## HOUSTON ASTROS (29-31) AT OAKLAND ATHLETICS (36-24)

DIVISION SERIES, GAME 1: RHP LANCE MCCULLERS JR. (3-3, 3.93 IN '20) VS. RHP CHRIS BASSITT (1-0, 1.29)
MONDAY, OCT. 5, 2020 • DODGER STADIUM • LOS ANGELES, CA • 3:07 P.M. CT • TBS • SPORTSTALK 790 • LA RANCHERA 850 AM


THIS DATE IN ASTROS HISTORY OCT. 5

2005 - The Astros beat the Braves by a score of $10-5$ in Game 1 of the NLDS in Atlanta...LHP Andy Pettitte tosses 7.0 innings en route to the win...All-Star 3B Morgan Ensberg has a big game, going $3 \times 4$ with five RBI.

TODAY'S GAME 1: The Astros and A's will open up their American League Division Series today at Dodger Stadium in a matchup of AL West Division rivals...the Astros have experience playing in the postseason at Dodger Stadium, having won two games at the site in the 2017 World Series, Game 2 and Game 7.

TODAY'S STARTERS: Today's Astros starter RHP Lance McCullers Jr. started Game 7 of the 2017 World Series at Dodger Stadium, tossing 2.1 scoreless innings before giving way to the bullpen in the Astros 5-1 series-clinching victory...today will be his second start against the A's this season, also Aug. 29 in Houston (1ER/6IP)...McCullers will be opposed by RHP Chris Bassitt, who's already faced the Astros three times in 2020, going 1-1 with a 2.65 ERA (5ER/17IP).

BIG GAME LANCE: Today's Astros starter, RHP Lance McCullers Jr. has shined in his postseason career, going 1-0 with a save and a 2.53 ERA (9ER/32IP) in 11 career appearances (four starts)...in those outings, he's held opponents to a .176 batting average, while posting a tidy 1.00 WHIP...McCullers' last postseason start was his Game 7 appearance at Dodger Stadium in the 2017 World Series.

VS. THE A'S: The Astros and A's are seeing each other for the first time in their postseason histories in what will be a neutral site matchup at Dodger Stadium this week...Houston went just 3-7 against Oakland in the 2020 regular season, posting a 2-0 record at home and a 1-7 record at the Coliseum.

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: This is the Astros 14th appearance in the postseason in club history in what is the 59th year of the franchise that began in 1962...this appearance gives Houston four straight years in the playoffs, the first time they've done so in franchise history...only the Yankees and Dodgers have also played in the last four postseasons...Houston has also made the postseason in five of the last six years.

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: This group of Astros has won a postseason series in four straight seasons (2017-20), leading all Major League teams in postseason games (46) and postseason wins (27) in that time frame...in both categories, the Astros top the Dodgers (38g, 22 wins) and Yankees (29g, 16 wins).

DIVISION SERIES HISTORY: This marks the Astros 12th all-time appearance in the Division Series in which they've gone 5-6 in their previous 11 series.. dating back to 2004, the Astros have won five of their last six Division Series and have won three straight, dispatching the Red Sox in $2017(4 \mathrm{~g})$, the Indians in $2018(3 \mathrm{~g})$ and the Rays in $2019(5 \mathrm{~g})$.

CLUB LEADERS: This active group of Astros is atop the franchise leaderboards in most postseason categories...2B Jose Altuve, SS Carlos Correa and OF George Springer lead the club in postseason games played, all checking in with 52...Altuve leads the club in postseason hits (60), Springer is postseason homers (15) and Correa in postseason RBI (34)...3B Alex Bregman leads all Astros in postseason walks (30).

TODAY'S VIDEO CONFERENCES: The Astros will make Dusty Baker (12:15p CT), OF Kyle Tucker (12:30p CT) and Game 2 starter LHP Framber Valdez ( $12: 45$ p CT) available via video conference before today's game...Baker and select Astros players will also be made available postgame...the video conferences will be hosted on Zoom.

