-43 1990	77-44 1990
76-44 1988	77-44 1988
73-47 2014	73-48 1992
72-48 1992	73-48 1989
72-48 1989	73-48 1975
72-48 1975	

24-24 in games decided by two runs or fewer, 49-23 in games decided by three runs or more.

DEFENSIVE DOINGS: A's outfielders have 31 assists, which ranks second in the majors (Arizona, 33)...the A's have committed 10 errors in the last 10 games and now have 80 for the season, which is tied for third most in the American League...however, have just 29 unearned runs, which is tied for third fewest in the AL.

ON THE BASES: The A's are 15 for 16 (93.8%) in stolen base attempts since the All-Star Break and are 69 for 82 (84.1%) for the season, which is the second best percentage in the majors (Washington, 85.9%)...the Athletics record is 80.7% in 2008...opponents have been successful in 68 of their 82 (82.9%) attempts, which is third highest in the majors...the Oakland record is 81.3% in 2005.

IN THE PINCH: A's pinch hitters are 4 for their last 33 (.121)...lead the American League in walks (18) and extra base hits (8), are tied for the lead in doubles (5), rank second in RBI (18), tied for second in hits (22) and home runs (3), third in plate appearances (114) and slugging (.387) and fourth in on-base percentage (.360).

WINNING MONTHS: The A's are 7-6 in August...have posted a winning record in 14 consecutive months, which is the **longest streak in Oakland history** (previous: 13, Sept. 1970-Sept. 1972) and second longest in Athletics history (15, July 1928-Sept. 1930)...it is the second longest streak by an American League team over the last 36 years (20, New York, Sept. 1996-April 2000).

ROSTER NOTES: The A's have used 42 players this year...employed 44 players last year, which was their fewest since 2006 (40)...Jon Lester became the 11th pitcher to start a game for the A's, which is their most since 2009 (14)...Lester is the fourth 30-year-old to start a game for the A's...had just one pitcher aged 30 years or older start a game for the A's from 2011-13 (Colón)...this is the first time the A's had four 30-year-olds start a game since 2000 (Appier, Heredia, Olivares, Prieto)...only one rookie has appeared in a game for the A's this year (Billy Burns)...played the first 104 games without a rookie, which was the longest single-season streak by an A's team since at least 1913...it was the longest season-opening streak by a Major League team since the 1971 Baltimore Orioles went the first 152 games (source: Elias).

A's vs. ROYALS: The A's have lost the season series as they trail 4-2 with today's game remaining...lost two of three in Oakland and are 1-2 in Kansas City...the A's won the season series last year, 5-1...swept a three-game series in Oakland and won two of three at Kansas City...are 28-19 against the Royals since the start of the 2009 season and have won four of the six season series since then...all-time, the A's are 307-253 against the Royals...that breaks down to 169-111 in Oakland and 138-142 in Kansas City.

TODAY'S TIDBITS

Fernando Abad has stranded all 21 of his inherited runners, the most among Major League relievers that have not allowed an inherited runner to score...**Ryan Cook** has a 20.0-inning scoreless streak, the longest active scoreless innings streak in the majors and the second longest of his career (24.0 innings, Sept. 28, 2011-May 27, 2012)...**Josh Donaldson** is on a season-high tying 10-game hitting streak (also: April 6-16), which is one away from matching his career high of 11 (Sept. 3-15, 2013)...is 14 for 35 (.400) during the streak...**Sean Doolittle** recorded his 18th save of the season Friday night, breaking Alan Embree's Athletics record for saves by a left-handed pitcher (17 in 2007)...**Josh Reddick** is batting .316 (25 for 79) with seven doubles, four home runs, 10 RBI, 14 runs scored, nine multiple hit games and five strikeouts in 22 games since he was reinstated from the disabled list July 22.

THIS DATE IN A'S HISTORY

In **1933** Jimmie Foxx hits for the cycle and drives in nine runs in the A's 11-5 win over Cleveland...in **1987** Mark McGwire breaks the Major League rookie home run record with his 39th of the season, a two-run shot in the sixth inning of the A's 7-6 win at California...he would go on to hit what was then an Oakland record 49 home runs.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Fri., Aug. 15 at Atlanta	RHP Jason Hammel (1-4, 5.90) vs. LHP Alex Wood (8-9, 3.08)	4:35	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game
Sat., Aug. 16 at Atlanta	RHP Sonny Gray (12-6, 2.86) vs. RHP Julio Teheran (10-9, 3.06)	4:10	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game
Sun., Aug. 17 at Atlanta	RHP Jon Lester (13-7, 2.51) vs. LHP Mike Minor (4-8, 5.33)	5:07	ESPN/95.7 FM The Game

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Jeff Samardzija (3-1, 3.08 ERA)

BRIEFLY: Is scheduled to make his eighth start since he was acquired from the Chicago Cubs July 5 with right-handed pitcher Jason Hammel for shortstop Addison Russell, outfielder Billy McKinney, right-handed pitcher Dan Straily and a player to be named later or cash...went 2-7 with a 2.83 ERA in 17 starts with the Cubs and is 5-8 with a 2.91 ERA (51 er in 157.2 ip) in 24 starts overall.

WITH THE A'S: Is 3-1 with a 3.08 ERA (17 er in 49.2 ip) in seven starts with the A's...has walked two batters or fewer in each of his seven starts...has surrendered six home runs in 49.2 innings with the A's (1.09 per nine innings) after yielding seven in 108.0 innings with the Cubs (0.58 per nine innings)...became the first pitcher to toss seven or more innings in each of his first four games with the Athletics since Jesse Flores in 1943...walked one batter or fewer while tossing seven or more innings in his first four starts, which matches the longest such streak by an A's pitcher at any point over the last 34 years (seventh time).

AMONG THE LEADERS: Is tied for fifth in the majors in hit batters (10) and tied for ninth in unearned runs (10).

RUN SUPPORT: Has received two runs of support or fewer in 15 of his 24 starts, including four of seven with the A's...is 0-7 in 15 starts with two runs of support or fewer, 5-1 in nine starts with support of three or more...his teams have been shutout in five of his starts (all with the Cubs)...has received just 10 runs of support in his eight losses this year (46.2 ip, 1.93 RSA) and 36 runs of support in his 37 career losses as a starter (207.1 ip, 1.56 RSA)...is now 2-34 in 52 career starts with support of two runs or fewer, 22-3 in 38 starts with three runs or more.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Opponents are batting .282 (42 for 149) when leading off an inning...has allowed 11 doubles, a triple and five home runs in that situation for a .470 slugging percentage...has a .218 (95 for 435) batting average and .338 slugging percentage after that (20 doubles, 4 triples, 8 home runs)...has a .273 (93 for 341) average against the one through five hitters in the batting order, .181 (44 for 243) against the six through nine hitters.

HOME AND AWAY: Is 3-0 with a 2.57 ERA (10 er in 35.0 ip) and .209 (27 for 129) opponents average in five starts in the Coliseum after going 1-4 with a 2.24 ERA and .217 opponents average in nine starts at Wrigley Field...ranked 10th in the National League in home ERA at the time of the trade...is now 4-4 with a 2.36 ERA (25 er in 95.1 ip) and .214 (75 for 350) opponents batting average in 14 starts in his home ballparks compared to 1-4 with a 3.75 ERA (26 er in 62.1 ip) and .265 (62 for 234) opponents average in 10 starts on the road...has the 14th lowest home ERA in the majors.

DEFENSIVE DOINGS: Has committed three errors, which is tied for sixth most among Major League pitchers...also ranks tied for sixth in putouts (17) and tied for 14th in total chances (36).

THIS AND THAT: Picked up the win in his last start last Saturday night, snapping a 14-start winless streak at night dating back to last year...it was his first win at night since Aug. 24, 2013 at San Diego...the A's are 6-1 (.857) in his starting assignments after the Cubs went 3-14 (.176) in his 17 starts...his teams are 38-52 (.422) in his 90 career starts...has allowed one run or fewer in eight of his 24 starts but has just two wins and six no decisions in those games...has tossed seven or more innings in 14 of his 24 starts and walked two batters or fewer 20 times.

ALL-STAR: Was named to the National League All-Star team July 7, one day following his trade to the A's...it is his first career All-Star Game...was not eligible to pitch for the NL.

