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### News and Notes About the A's Upcoming Homestand

*New York Mets to make first visit to Oakland since 2005; Los Angeles Angels arrive for AL West Showdown*

**OAKLAND** – The Oakland A's, who have maintained baseball's best record for nearly two months, play host to the New York Mets and division-rival Los Angeles Angels in a five-game homestand beginning Tuesday, Aug. 19.

The New York Mets, making their first appearance at the Coliseum since 2005, meet the Athletics for a brief two-game interleague set Tuesday night (7:05 p.m.) and Wednesday afternoon (12:35 p.m.). David Wright, Curtis Granderson and former Athletics All-Star pitcher Bartolo Colon lead a Mets team that is battling for a National League Wild Card spot.

After a day off Thursday, the A's lock horns with their division rivals in a three-game weekend series against the Angels beginning Friday, Aug. 22. Besides featuring the two winningest teams in Major League Baseball and American League MVP candidates Mike Trout and Josh Donaldson, the series is highlighted by the much-anticipated Disney•Pixar's *The Incredibles* Fireworks Show, presented by Chevron, after Saturday's 6:05 p.m. game and the A's Bullpen Unicorn Backpack giveaway, presented by Ubisoft, at the 5:05 p.m. ESPN Sunday Night Baseball game on Aug. 24.

The entire schedule for the homestand is as follows:

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TELEVISION
<b>TUESDAY, AUG. 19</b>	<b>NEW YORK METS</b>	<b>7:05 P.M.</b>	<b>CSNCA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Parking Tuesday, driven by Chevrolet</li> <li>• National Anthem: Zach Rogue</li> <li>• First Pitch: Mike Epstein</li> <li>• Green Stampede Homework Club</li> </ul>			
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20</b>	<b>NEW YORK METS</b>	<b>12:35 P.M.</b>	<b>CSNCA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BART \$2 Wednesday</li> <li>• National Anthem: McKenna Faith</li> <li>• First Pitch: Guy Haberman, 95.7 FM The Game</li> <li>• Senior Day</li> <li>• Food Bank Wednesday</li> </ul>			
<b>FRIDAY, AUG. 22</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b>	<b>7:05 P.M.</b>	<b>CSNCA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XFINITY Friday Family Pack</li> <li>• CSNCA Authentic Fan Friday</li> <li>• Ballpark entry gates open early at 4:35 p.m.</li> <li>• National Anthem: TBA</li> <li>• First Pitch: Delano Sanders, Stanley Black &amp; Decker</li> <li>• First Pitch: Filipino Heritage Representative</li> <li>• Green Stampede Homework Club</li> <li>• Sims Recycling Solutions Used Phone Recycling Program, Guest Relations Booth behind Section 120</li> </ul>			
<b>SATURDAY, AUG. 23</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b>	<b>6:05 P.M.</b>	<b>CSNCA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disney•Pixar's "The Incredibles" Fireworks Show, presented by Chevron</li> <li>• Chevron STEM Zone (behind Sections 201 and 217)</li> <li>• Cache Creek Saturday</li> <li>• National Anthem: Lanisa Keith</li> <li>• First Pitch: Aurelio Isidro Garcia, Chevron</li> <li>• First Pitch: Jonas Rivera, Pixar</li> <li>• UMPS Care Visit</li> <li>• A's Community Fund Silent Auction, with partner Art for Life, behind Section 120</li> <li>• Breast Cancer Awareness Day sales, behind Section 120</li> <li>• Sims Recycling Solutions Used Phone Recycling Program, Guest Relations Booth behind Section 120</li> </ul>			
<b>SUNDAY, AUG. 24</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b>	<b>5:05 P.M.</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball</li> <li>• Giveaway: A's Bullpen Unicorn Backpack, presented by Ubisoft (10,000)</li> <li>• "Salute to Service Sunday" presented by GovX.com</li> <li>• National Anthem: Alix Bloom</li> <li>• First Pitch: Stephanie Malone, Comcast SportsNet</li> <li>• First Pitch: Rich Kubiszekski, Ubisoft</li> <li>• Wounded Warriors Flag Raising</li> <li>• Pre-Game Presentation: BARONS Diamond Player Award</li> <li>• Take the Field With the A's, presented by Wells Fargo (Albany Little League Cubs)</li> <li>• Post-Game Race Around the Bases, driven by Chevrolet</li> <li>• UMPS Care Visit</li> <li>• A's Community Fund Silent Auction, with partner Techbridge Girls, behind Section 120</li> <li>• Breast Cancer Awareness Day sales, behind Section 120</li> <li>• Sims Recycling Solutions Used Phone Recycling Program, Guest Relations Booth behind Section 120</li> </ul>			

\*\*For additional information about the promotions or events listed above, please visit [www.athletics.com/promotions](http://www.athletics.com/promotions)

## **Promotions & Special Events**

**Disney•Pixar's *The Incredibles* Fireworks Show, presented by Chevron:** On Saturday, Aug. 23, after the A's vs. Angels game, the A's will host their fifth fireworks show of the year with Disney•Pixar's *The Incredibles* Fireworks Show, presented by Chevron. Fans can enjoy the show from the outfield grass (space permitting).

**Chevron STEM Zone:** The A's will host to the Chevron STEM Zone at the A's vs. Angels game on Saturday, Aug. 23. Chevron created the STEM Zone to help deepen kids' interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics outside the classroom by showing its applications in the real world. The fun and hands-on baseball-related learning exhibits will be located behind Sections 201 and 217 throughout Saturday's game.

**A's Bullpen Unicorn Backpack Giveaway, presented by Ubisoft:** At the A's vs. Angels game on Sunday, Aug. 24, 10,000 fans will receive an A's Bullpen Unicorn Backpack, presented by Ubisoft. Designed by A's relievers Sean Doolittle and Ryan Cook, this one-of-a-kind giveaway pays homage to the actual unicorn backpack carried to the bullpen every game by standout set-up man Dan Otero.

## **Community Relations**

**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. On Sunday, Aug. 24, the Albany Little League Cubs get to run onto the field with the A's prior to the game, and each player also receives an autographed baseball and t-shirt, courtesy of Wells Fargo.

**Wounded Warriors Flag Raising:** Overstock and the Wounded Warriors Foundation have partnered with the A's to help honor the work of injured veterans and service professionals across the nation. Wounded Warriors will be at the game to raise the American flag during the National Anthem on Sunday, Aug. 24, as part of this season-long partnership to recognize our country's brave men and women of the military.

**UMPS Care:** Prior to the games on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-24, participants in the UMPS Care program will receive great seats to the game, a goody bag of "all things baseball," and the unique opportunity to step onto the field for a photo opportunity with the umpiring crew from that night's game.

**A's Community Fund Silent Auctions:** Every Saturday and Sunday home game (and other select dates), 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.

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