- Meeting ID: 94846042079
- Password: 570635
- Link: https://zoom.us///94846042079?pwd=YUFmclJBTXM4TVZUY3BIT3BUSFkOZz09

BBWAA AWARDS: The Houston Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America has announced the 2020 season award winners:

- Astros MVP: OF George Springer
- Pitcher of the Year: LHP Framber Valdez
- Rookie of the Year: RHP Cristian Javier
- DK Good Guy of the Year: RHP Brad Peacock

Fred Hartman Award: Astros clubhouse manager Carl Schneider

THE WILD CARD SERIES: The Astros dominated their Wild Card Series with the Twins, winning two close ballgames with a cumulative score of 7-2...the Astros got huge relief appearances from a couple starters, LHP Framber Valdez (0ER/5IP) in Game 1 and RHP Cristian Javier (0ER/3IP) in Game 2, who each picked up a win...SS Carlos Correa ( $3 \times 6$, HR, RBI) and LF Kyle Tucker ( $3 \times 8,2$ RBI) led the offense, plating four of the club's seven runs in the series...this marked the Astros second postseason series sweep in club history, also the 2018 Division Series vs. the Indians.

ABOUT THE CLINCHER: The Astros finished off the Twins by a score of 3-1 last Wednesday in Game 2 of the Wild Card Series...RHP José Urquidy (1ER/4.1IP) started for Houston before giving way to a bullpen that featured a magnificent performance by RHP Cristian Javier (0ER/3IP)...tied 1-1 in the 7th, SS Carlos Correa connected for a 430' solo homer to dead center field to put the Astros ahead for good.

MR. CLUTCH: SS Carlos Correa, who leads the franchise in postseason RBI (34), has six game-winning RBI in postseason play, also the most in club history...his 7th-inning, go-ahead homer in Wednesday's Game 2 falls in this category, along with other huge moments in his postseason career, including walkoff homers in Game 2 of the 2019 ALCS and in Game 2 of the 2017 ALCS, both coming against the Yankees.

AT THE HELM: Astros Manager Dusty Baker is the first manager in MLB history to take five different teams to the postseason, the Giants (1997, 2000, 2002), Cubs (2003), Reds (2010, 2012-13), Nationals (2016-17) and Astros (2020)...Baker's all-time record in the postseason is now 25-32.

IN THE BOX: This is the first postseason appearance for the Astros under General Manager James Click, who was named the 13th GM in club history on Feb. 3...Click joined the Astros from Tampa Bay, where he served as the Rays VP of Baseball Operations.

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## TODAY'S ALDS GAME 1 STARTING PITCHER: RHP LANCE MCCULLERS JR.



LAST START - 9/26 at TEX: started Houston's 2nd-to-last game of the regular season...struck out a season-high 9 batters over 4.0 scoreless innings pitched...gave up 2 hits and 2 walks on 61 pitches...lowered his ERA on the year to 3.93 .
THE RETURN: has made a successful recovery from Tommy John surgery... made 11 starts for the Astros this season, after missing all of 2019.

