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### **A's, Giants to Host Marin Catholic Pitcher Gunnar Sandberg at Interleague Game Sunday, May 23**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants will host Marin Catholic High School pitcher Gunnar Sandberg, his family and teammates at the 1:05 pm interleague game Sunday, May 23 at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. Sandberg will visit both the A's and Giants clubhouses to meet with players and coaches and watch batting practice from the field. During a special pre-game ceremony at 12:45 pm, Sandberg will be presented with team autographed bats from both local clubs prior to throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the game to De La Salle High School's Zac Byers.

The 16-year-old Kentfield resident was critically injured after being hit in the head with a line drive off Byers' metal bat March 11 during a scrimmage with Concord's De La Salle High School. Sandberg, a junior, was recently discharged from a San Francisco rehabilitation hospital, almost two months after the accident that left him in a coma and on a ventilator. He underwent extensive physical, occupational and speech therapy and will continue outpatient therapy five days a week at the rehab center until his recovery is complete.

Players from Marin Catholic high schools will collect donations at a number of tables located on the concourse of the Coliseum for the Gunnar Sandberg Fund to help defray medical and rehabilitation costs. In addition, they will collect signatures to ban the use of metal bats in the entire North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation. The Marin County Athletic League switched to wooden bats shortly after the accident, with the help of donations by the A's, Giants and Louisville Slugger.

The A's are offering a special fundraising ticket offer for the game on Sunday, May 23 against San Francisco. A donation of \$5 will be made to the Gunnar Sandberg Fund from each Field Level ticket (\$28) purchased through the A's web link for this game. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit [oaklandathletics.com/Gunnar](http://oaklandathletics.com/Gunnar).

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