WITH THE CUBS: Went 0-4 despite a 1.46 ERA and .216 opponents batting average over his first 10 starts...then went 2-3 with a 5.18 ERA and .289 opponents batting average over his final seven starts...ranked 10th in the National League with a 2.83 ERA at the time of the trade...however, had the third lowest winning percentage (.222) and fourth lowest run support (3.08).

2014 HIGHLIGHTS: Made his second career Opening Day start for the Cubs and had a no decision in a 1-0, 10-inning loss at Pittsburgh **March 31**...tossed 7.0 shutout innings to extend his Opening Day scoreless streak to 16.0 innings...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, that is the longest such streak by a Cub since Lon Warneke had a 21.0-inning stretch from 1933-35...had a no decision in the Cubs

6-3, 11-inning win at St. Louis **April 11**...left with a 3-1 lead but the bullpen blew the save...it was one of three times he left the game with a lead only to have the bullpen blow the save (April 23 vs. Arizona, June 17 at Miami)...had a no decision in a 3-1, 12-inning loss to Chicago (AL) **May 5**...tossed 9.0 innings and a career-high 126 pitches...snapped a 16-game winless streak dating back to August 24 of last year in an 8-4 win at San Francisco **May 26**...struck out 10 batters in 7.0 innings, his sixth career game of 10 or more strikeouts...went 0-6 with a 2.99 ERA during the losing streak, which was the longest of his career...went 1-1 with a 1.32 ERA in five starts in May...his May ERA was the lowest in the majors and his .174 opponents batting average was third lowest...had the lowest May ERA by a Cubs pitcher since Bruce Sutter had a 0.91 ERA in 1977 (min 25.0 ip)...it was the lowest by a Cubs starter since Dick Ellsworth in 1963...allowed eight runs in 3.0 innings in a 9-0 loss at Milwaukee **June 1**...it was his shortest career outing as a starter...also snapped a streak of 14 consecutive starts of three earned runs or fewer dating back to Sept. 17, 2013...it was the longest such streak by a Cubs starter since Frank Castillo had a 23-start streak from July 31, 1994-Aug. 19, 1995...tossed a complete game five-hitter in the A's 3-2 loss at Seattle **July 11**...it was his fourth career complete game, but his first loss...the A's scored twice in the first inning but were shut out on three hits over the final eight innings by Hernandez and Rodney.

LAST START: He was the winning pitcher in the A's 9-4 win over Minnesota last Saturday in Oakland...allowed a RBI single to Plouffe in the first inning but the A's came back with a run in the first and three more in the second to take the lead for good...allowed another run in the fifth inning when Santana doubled and scored on back-to-back ground outs.

SAMARDZIJA'S 2014 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA*	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
WITH CHICAGO (NL)												
March 31	at Pittsburgh	0-1 (10)	--	0.00	7.0	5	0	0	2	3	0	89
April 5	Philadelphia	0-2	L	1.29	7.0	6	2	2	3	8	1	113
April 11	at St. Louis	6-3 (11)	--	1.29	7.0	6	1	1	0	4	0	98
April 18	Cincinnati	1-4	L	1.29	7.0	6	3	1	2	7	0	113
April 23	Arizona	5-7	--	1.53	7.1	7	2	2	2	5	0	113
April 29	at Cincinnati	2-3	L	1.98	5.2	8	3	3	4	4	1	109
April Totals (5 games, 5 starts)		0-3		2.38	34.0	33	11	9	11	28	2	
May 5	Chicago (AL)	1-3 (12)	--	1.62	9.0	3	1	0	2	7	0	126
May 10	at Atlanta	0-2	--	1.45	6.0	2	0	0	1	7	0	69
May 16	Milwaukee	3-4	L	1.62	5.0	6	4	2	3	6	0	99
May 21	New York (AL)	2-4 (13)	--	1.46	7.0	4	0	0	2	3	0	95
May 26	at San Francisco	8-4	W	1.68	7.0	6	4	3	0	10	1	109
May Totals (5 games, 5 starts)		1-1		1.32	34.0	21	9	5	8	33	1	
June 1	at Milwaukee	0-9	L	2.54	3.0	8	8	8	2	3	1	65
June 7	Miami	5-2	W	2.54	7.0	5	2	2	1	8	1	103
June 12	at Pittsburgh	0-4	L	2.77	6.0	9	4	4	2	7	0	94
June 17	at Miami	5-6	--	2.60	6.0	7	3	0	3	8	0	110
June 23	Cincinnati	1-6	--	2.53	6.0	4	1	1	2	7	0	107
June 28	Washington	2-7	L	2.83	5.0	7	6	5	0	6	2	79
June Totals (6 games, 6 starts)		1-3		5.45	33.0	40	24	20	10	39	4	
CHICAGO TOTALS (18 G, 18 GS)		2-7		2.83	108.0	99	44	34	31	103	7	
WITH OAKLAND												
July 6	Toronto	4-2	W	1.29	7.0	4	1	1	1	5	0	108
July 11	at Seattle	2-3	L	2.40	8.0	5	3	3	0	5	1	98
July 18	Baltimore	5-4	--	3.27	7.0	6	4	4	1	4	2	97
July 24	Houston	13-1	W	2.70	8.0	5	1	1	0	6	1	101
July 29	at Houston	7-4	--	3.19	6.2	6	4	4	2	7	1	104
July Totals (5 games, 5 starts)		2-1		3.19	36.2	26	13	13	4	27	5	
Aug. 4	Tampa Bay	3-2 (10)	--	3.09	7.0	5	2	2	1	3	1	110
Aug. 9	Minnesota	9-4	W	3.08	6.0	7	2	2	2	5	0	109

*Indicates ERA by league

SAMARDZIJA vs. KANSAS CITY: Was the losing pitcher in his only career appearance, a relief appearance in a 3-2 Cubs loss on June 25, 2011 at Kansas City (0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...entered the game in the bottom of the eighth inning with one out and the scored tied 2-2...walked Francoeur and Moustakas and, after a passed ball and strikeout, allowed a RBI single to Getz.

DATE	H/A	DEC	CAREER STARTS										CAREER MATCHUPS									
			IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO								
			Has never started against the Royals										Aoki .438 16 7 0 1 1									
													Escobar .333 3 1 0 0 0									
													Hayes .500 4 2 0 1 2									
													Ibanez .200 5 1 0 1 2									
													Infante .667 3 2 0 1 1									
													Maxwell .286 7 2 0 0 4									
													Moustakas --- 0 0 0 1 0									

SAMARDZIJA BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2014	5	8	2.91	24	157.2	51
2013	8	13	4.34	33	213.2	103
Career	34	43	3.91	213	715.2	311
Home	4	4	2.36	14	95.1	25
Road	1	4	3.75	10	62.1	26
Day	4	4	2.74	11	72.1	22
Night	1	4	3.06	13	85.1	29
Pre-ASB	3	8	2.78	19	123.0	38
Post-ASB	2	0	3.38	5	34.2	13
	AVG.	AB	H			
vs. LHH	.241	278	67			
vs. RHH	.229	306	70			

SAMARDZIJA'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	2, 5/27/13 at CWS
IP:	9.0 (four times), last: 5/5/14 vs. CWS
Fewest IP, GS:	3.0, 6/1/14 at MIL
H:	11, 8/8/13 at PHI
R:	9 (three times), last: 8/8/13 at PHI
ER:	9 (three times), last: 8/8/13 at PHI
BB:	7, 9/26/10 vs. STL
SO:	13, 8/7/13 at ATL
HR:	4, 7/10/13 vs. LAA
Pitches:	126, 5/5/14 vs. CWS
Win Streak:	5, 8/4/11 to 4/13/12
Loss Streak:	6, 9/11/13 to 5/16/14
Scoreless Streak:	15.1, 8/1/08-9/1/08
Complete Games:	4, last: 7/11/14 at SEA
Shutouts:	1, 5/27/13 at CWS

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

RHP Jason Hammel (1-4, 5.90 ERA): 1-0 with a 0.75 ERA (1 er in 12.0 ip) over his past two starts after going 0-4 with a 9.53 ERA in his first four games with Oakland...is now 1-4 with a 5.90 ERA (19 er in 29.0 ip) in six starts with the A's after going 8-5 with a 2.98 ERA in 17 starts with Chicago...is 9-9 with a 3.60 ERA (55 er in 137.2 ip) in 23 starts overall...his nine wins are one short of his career high...won 10 games with Colorado in 2009 and 2010...was acquired from the Cubs July 5...is 3-6 with a 5.01 ERA (33 er in 59.1 ip) and .301 (.72 for 239) opponents batting average over his last 11 starts after going 6-3 with a 2.53 ERA and .191 opponents average over his first 12 starts...has allowed 11 home runs in his last 11 starts (59.1 ip, 1.67 per nine innings) after surrendering just five home runs in 78.1 innings over his first 12 starts (0.53 per nine innings)...is 1-3 with a 5.68 ERA (24 er in 38.0 ip) in seven career appearances, all starts, against Atlanta...had a no decision in a start for the Cubs in Atlanta earlier this season May 9 (7.0 ip, 7 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 5 so).