- suffered an elbow injury in his start on Aug. 4, 2018 at Dodger Stadium (0ER/4IP)...was placed on the Injured List form Aug. 5-Sept. 24...chose to rehab his injury during that time and came back to pitch in the 2018 postseason for Houston.
- pitched in 5 games out of the bullpen for Houston during the 2018 postseason, tossing 5.0 innings of 1 -run ball across 2 games in the ALDS against Cleveland, and 3 games in the ALCS against Boston.
- underwent Tommy John surgery shortly following the 2018 postseason on Nov. 6, 2018.
BACK IN THE POSTSEASON: is set to make his 12th-career postseason appearance, and 5th-career postseason start.
- his last postseason appearance was a 1.1 -inning relief stint in Game 4 of the 2018 ALCS vs. BOS (1ER).
GAME 1: is starting Game 1 of a postseason series for the first time in his career...at 27 years, 3 days old, will become the 3rd-youngest pitcher in Astros history to start Game 1 of a postseason series...the only 2 to do it at a younger age were Wade Miller ( 25 years, 26 days) in Game 1 of the 2001 NLDS vs. ATL and Brandon Backe (26 years, 191 days) in Game 1 of the 2004 NLCS at STL
OCTOBER STARTS: his last postseason start was Game 7 of the 2017 World Series at Dodger Stadium, a $5-1$ Astros win...tossed 2.1 scoreless innings in that game, and also recorded an RBI-groundout, becoming the firstAL pitcher with an RBl in the Fall Classic since Andy Pettitte of the Yankees in Game 3 of the 2009 WS, and the and the first pitcher overall to do so in a Game 7 since the Jesse Orosco of the Mets in 1986.
- in 4 career postseason starts, has gone 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA ( $6 E R / 201 P$ ), 16 strikeouts and a. 167 opponent average.
- owns the 2nd-best postseason ERA by a starter in Astros history (2.70 ERA, min. 4 starts), behind only Gerrit Cole (2.17 ERA).
- the Astros have won each of his last 2 postseason starts, both of which were during the 2017 World Series...was the winning pitcher in Game 3 of the 2017 World Series (3ER/5.1IP), the first World Series win in Astros franchise history.
- in his first 2 postseason starts, both of which were Astros losses, tossed quality starts...held the Royals to 2 runs on 2 hits over 6.1 innings in Game 4 of the 2015 ALDS.... held the Yankees to 1 run on 2 hits over 6.0 innings in Game 4 of the 2017 ALCS at Yankee Stadium.
RISPY BUSINESS: in his 11 career postseason games, has held the opposition to just 1 hit with runners in scoring position (.059, 1x17).
FINISHING STRONG: finished the 2020 season on a solid run....over his final 8 starts of the season, went $2-2$ with a 2.18 ERA (10ER/41.1IP), 13 walks, 45 strikekouts and a .182 opponent average ( $26 \times 143$ ).
GROUND AND POUND: among MLB pitchers with at least 50.0 innings this season, owned the highest groundball rate ( $61.1 \%$ ) and 5 th-best groundball to flyball ratio (3.26).

| MCCULLERS JR. IN THE POSTSEASON (CAREER) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| DATE | RESU | W/L | IP | H | P | ER |  | So | HR |
| 2015 ALDS (4) vs. KC | L6-9 |  | 6.1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |  |
| 2017 ALDS (3) at BOS* | L3-10 |  | 3.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |  |
| 2017 ALCS (4) at NYY | L4-6 |  | 6.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |
| 2017 ALCS (7) vs. NYY* | W 4-0 | S1 | 4.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |  |
| 2017 WS (3) vs. LAD | W 5-3 | W 1 | 5.1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |  |
| 2017 WS (7) at LAD | W-1 |  | 2.1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |  |
| 2018 ALDS (1) vs. CLE* | W 7-2 |  | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 2018 ALDS (3) at CLE* | W 11-3 |  | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 2018 ALCS (1) at BOS* | W 7-2 |  | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |  |
| 2018 ALCS (2) at BOS* | L7-5 |  | 0.2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |  |  |
| 2018 ALCS (4) vs. BOS* | 8-6 |  | 1.1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |

MCCULLERS JR VS. OAKLAND (CAREER)

| DATE |  | RESULT | W/L | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
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| $5 / 18 / 15$ | OAK | L 1-2 | - | 4.2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| $6 / 5 / 16$ | OAK | W 5-2 | W 1 | 7.0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| $7 / 9 / 16$ | OAK | L2-3 | L1 | 4.0 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| $4 / 15 / 17$ | at OAK | W 10-6 | - | 4.1 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| $4 / 28 / 18$ | OAK | W 11-0 | W2 | 7.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| $5 / 18 / 18$ | at OAK | W 4-2 | W 3 | 5.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| 6/12/18 | at OAK | W 6-3 | W 4 | 7.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| $7 / 11 / 18$ | OAK | L 3-8 | L2 | 4.0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| $8 / 29 / 20$ | OAK | W 4-2 | W5 | 6.0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 |