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

TEAM

21-15, 2.85 ERA (115 er in 363.1 ip)
Saves/Opportunities: 26-for-39 (66.7%)

- The A's bullpen has allowed seven runs over its last five games (7 er in 10.2 ip) after allowing just two runs over its previous 14 games (2 er in 39.0 ip).
- From July 23-Aug. 9, set an Oakland record with a 29.2-inning scoreless streak...was the fourth-longest streak in Athletics franchise history and the longest in Oakland history.
- Is second in the American League in ERA (2.85) and tied for third in wins (21)...is first in opponents on-base percentage (.276) and second in batting average (.221) and slugging percentage (.317).
- Has issued the fewest walks (95) among AL bullpens (second: Boston, 111)...are **averaging 2.35 walks per nine innings, which is the lowest rate in the majors and would be the lowest in franchise history since at least 1914 (1944, 2.49).**
- Relievers have converted seven-straight save chances (since July 3) after converting just 3 of 7 opportunities from June 21-30.

56 LHP FERNANDO ABAD

Last Outing: 8/10 vs. Minnesota (ND, 0.2 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 0-0
Inherited Runners/Scored: 21/0
First Hitters: 9-49, 3 bb, hbp

- Has allowed just four runs since May 18 (33 games, 28.0 ip, 1.29 ERA)...all four runs over span have come via solo home runs.
- Has stranded all 21 inherited runners...are the **most inherited runners stranded in the majors without allowing one to score**...since at least 1974, just one player has gone a full season stranding more than 20 inherited runners without allowing one to score (Randy Myers, 1998, 22).
- Is fourth among AL relievers in WHIP (0.80) and fifth in opponents batting average (.162).
- Has faced the Royals once this season (0 r in 1.0 ip)...has no decisions in three career games against Kansas City (2.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 1 bb, 2 so).

Last Year: Began the season at Triple-A Syracuse and was 1-0 with a 1.06 ERA in 17 relief appearances...was promoted to Washington May 21 and went 0-3 with a 3.35 ERA in a career-high 39 relief appearances.

60 RHP JESSE CHAVEZ

Last Outing: 8/13 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 0-0
Inherited Runners/Scored: 2/1
First Hitters: 2-3, bb

- Has 21 starts and four relief appearances this season after starting just two games over the first six years of his career...August 2 was his first relief appearance this season.
- Was 4-1 with a 2.54 ERA over his first nine games this season...since then, is 4-6 with a 4.04 ERA in 16 games (12 GS).
- Has 132.1 ip this season...prior to this season, his career high in innings pitched was 67.1 (2009 with Pittsburgh).
- Has faced the Royals twice this season, both in relief (0 r in 2.0 ip)...has his lone career save in four games all-time against Kansas City (7.0 ip, 4 h, 0 r, 3 bb, 4 so).

Last Year: Pitched in five games (all starts) with Triple-A Sacramento and spent the duration of the season with Oakland...went 2-4 with a 3.92 ERA in 35 games (57.1 ip) with the A's, all in relief...held opponents to a .230 average.

48 RHP RYAN COOK

Last Outing: 8/12 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 0-0
Inherited Runners/Scored: 16/7
First Hitters: 10-38, 3 bb

- Has thrown 21-straight scoreless outings (20.0 ip, 7 h, 3 bb, 16 so)...opponents are hitting .108 during streak...are his most consecutive games without allowing a run since a career-long 22-game stretch from Sept. 28, 2011 to May 27, 2012 (24.0 ip, 4 h)...**is the longest active scoreless streak in the majors.**
- Has appeared in 29 games since coming off the DL June 3 (6 er in 28.0 ip, 1.93 ERA).
- Had a 0.96 ERA (1 er in 9.1 ip) in nine games in April, a 5.93 ERA in May and June combined (9 er in 13.2 ip) and a 0.00 ERA in July (11.0 ip)...has not allowed a run in August (5.2 ip).
- Righties are 12 for 86 (.140) with 29 strikeouts against him this season...lefties are 12 for 53 (.226) with nine strikeouts.
- Has faced the Royals three times this season (0 r in 3.1 ip)...is 0-1 with a save in nine career games against Kansas City (9.1 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 0 er, 3 bb, 7 so).

Last Year: Was 6-4 with two saves and a 2.54 ERA in a team-leading 71 relief appearances...allowed just two home runs in 67.1 innings, an average of 0.27 per nine innings, which was fourth lowest among AL relievers.

62 LHP SEAN DOOLITTLE

Last Outing: 8/8 vs. Minnesota (SV, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 18-21
Inherited Runners/Scored: 11/1
First Hitters: 8-49, sf

- Strikeout-to-walk ratio of 18.25 is the highest among all Major League relievers (second: Uehara, 10.00).
- Has thrown nine-straight scoreless outings (9.1 ip, 2 h, 2 bb, 12 so) since allowing six runs over a five-game stretch from June 28-July 6.

BEST SO/BB RATIO, SEASON MLB HISTORY (as reliever)

18.33 Dennis Eckersley, 1989
18.25 Sean Doolittle, 2014
18.25 Dennis Eckersley, 1990
16.50 Tom Morgan, 1958
14.00 Sergio Romo, 2011

- Friday's save set a **new record for saves in a season by an Athletics left-hander (18).**
- From April 29-June 27, had a 24-outing, 26.1-inning scoreless streak...is the second longest streak in the majors this season (Kershaw, 41.0)...allowed just six hits over streak, struck out 42 batters and allowed just one walk...is the fourth longest streak in Oakland history as a reliever.
- Is first among American League relievers in opponents on-base percentage (.176) and WHIP (0.64)...is fourth in the AL in batting average (.158) and fifth in strikeouts (73).
- Has thrown 552 of 741 pitches for strikes (74.5%), which is the **highest strike percentage in the majors** (min. 100 pitches).
- Earned a four-out save July 13 at Seattle...was his only save of more than three outs this season and the third of his career (last: Sept. 13, 2013 at Texas).
- Has not faced the Royals this season...is 1-0 in five career games against Kansas City (3.0 ip, 4 h, 0 r, 3 so).
- In his career, has allowed 6 of 65 (9.2%) inherited runners to score, the lowest percentage among active relievers (min. 50 IR).

Last Year: Went 5-5 with two saves and a 3.13 ERA in 70 games...allowed just 2-of-32 (6.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest mark in the majors...issued 13 walks in 69.0 innings (1.70 per nine innings).

44 RHP LUKE GREGERSON

Last Outing: 8/10 vs. Minnesota (L, 1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 3-9
Inherited Runners/Scored: 21/8
First Hitters: 10-51, 4 bb

- Allowed three runs Sunday, snapping a 15-game, 14.0-inning scoreless streak...prior to Sunday, had allowed three runs total over his last 29 games and 29.2 ip (0.91 ERA during stretch).
- Is tied for sixth in the AL with 18 holds.
- Sunday's loss was his first since April 22 vs. Texas...went 2-0 with three saves in 43 games pitched between losses.
- Is tied for ninth in the AL in games pitched (55)...his 418 games pitched since 2009 are the most in the majors over that span.
- Has faced Kansas City once this season (0.1 ip, 1 so)...is his only career game against the Royals.

Last Year: Went 6-8 with four saves and a 2.71 ERA in a team-leading 73 games in his fifth and final season with San Diego...topped 70 games for the fourth time in the last five years.

39 LHP ERIC O'FLAHERTY

Last Outing: 8/9 vs. Minnesota (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 0-0
Inherited Runners/Scored: 3/0
First Hitters: 1-10, bb

- His win July 18 vs. Baltimore was his first since April 16, 2013 vs. Kansas City...**has not been charged with a loss since Aug. 14, 2011, a span of 114 appearances** (8-0 during stretch).
- Was reinstated off the 60-day DL July 3 (Tommy John surgery) and has pitched in 11 games (11.0 ip, 8 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 8 so).
- Since 2011, lefties are 33 for 196 (.168) against him...righties are 93 for 383 (.243) during same span...however, lefties are 5 for 17 (.294) against him this year and righties are 3 for 26 (.115).
- Has faced the Royals once this season (0 r in 0.2 ip)...has a win in eight career games against Kansas City (6.1 ip, 10 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 4 so, 4.26 ERA).
- Pitched in eight games during his minor league rehab assignment...his complete 2014 statistics with Sacramento and Stockton:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	0	1	4.32	7	1	0	0	0	8.1	6	4	4	3	5
Stockton (A+)	1	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	3

Last Year: Went 3-0 with a 2.50 ERA in 19 games with Atlanta...allowed just 12 hits in 18.0 innings pitches and lefties went 3 for 21 against him (.143)...was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract with the A's on Jan. 22, 2014.

61 RHP DAN OTERO

Last Outing: 8/12 at Kansas City (ND, 2.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
Saves/Opportunities: 1-4
Inherited Runners/Scored: 37/14
First Hitters: 10-50, 1bb, hbp, sf

- **Is first among American League relievers in wins (7)** and is second in innings pitched (68.0).
- Has allowed one home run this season and just three in his career (in 119.1 ip)...**is second among active relievers with a 0.23 HR/9 ip ratio** (min. 100.0 ip).
- Has a 1.67 ERA (10 er in 54.0 ip) this season when pitching on two days rest or fewer and a 5.14 ERA (8 er in 14.0 ip) when pitching on three days rest or more...43 of his 53 games this season have been with two days of rest or fewer.
- Has thrown just 13.8 pitches per inning this season, which is the **fourth lowest rate among qualifying relievers in the majors.**
- Recorded his first career save June 19 vs. Boston in his 78th appearance...is now 1 for 5 in save opportunities in his career.
- Has allowed 14 of 37 inherited runners to score this season (37.8%)...is tied for the seventh highest percentage in the American League...37 inherited runners are tied for fifth most in the AL.
- Has appeared in three games against the Royals this season (5.0 ip, 5 h, 0 r, 2 so)...are his only career appearances against Kansas City.

Last Year: Began the year at Triple-A Sacramento where he went 1-0 with 15 saves and a 0.99 ERA in 23 appearances...was promoted to Oakland June 14 and finished the season with the A's, going 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in 33 games.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

7 ALBERTO CALLASPO

Current Streak: 0 for 3
Kansas City Series: 2-8, r, 2b, so, gidp
Last Homestand: 5-26, 3 r, rbi, 2 bb, 5 so
Career vs. Shields: 5-22 (.227), 0 hr, 1 bb, 5 so

- Was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list July 27 and is 9 for 42 (.214) in 13 games since his return...was placed on the DL July 12 with a right hamstring strain.
- Is batting .254 (53 for 209) against right-handed pitching compared to .191 (22 for 115) against left-handers.
- Has started at least 10 games at four different positions (32 at designated hitter, 25 at second base, 16 at first base, 14 at third base)...is the first Athletic to start at least 10 games at four different positions since Jason Giambi in 1996.

Last Year: Was acquired by the A's from the Angels one day before the trading deadline and batted .270 with five home runs and 22 RBI in 50 games with Oakland...combined for a .258 batting average in 136 games overall.

4 COCO CRISP

Current Streak: 0 for 7
Kansas City Series: 0 for 7, r, bb, so
Last Homestand: 4-23, 2 r, 3b, 4 rbi, 5 bb, 7 so
Career vs. Shields: 3-21 (.143), 0 hr, 0 bb, 5 so

- Is 4 for 30 (.133) with six walks and four RBI over his last nine games after missing seven games with a strained neck.
- Is 7 for 60 (.117) with 12 walks over his last 17 games after hitting .363 with a .451 on-base percentage over his previous 32 contests.
- Has a .363 on-base percentage, which is 18 points above his career high (.345 in 2005).
- Is 2 for 6 (.333) with four walks as a pinch hitter...is tied for second among American League pinch hitters in walks...in five seasons with the A's, he is 6 for 15 (.400) with seven walks (.591 on-base percentage) in the pinch.

Last Year: Hit a career-high 22 home runs and stole 21 bases to become the 10th player in Athletics history with 20 HR and 20 SB in a season...also had career highs in runs (93) and walks (61)...batted .261 in 131 games.

20 JOSH DONALDSON

Current Streak: 10 games (14 for 35)
Kansas City Series: 5-10, 3 r, 2b, 2 hr, 4 rbi, bb, so, sf
Last Homestand: 10-35, 3 r, 3 2b, 4 rbi, 7 bb, hbp, 10 so, 3 sb
Career vs. Shields: 2-6 (.333), 1 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Is on a season-high tying 10-game hitting streak (also: April 6-16), which is one away from matching his career high of 11 (Sept. 3-15, 2013)...is 14 for 35 (.400) during the streak.
- Is 27 for 81 (.333) over his last 23 games...however, is hitting .228 (49 for 215) with eight home runs and 34 RBI over his last 57 games (since June 7) after hitting .280 with 17 home runs and 50 RBI over his first 60 contests.
- Hit a career-high tying two home runs Tuesday night (third time, last: May 30, 2014 vs. Los Angeles-AL) and now has 25 on the season, which is a career-high (previous: 24 in 2013)...also has a career-high seven stolen bases.
- Is third in the AL in runs (78), tied for fourth in RBI (84), tied for sixth in go-ahead RBI (20), seventh in home runs (25) and ninth in walks (56).
- Has hit 13 home runs against left-handed pitching, which is the most in the majors and four more than any other player...13 of his 25 home runs have come with runners on base (nine two-run, four three-run), 11 have put the A's ahead and four have come in the ninth inning.
- Leads Major League third baseman in total chances (376) and double plays (35) and ranks second among all ML fielders with 19 errors (Alvarez, PIT 24)...the double plays are third most in Oakland history by a third baseman...the errors match the most by an A's third baseman over the last 35 years (Blowers, 1998).

Last Year: Batted .301 with 24 home runs and 93 RBI in 158 games...ranked sixth in the American League in on-base percentage (.384), tied for seventh in walks (76), ninth in slugging percentage (.499) and 10th in RBI.

35 NATE FREIMAN

Current Streak: 0 for 5
Kansas City Series: 0-3, so, gidp
Last Homestand: 1-4, r, 2b, rbi, bb, 2 so
Career vs. Shields: 0-0 (---), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento August 3 for his second stint with the A's and is 1 for 7 (.143) in three games, including two starts at first base, since his return.
- Has not committed an error and has a 61-game errorless streak dating back to his last error on May 9, 2013...the errorless streak is seventh longest in Oakland history by a first baseman.
- Was 7 for 33 (.212) with a home run and six RBI in 14 games during his first stint from June 29 to July 26.
- Went 6 for 14 (.429) with two doubles, a home run, five RBI and three walks in four games with Sacramento following his July 27 option...ranked fifth in the Pacific Coast League in RBI at the time of his promotion...his complete 2014 stats with the River Cats:

Avg G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS SLG OBP
 Sacramento (AAA) .284 80 310 48 88 22 1 15 74 40 73 0 0 .506 .371

Last Year: Was claimed off waivers by the A's from the Astros on March 23 after being selected by Houston in the Rule 5 Draft Dec. 6, 2012...spent all of 2013 with the A's, hitting .274 with four home runs and 24 RBI in 80 games.

23 SAM FULD

Current Streak: 0 for 5
Kansas City Series: 3-9, 2 r, so
Last Homestand: 8-35, 6 r, 2b, 3 bb, 7 so, 4 sb
Career vs. Shields: 1-7 (.143), 0 hr, 2 bb, 0 so

- Recorded a season-high tying three hits Tuesday night (third time, last: July 8 vs. Seattle with Minnesota).
- Was acquired from Minnesota July 31 for Tommy Milone and has appeared in each of the A's 13 games since then, including 11 starts (eight in center field, three in left field)...is 11 for 44 (.250) with eight runs scored and four stolen bases over that span.
- Has seven assists, which is tied for eighth among American League outfielders...has four assists in 18 games in the outfield with the A's.
- Has appeared in 53 games in center field (50 starts), 15 in left field (12 starts) and five in right field (five starts).
- This is his second stint with the A's this year...was on the Opening Day roster and went 6 for 30 (.200) in seven games before he was designated for assignment April 12...was claimed off waivers by Minnesota April 20 and hit .274 with a home run and 17 RBI in 53 games with the Twins.

Last Year: Spent the entire season with Tampa Bay, batting .199 with two home runs and 17 RBI in 118 games...made just 48 starts and his 70 appearances as a sub were the most by an American Leaguer since 2008.

15 JONNY GOMES

Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3)
Kansas City Series: 1-3, rbi, sf
Last Homestand: 3-11, r, 2 rbi, bb, 3 so
Career vs. Shields: 1-2 (.500), 0 hr, 1 bb, 1 so

- Was acquired from Boston July 31 with Jon Lester and cash for Yoenis Céspedes and a 2015 Competitive Balance pick...is 4 for 14 (.286) with three RBI and a walk in eight games with the A's.
- Is batting .291 (37 for 127) with four of his six home runs and 22 of his 35 RBI against left-handed pitching compared to .167 (16 for 96) against right-handers.
- Is 5 for 12 (.417) in five games against Kansas City...is a .320 (33 for 103) career hitter against the Royals with 14 home runs and 30 RBI in 38 games...the only team he has more home runs against is the Yankees (15)...the batting average is his best mark against any American League team.
- Is 5 for 18 (.278) with two home runs, six RBI and six walks as a pinch hitter...leads the American League and is tied for third in the majors in pinch walks...also leads the AL in RBI, is tied for the lead in home runs (Jaso) and ranks third in plate appearances (25)...is 11 for 39 (.282) with 13 walks (2 hbp, 1 sf, .473 on-base percentage), six home runs and 13 RBI in the pinch over the last two years...the home runs are the most in the majors and the walks rank second...the RBI are the most in the AL.
- Is batting .188 (21 for 112) with the bases empty compared to .288 (32 for 111) with five of his six home runs with runners on base.

Last Year: Batted .247 with 13 home runs and 52 RBI in 116 games in his first season with Boston...tied for the Major League lead with four pinch home runs...hit .346 with runners in scoring position.

5 JOHN JASO

Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 7)
Kansas City Series: 3-7, 3 r, 2 so
Last Homestand: 1-25, bb, 2 hbp, 2 so
Career vs. Shields: 0-5 (.000), 0 hr, 1 bb, 1 so

- Is 3 for 7 (.429) in two games on the road trip after going 1 for 25 on the last homestand.
- Has made 75 starts, all against right-handed pitching...is batting .276 (74 for 268) with all eight of his home runs and 33 of his 38 RBI against righties...is 4 for 24 (.167) against lefties...has made each of his 130 starts in two seasons with the A's against righties.
- Is batting .302 (48 for 159) in 51 games as a catcher and .205 (25 for 122) in 34 games at designated hitter.
- Is 6 for 13 (.462) with two doubles, two home runs, three RBI and three walks as a pinch hitter...leads American League pinch hitters in extra base hits (4), is tied for the lead in doubles and home runs and ranks third in hits...since 2010, he is tied for the lead among AL pinch hitters in hits (17) and walks (17).
- Has hit safely in each of his last 16 games when batting leadoff (24 for 62, .387), which dates back to May 9...that is the second longest hitting streak by an A's leadoff hitter over the last 26 years (17, Terrence Long, June 10-29, 2000).
- Has three triples, which is one short of the Oakland record for a catcher (Mike Heath, 4 in 1982 and 1985).
- Has tossed out 4 of 33 (12.1%) attempted base stealers.

Last Year: Batted .271 with three home runs and 21 RBI in 70 games in a season that ended July 25 after suffering a concussion...added 38 walks for a .387 on-base percentage, which was fifth best in the AL (min. 200 PA).

8 JED LOWRIE

Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3)
Kansas City Series: 1-6, 2 so
Last Homestand: 6-24, r, 2b, 3b, 2 rbi, 2 bb, 5 so
Career vs. Shields: 3-16 (.188), 0 hr, 0 bb, 4 so

- Is batting .308 (33 for 107) with 10 multiple-hit games over his last 29 games.
- Has 73 doubles over the last two seasons, which is the most in the American League and third most in the majors.
- Is tied for eighth in the AL in sacrifice flies (6).
- Batted .298 over his first 23 games, .180 over a 51-game stretch from April 26 to June 25 and is hitting .285 (39 for 137) in 36 games since then.

Last Year: Batted .290 with 45 doubles, 15 home runs and 75 RBI in 154 games...set an Athletics record for doubles by a switch hitter and an Oakland record for hits by a switch-hitter (175)...ranked second in the AL in doubles.

37 BRANDON MOSS

Current Streak: 2 games (5 for 7)
Kansas City Series: 5-7, 2b, 4 rbi, 2 bb, 2 so
Last Homestand: 2-28, 3 r, 2b, 5 bb, 15 so, hbp
Career vs. Shields: 2-11 (.182), 0 hr, 0 bb, 3 so

- Is 5 for 7 (.714) in two games on the road trip after going 2 for 28 (.071) on the last homestand.
- Recorded a career-high tying four hits Tuesday night (fourth time, last: July 2, 2014 at Detroit)...has two of the A's three four-hit games this season.
- Is eighth in the American League in RBI (76) and tied for eighth in home runs (23)...is also tied for fourth in hit by pitches (8) and tied for seventh in strikeouts (116).
- Has hit 13 of his 23 home runs with runners on base (seven two-run, three three-run, three grand slams)...the three grand slams are tied for the most in the majors...is the sixth player in Oakland history and the 10th in Athletics history with at least three grand slams in a season...the record is four by Jason Giambi in 2000.
- Has started games at four different positions (46 at first base, 26 in right field, 25 in left field, seven at designated hitter).

Last Year: Led the A's with 30 home runs and finished second with 87 RBI despite spending most of the season in a platoon...ranked sixth in the AL in slugging percentage (.522) and tied for eighth in home runs.

36 DEREK NORRIS

Current Streak: 0 for 13
Kansas City Series: 0-12, 5 so, 2 gidp
Last Homestand: 7-24, 2 r, 2 2b, 2 hr, 7 rbi, 2 bb, 6 so
Career vs. Shields: 0-5 (.000), 0 hr, 1 bb, 2 so

- Hit his 10th home run of the season Saturday, which is a new career-high...the home run was a three-run shot and seven of his 10 home runs this year and 10 of 26 in his career have come with at least two men on base.
- Had five RBI Saturday, his third career game of five or more RBI (all this year).
- Has a .380 on-base percentage, which ranks seventh in the American League among players with 250 or more plate appearances.
- Is hitting .346 (36 for 104) against left-handed pitchers compared to .245 (39 for 159) against right-handers...ranks fourth in the majors in RBI off left-handers (25)...has hit five of his 10 home runs this year and 16 of 26 in his career off lefties.
- Is batting .358 (29 for 81) with runners in scoring position.
- Has the second lowest catchers ERA in the majors (3.12) but has the lowest caught stealing percentage (5 of 44, 11.4%).
- Is 4 for 12 (.333) with a double, home run, five RBI and three walks as a pinch hitter...is second among AL pinch hitters in RBI, tied for second in extra base hits (2) and tied for third in home runs...has four career pinch hit home runs, which is one short of the Oakland record of five.
- In addition to home runs, he also has career-highs in hits (75), RBI (47) and walks (41)...his 15 doubles are one short of his high.
- Is hitting .297 (102 for 344) in 121 games since the 2013 All-Star Break after batting .204 over the first 126 games of his career.

Last Year: Hit .246 in 98 games with the A's, which was a 45-point improvement over his rookie season average of .201 in 2012...added nine home runs and 30 RBI...walked 37 times for a .345 on-base percentage.

16 JOSH REDDICK

Current Streak: 0 for 3
Kansas City Series: 3-12, r, 2 so
Last Homestand: 12-36, 6 r, 3 2b, 2 hr, 6 rbi, 2 bb, so, cs
Career vs. Shields: 5-19 (.263), 3 hr, 0 bb, 2 so

- Is batting .316 (25 for 79) with seven doubles, four home runs, 10 RBI, 14 runs scored, nine multiple hit games and five strikeouts in 22 games since he was reinstated from the disabled list July 22.

- Is batting .288 (51 for 177) with all eight of his home runs against right-handed pitching compared to .185 (15 for 81) against left-handers...is slugging .514 against righties, .210 against lefties.
- Is hitting .293 (49 for 167) at night compared to .186 (17 for 91) during the day.
- Is 9 for 22 (.409) with three multiple-hit games in six games against Kansas City.
- Was placed on the 15-day DL June 29 with a right knee strain...it was his second stint on the DL this season...was out from June 1-23 with a hyperextended right knee...appeared in four games between injuries (5 for 11, .455).

Last Year: Batted .226 with 12 home runs and 56 RBI in 114 games in a season interrupted by two stints on the disabled list with a sprained right wrist...the home runs were 20 fewer than his 32 from 2012.

28 ERIC SOGARD

Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 5)
Kansas City Series: 1-8, r, 2 rbi, so, gidp
Last Homestand: 7-20, 5 r, 2b, hr, 3 rbi, 8 bb, 4 so, 2 sb, 2 sh
Career vs. Shields: 0-3 (.000), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Is batting .294 (15 for 51) with 14 runs scored, 11 walks, seven RBI and four multiple hit games in 18 games since the All-Star Break after hitting .186 with 18 runs, 14 walks, nine RBI and seven multiple hit games in 63 games before the break.
- Walked four times Saturday to become the first Athletic and 14th Major Leaguer since 1914 to walk four times while batting ninth in the order (last: Ryan Langerhans, SEA on April 8, 2011 vs. CLE)...leads the majors with 24 walks from the nine spot for the season.
- Has made 62 of his 65 starts against right-handed pitchers...is batting .225 (40 for 178) against righties, .138 (4 for 29) against lefties.
- Stole his 10th base of the season Saturday, which matches his career high from last year.
- Is batting .273 (27 for 99) at home, .157 (17 for 108) on the road.

Last Year: Batted .266 with two home runs and 35 RBI in 130 games in his first full Major League season...made 104 of his 110 starts against right-handed pitchers...hit .274 against right-handers, .230 against left-handers.

21 STEPHEN VOGT

Current Streak: 1 game (2 for 5)
Kansas City Series: 2-8, r, rbi, bb
Last Homestand: 5-31, 5 r, 2 hr, 5 rbi, bb, 7 so
Career vs. Shields: 0-3 (.000), 0 hr, 0 bb, 0 so

- Is batting .247 (22 for 89) over his last 25 games after hitting .376 over his first 32 contests.
- Is hitting .335 (53 for 158) against right-handed pitching compared to .219 (7 for 32) against left-handers.
- Is batting .361 (43 for 119) at night, .239 (17 for 71) during the day.
- Hit .357 in July after batting .343 in June...is 7 for 39 (.179) in August.
- Homered in the third inning a week ago today to snap a 0 for 23 streak, which was the second longest of his career (began his career by going 0 for 32).
- Has started games at five different positions (21 at first base, 13 in right field, eight at catcher, five at designated hitter, one in left field).
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento June 1 after hitting .364 with three home runs and 19 RBI in 21 games with the River Cats.

Last Year: Spent most of the season at Triple-A Sacramento where he was named to the Pacific Coast League Postseason All-Star Team at catcher...also had two stints with the A's and batted .252 with 4 HR and 16 RBI in 47 games.

A's vs. KANSAS CITY

2014	CAREER									
AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	PLAYER	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
.211	19	4	0	1	Callaspo	.294	109	32	1	10
.000	7	0	0	0	Crisp	.223	395	88	4	47
.300	20	6	2	5	Donaldson	.297	64	19	5	11
.000	3	0	0	0	Freiman	.000	3	0	0	0
.257	35	9	0	2	Fuld	.276	58	16	0	3
.417	12	5	1	5	Gomes	.320	103	33	14	30
.200	15	3	0	0	Jaso	.204	54	11	1	5
.176	17	3	0	1	Lowrie	.250	68	17	1	11
.357	14	5	0	4	Moss	.245	53	13	0	6
.111	18	2	0	0	Norris	.118	34	4	0	0
.409	22	9	2	3	Reddick	.269	93	25	3	14
.091	11	1	0	2	Sogard	.273	33	9	1	6
.105	19	2	0	1	Vogt	.105	19	2	0	1
.500	2	1	0	1	others					
.227	194	44	4	21	TOTALS					

HIGHS AND LOWS

CLUB

Longest Winning Streak.....	6, May 7 to 13
.....	6, July 3 to 8
Longest Winning Streak, Home.....	7, July 3 to 18
Longest Winning Streak, Road.....	6, May 4 to 21
Longest Losing Streak.....	4, May 22 to 25
Longest Losing Streak, Home.....	6, April 21 to May 7
Longest Losing Streak, Road.....	4, May 22 to 25
.....	4, June 30 to July 9
Most Runs, Game, A's.....	13, May 18 at Cleveland
.....	13, July 24 vs. Houston
Most Runs, Game, Opponents.....	14, June 16 vs. Texas
Most Runs, Inning, A's.....	8, May 16 at Cleveland (2 nd)
.....	8, August 2 vs. Kansas City (5 th)
Most Runs, Inning, Opponents.....	6, June 16 vs. Texas (4 th)
.....	6, July 2 at Detroit (6 th)
.....	6, July 30 vs. Houston (1 st)
Largest Margin, Victory.....	12, July 24 vs. Houston (13-1)
Largest Margin, Loss.....	9, June 24 at New York (NL) (1-10)
Most Hits, Game, A's.....	20, August 12 at Kansas City
Most Hits, Game, Opponents.....	16, June 16 vs. Texas
Most Hits, Inning, A's.....	8, August 2 vs. Kansas City (5 th)
Most Hits, Inning, Opponents.....	6, June 27 at Miami (6 th)
.....	6, July 23 vs. Houston (8 th)
.....	6, July 30 vs. Houston (1 st)
Most Home Runs, Game, A's.....	5, May 26 vs. Detroit
Most Home Runs, Game, Opponents.....	4, June 16 vs. Texas
.....	4, June 24 at New York (NL)
.....	4, July 28 at Houston
Most Doubles, Game, A's.....	7, May 18 at Cleveland
Most Doubles, Game, Opponents.....	6, August 9 vs. Minnesota
Most Triples, Game, A's.....	2, April 3 vs. Seattle
.....	2, June 27 at Miami
.....	2, August 8 vs. Minnesota
Most Triples, Game, Opponents.....	1 (eight times), last: August 4 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Stolen Bases, Game, A's.....	3, April 21 vs. Texas
.....	3, July 7 vs. San Francisco
Most Stolen Bases, Game, Opponents.....	3 (seven times), last: August 10 vs. Minnesota
Most Strikeouts, A's Pitchers.....	15, June 28 at Miami
Most Strikeouts, Opponents Pitchers.....	16, May 3 at Boston
Most Walks, A's Pitchers.....	7 (six times), last: June 10 at Los Angeles (AL)
Most Walks, Opponents Pitchers.....	11, June 8 at Baltimore
.....	11, August 9 vs. Minnesota
Fewest Hits Allowed, A's Pitchers.....	2, April 28 at Texas
Fewest Hits Allowed, Opponents Pitchers.....	1, May 21 at Tampa Bay
Most Left on Base, Nine Inning Game.....	14, April 19 vs. Houston
.....	14, May 29 vs. Detroit
Most Left on Base, Extra Inning Game.....	18, August 4 vs. Tampa Bay (10)
Fewest Left on Base, Game.....	1, August 3 vs. Kansas City
Most Errors, Game.....	3 (four times), last: July 20 vs. Baltimore
Largest Comeback in Win.....	4, June 4 at New York (AL)
Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss.....	3, April 16 at Los Angeles (AL)

INDIVIDUAL

Grand Slams.....	Josh Reddick, May 16 at Cleveland (Zach McAllister)
.....	Derek Norris, May 26 vs. Detroit (Phil Coke)
.....	Brandon Moss, May 30 vs. Los Angeles-AL (Garrett Richards)
.....	Brandon Moss, June 8 at Baltimore (Ubaldo Jimenez)
.....	Brandon Moss, July 24 vs. Houston (Anthony Bass)
Pinch Hit Home Runs.....	John Jaso, April 14 at Los Angeles-AL (Ernesto Frieri)

.....	Derek Norris, June 17 vs. Texas (Shawn Tolleson)
.....	John Jaso, June 22 vs. Boston (Koji Uehara)
Lead Off Home Runs.....	John Jaso, May 14 vs. Chicago-AL (Andre Rienzo)
.....	Coco Crisp, July 2 at Detroit (Justin Verlander)
Inside-The-Park Home Runs.....	None
Game Ending Home Runs.....	Coco Crisp, April 3 vs. Seattle (Hector Noes)
.....	Josh Donaldson, May 28 vs. Detroit (Joe Nathan)
.....	Josh Donaldson, July 18 vs. Baltimore (Zach Britton)
Back-to-Back Home Runs.....	Brandon Moss and Yoenis Céspedes, May 9 vs. Washington
.....	Josh Donaldson and Yoenis Céspedes, May 26 vs. Detroit
.....	John Jaso and Yoenis Céspedes, July 26 at Texas
Longest Hitting Streak.....	15, Yoenis Céspedes, June 15 to July 2
Most Runs, Game.....	4, Josh Donaldson and Brandon Moss, May 18 at Cleveland
Most Hits, Game.....	4, Alberto Callaspo, June 16 vs. Texas
.....	4, Brandon Moss, July 2 at Detroit
.....	4, Brandon Moss, August 12 at Kansas City
Most Doubles, Game.....	2 (13 times), last: Yoenis Céspedes, July 29 at Houston
Most Triples, Game.....	1 (23 times), last: Coco Crisp and Jed Lowrie, August 8 vs. Minnesota
Most Home Runs, Game.....	2, Josh Donaldson, April 24 at Houston
.....	2, Derek Norris, May 11 vs. Washington
.....	2, Brandon Moss, May 13 vs. Chicago (AL)
.....	2, Josh Reddick, May 16 at Cleveland
.....	2, Josh Donaldson, May 30 vs. Los Angeles (AL)
.....	2, Brandon Moss, June 3 at New York (AL)
.....	2, Yoenis Céspedes, June 4 at New York (AL)
.....	2, Yoenis Céspedes, July 23 vs. Houston
.....	2, Josh Reddick, August 3 vs. Kansas City
.....	2, Josh Donaldson, August 12 at Kansas City
Most Runs Batted In, Game.....	6, Derek Norris, May 11 vs. Washington
.....	6, Josh Reddick, May 16 at Cleveland
Most Walks, Game.....	4, Eric Sogard, August 9 vs. Minnesota
Most Strikeouts, Game.....	4 (four times), last: Yoenis Céspedes, July 10 at San Francisco
Most Stolen Bases, Game.....	2 (five times), last: Sam Fuld, August 4 vs. Tampa Bay
Longest Winning Streak.....	6, Tommy Milone, May 9 to present
.....	6, Sonny Gray, June 18 to July 26
Longest Losing Streak.....	4, Jason Hammel, July 9 to 30
Most Strikeouts, Game.....	10, Scott Kazmir, June 3 at New York (AL)
Most Walks, Game.....	4 (13 times), last: Sonny Gray, August 6 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Innings, Game, Starter.....	9.0, Sonny Gray, April 28 at Texas
.....	9.0, Scott Kazmir, May 28 vs. Detroit
.....	9.0, Jon Lester, August 7 vs. Minnesota
Most Innings, Game, Reliever.....	11, Dan Otero, May 17 at Cleveland
Low Hit Complete Game.....	2, Sonny Gray, April 28 at Texas
Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings.....	26.1, Sean Doolittle, April 29 to June 27
Most Consecutive Batters Retired.....	24, Sean Doolittle, June 10 to 28

GENERAL

Longest Game, Innings.....	14, June 10 at Los Angeles (AL)
.....	14, June 28 at Miami
Longest Game, Time, Nine Innings.....	4:06, April 25 at Houston
Longest Game, Time, Extra Innings.....	4:47, June 28 at Miami (14)
Shortest Game, Time.....	2:06, August 13 at Kansas City
Largest Crowd, Home.....	36,067 (nine times), last: July 19 vs. Baltimore
Smallest Crowd, Home.....	10,120, May 12 vs. Chicago (AL)
Largest Crowd, Road.....	45,277, May 25 at Toronto
Smallest Crowd, Road.....	10,555, May 21 at Tampa Bay
Postponement, Rain, Home.....	April 1 vs. Cleveland
.....	April 4 vs. Seattle
Postponement, Rain, Road.....	None

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	Tot
Barton	2	0	0	0	2
Blanks	2	0	0	0	2
Callaspo	13	4	1	0	18
Céspedes	21	6	0	0	27
Crisp	12	5	0	0	17
Donaldson	17	9	0	0	26
Freiman	0	0	0	0	0
Fuld	3	1	0	0	4
Gentry	12	1	0	0	13
Gomes	1	0	0	0	1
Jaso	16	4	0	0	20
Lowrie	22	5	0	0	27
Moss	19	3	2	0	24
Norris	18	4	0	0	22
Parrino	1	0	0	0	1
Punto	8	1	0	0	9
Reddick	13	7	0	0	20
Sogard	9	2	0	0	11
Vogt	15	3	0	0	18

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
Barton	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	1	0	0	0	0	1
Callaspo	6	1	0	0	0	7
Céspedes	9	2	1	3	0	15
Crisp	4	2	0	0	0	6
Donaldson	10	8	3	0	0	21
Freiman	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fuld	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gentry	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gomes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jaso	7	1	1	0	0	9
Lowrie	4	2	0	0	0	6
Moss	10	6	3	1	0	20
Norris	1	3	1	2	1	8
Parrino	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punto	3	1	0	0	0	4
Reddick	5	2	0	0	1	8
Sogard	4	1	0	0	0	5
Vogt	5	2	0	0	0	7

GAME TYING/GO-AHEAD RBI

PLAYER	GT	GA	Tot
Barton	2	1	3
Blanks	0	0	0
Callaspo	6	4	10
Céspedes	7	12	19
Crisp	2	11	13
Donaldson	9	20	29
Freiman	1	1	2
Fuld	0	1	1
Gentry	2	1	3
Gomes	0	0	0
Jaso	6	13	19
Lowrie	4	7	11
Moss	6	16	22
Norris	2	6	8
Parrino	0	0	0
Punto	1	2	3
Reddick	2	5	7
Sogard	1	1	2
Vogt	2	5	7

STARTS IN THE BATTING ORDER

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Barton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	4
Blanks	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	4	3
Burns	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Callaspo	-	5	-	-	4	28	20	25	5
Céspedes	-	-	37	21	40	-	-	-	-
Crisp	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donaldson	-	8	72	13	21	1	-	-	-
Freiman	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	3	-
Fuld	10	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Gentry	15	6	-	-	-	-	6	7	15
Gomes	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Jaso	16	42	-	-	-	8	6	3	-
Lowrie	1	42	10	-	10	28	13	2	-
Moss	-	-	1	82	2	10	5	4	-
Norris	-	3	-	2	36	2	22	4	-
Parrino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Punto	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	16	23
Reddick	-	1	-	-	1	17	29	22	2
Sogard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	58
Vogt	-	7	-	-	4	22	7	7	1

GAMES BY POSITION

PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G
Barton	-	-	30	15	-	-	-	-	-
Blanks	-	-	17	12	-	-	-	1	3
Burns	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Callaspo	-	-	20	16	28	17	14	-	33
Céspedes	-	-	-	-	-	82	79	9	16
Crisp	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	70	7
Donaldson	-	-	-	-	109	106	-	-	9
Freiman	-	-	14	10	-	-	-	-	2
Fuld	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	12	1
Gentry	-	-	-	-	-	12	8	45	33
Gomes	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	2
Jaso	51	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Lowrie	-	-	-	-	104	103	-	-	3
Moss	-	-	57	46	-	-	36	25	26
Norris	86	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Parrino	-	-	2	2	1	1	2	1	-
Punto	-	-	45	34	2	15	10	-	1
Reddick	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	74
Sogard	-	-	73	59	-	6	6	-	1
Vogt	15	8	23	21	-	1	1	-	16

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

Player	2014 HOME RUNS				Tot.	LAST REGULAR SEASON HOME RUN			
	Solo	2R	3R	GS		Date	Opponent	Pitcher	GP Since
Blanks	2	0	0	0	2	May 31, 2014	Los Angeles (AL)	Skaggs	12
Callaspo	0	2	1	0	3	April 24, 2014	at Houston	Oberholtzer	77
Crisp	5	1	1	0	7	July 2, 2014	Detroit	Verlander	21
Donaldson	12	9	4	0	25	Aug. 12, 2014	at Kansas City	Chen	1
Freiman	0	0	1	0	1	June 29, 2014	at Miami	Heaney	14
Fuld	1	1	0	0	2	July 8, 2014	at Seattle	Young	25
Gentry	0	0	0	0	0	Aug. 21, 2013	Houston	Bedard	101
Gomes	1	3	1	1	6	July 18, 2014	Kansas City	Downs	16
Jaso	5	3	0	0	8	July 26, 2014	at Texas	Tepesch	11
Lowrie	5	0	0	0	5	July 23, 2014	Houston	Peacock	15
Moss	10	7	3	3	23	July 24, 2014	Houston	Bass	16
Norris	3	0	6	1	10	August 9, 2014	Minnesota	Deduno	3
Punto	1	1	0	0	2	July 14, 2014	at Seattle	Beimel	7
Reddick	4	3	0	1	8	August 3, 2014	Kansas City	Shields	10
Sogard	1	0	0	0	1	August 6, 2014	Tampa Bay	Hellickson	6
Vogt	4	3	0	0	7	August 9, 2014	Minnesota	Deduno	3
others	12	2	3	0	18				
Team	64	32	19	5	120				

MILESTONES

Player	Category	No.	Needs
Callaspo	Games	965	35 for 1000
Cook	Games	195	5 for 200
Crisp	Triples (w/OAK)	21	1 for 22 (ties Bando and Ellis for 8 th in Oakland history)
	Steals	294	6 for 300
	Steals (w/OAK)	157	15 for 172 (ties Baker for 9 th in Athletics history)
Fuld	At Bats	951	49 for 1000
Gomes	RBI	498	2 for 500
Jaso	Games	473	27 for 500
Moss	Hits	457	43 for 500
	Doubles	98	2 for 100
	Home Runs	89	11 for 100
O'Flaherty	Games	384	16 for 400
Otero	Games	98	2 for 100
Reddick	Games	489	11 for 500
	Doubles	83	17 for 100
Samardzija	Games Started	90	10 for 100

A's AT A GLANCE

Season High	72-44 (August 9)
Season Low	0-1/1-2/2-3 (March 31/April 2/April 5)
April	18-9
May	16-12
June	17-9
July	15-10
August	7-6
September	0-0
Home Series	14-4-1
Road Series	10-6-3
Series Sweeps	9-3
First Game of Series	21-18
Last Game of Series	23-15
A's Score First	48-11
Opponent Scores First	25-36
Leading After 7 th	55-5
Leading After 8 th	58-4
Tied After 7 th	7-7
Tied After 8 th	9-4
Trailing After 7 th	11-35
Trailing After 8 th	6-39
Commit No Errors	35-25
Commit 1 or More Errors	38-22
More HR Than Opp.	36-4
Fewer HR Than Opp.	9-26
Same Total HR of Opp.	28-17
Starter Pitches 7 or More	28-10
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	45-37
When Scoring 4 or More	59-12
When Scoring Less Than 4	14-35
Last At Bat	19-11
Replay Challenges	12-8
Different Lineups	105

WALK-OFF WINS (8)

Coco Crisp, April 3 vs. Seattle (home run)
 Josh Reddick, April 19 vs. Houston (single)
 John Jaso, May 10 vs. Washington (double)
 Josh Donaldson, May 28 vs. Detroit (home run)
 Coco Crisp, June 21 vs. Boston (single)
 Nick Punto, July 4 vs. Toronto (double and error)
 Josh Donaldson, July 18 vs. Baltimore (home run)
 Derek Norris, August 4 vs. Tampa Bay (single)

DISABLED LIST

Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Blanks	Left calf strain	June 23-present (eligible July 8)	44	O'Flaherty	Tommy John surgery	Feb. 17-July 1	84
Callaspo	Right hamstring strain	July 12-26	10	Parker	Tommy John surgery	March 20-present	120
Cook	Right shoulder tendinitis	March 21-April 6	6	Pomeranz	Fractured right hand	June 17-July 12	24
Cook	Right forearm strain	May 8-June 2	22	Punto	Strained right hamstring	August 3-present (eligible Aug. 18)	11
Elmore	Strained left quad	March 28-June 15	69	Reddick	Hyperextended right knee	June 1-23	20
Gentry	Lower back strain	March 21-April 11	10	Reddick	Strained right knee	June 29-July 21	18
Gentry	Broken right hand	July 28-present (eligible Aug. 12)	16	Rodriguez	Tommy John surgery	March 21-April 28	26
Griffin	Flexor muscle strain	March 21-present	120				

The A's have used the disabled list 15 times this season...used the DL 13 times in 2013.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

June 1	Stephen Vogt recalled from Sacramento; Fernando Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento	disabled list retroactive to June 23 (left calf strain)	July 22	Josh Reddick reinstated from the disabled list	
June 3	Ryan Cook reinstated from the 15-day disabled list; Josh Reddick placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to June 1 (hyperextended right knee)	June 29	Josh Reddick placed on the 15-day disabled list (right knee strain); Nate Freiman recalled from Sacramento	July 24	Evan Scribner recalled from Sacramento; Jim Johnson designated for assignment
June 6	Justin Marks acquired from Kansas City for cash considerations and optioned to Sacramento; Kent Matthes designated for assignment; Eric O'Flaherty sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment	July 3	Eric O'Flaherty reinstated from the disabled list; Jeff Francis designated for assignment	July 25	Deck McGuire acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays for cash considerations and optioned to Sacramento
June 8	Jake Elmore sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 5	Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel acquired from the Chicago Cubs for Dan Straily and minor leaguers Addison Russell, Billy McKinney and a player to be named later or cash; Nick Buss designated for assignment; Tommy Milone optioned to Sacramento	July 26	Alberto Callaspo sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
June 9	Kent Matthes outrighted to Midland	July 7	Brad Mills designated for assignment; Kenny Wilson claimed off waivers from Toronto and optioned to Sacramento; Nick Buss outrighted to Sacramento	July 27	Alberto Callaspo reinstated from the disabled list; Nate Freiman optioned to Sacramento
June 11	Eric O'Flaherty transferred to Sacramento on rehab	July 11	Jeff Francis and cash considerations traded to the New York Yankees for a player to be named later	July 28	Craig Gentry placed on the 15-day disabled list (broken right hand); Billy Burns selected from Midland; Kenny Wilson designated for assignment
June 13	Alberto Callaspo placed on the paternity list; Andy Parrino recalled from Sacramento	July 12	Alberto Callaspo placed on the 15-day disabled list (right hamstring strain); Andy Parrino recalled from Sacramento; Drew Pomeranz sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 31	Jon Lester, Jonny Gomes and cash considerations acquired from Boston for Yoenis Cespedes and a 2015 Competitive Balance Pick; Sam Fuld acquired from Minnesota for Tommy Milone; Jake Elmore designated for assignment; Billy Burns optioned to Sacramento; Kenny Wilson outrighted to Midland
June 16	Alberto Callaspo reinstated from the paternity list; Andy Parrino optioned to Sacramento; Marcus Walden outrighted to Midland; Jake Elmore reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento	July 13	Drew Pomeranz reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento	August 1	Jim Johnson released; Evan Scribner designated for assignment
June 17	Drew Pomeranz placed on the 15-day disabled list (fractured right hand); Evan Scribner recalled from Sacramento	July 14	Josh Reddick sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment	August 2	Evan Scribner optioned to Sacramento; Jake Elmore claimed off waivers by Cincinnati
June 18	Josh Reddick sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 17	Brad Mills claimed off waivers by Toronto	August 3	Nick Punto placed on the 15-day disabled list (right hamstring strain); Nate Freiman recalled from Sacramento
June 20	Brad Mills selected from Sacramento; Evan Scribner optioned to Sacramento; Justin Marks claimed off waivers by Texas	July 20	Andy Parrino optioned to Sacramento (following game)	August 9	Kyle Blanks sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
June 24	Josh Reddick reinstated from the disabled list; Kyle Blanks placed on the 15-day				

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