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| Canha | .167 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | Laureano | 1.000 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Davis | .263 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Murphy | .000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grossman | .333 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Olson | .000 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Kemp | .500 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pinder | .250 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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| La Stella | .000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Piscotty | .400 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lamb | .400 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Semien | .368 | 19 | 7 | 0 | 4 |

2020 REGULAR SEASON DAY-BY-DAYS

| DATE | OPP | RESULT | W/L | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | TP |
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| 7/25 | SEA | W 7-2 | W 1 | 6.0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | , | 6 | 1 | 92 |
| 7/31 | at LAA | W 9-6 | - | 4.0 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 91 |
| 8/5 | at ARI | L 7-14 | L1 | 3.2 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 61 |
| 8/10 | SF | W 6-4 | W 2 | 7.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 86 |
| 8/16 | SEA | W 3-2 | - | 5.2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 97 |
| 8/21 | at SD | L 3-4 | L2 | 5.0 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 97 |
| 8/29 | OAK | W 4-2 | W 3 | 6.0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 93 |
| 9/4 | at LAA | L5-6 | - | 0.0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 9/16 | TEX | L0-1 | - | 7.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 86 |
| 9/21 | at SEA | L 1-6 | L3 | 6.2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 102 |
| 9/26 | at TEX | L 1-6 | - | 4.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 61 |
| JULY |  | 1-0 | 5.40 ERA |  | 11 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 183 |
| AUGUST |  | 2-2 | 4.94 ERA | 27.1 | 24 | 16 | 15 | , | 22 | 1 | 434 |
| SEPTEMBER |  | 0-1 | 1.53 ERA | 17.2 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 24 | 2 | 267 |


| 2020 HOUSTON ASTROS POSTSEASON STARTING PITCHERS |  |  |  | RUN SUPP. |  |  | TEAM RECORD | GS AFTER L | TM. W-L AFTER L | QS | TM. W-L DURING QS |
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| PITCHER | LAST START | STREAK | GS | AVG. | P/GS | SB/CS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urquidy | WCS (2) at | - | 1 | 2.08 | 76 | 0/0 | 1-0 | - | - | - | - |
| Greinke | WCS (1) at | - | 1 | 0.00 | 79 | 1/0 | 1-0 | - | - | - | - |

ASTROS:
OPPONENTS:
2020 WC: 194 (13x67)
2020 vs. OAK: 205 (63x307)
2020 vs. OAK: . 237 (72x304)

## 27 IF JOSE ALTUVE

2020 vs. OAK: .190, $4 \times 21$
2020 WC vs. MIN: 0x7
$000(0 \times 7), 0$ HR, 1 RBI
Division Series Career: . 310, 22x71, 7HR, 12RBI Postseason Career: . $280,60 \times 214,13 \mathrm{HR}, 30$ RBI - went $0 \times 3$ with a go-ahead bases-loaded RBI walk in the 9th inning in Game 1 of the WC...became the 4th player in postseason history to record a bases-loaded walk in the 9th inning or later, last, Willy Tavares in Game 2 of the 2007 NLCS. is making his 5th appearance in the postseason (2015, 2017-20)...has played in 52 games in the postseason, is tied for the most in club history with Carlos Correa and George Springer.

- was named the 2019 ALCS MVP, batted .348 ( $8 \times 23$ ) with 1 double, 2 home runs, 3 RBI and 4 walks...smacked a 2 -run walk-off home run off RHP Aroldis Chapman to send the Astros to the World Series.
- also rates among the Astros career postseason leaders in hits (1st, 60), homers (2nd, 13), RBI (2nd, 30) and OPS (4th, .850).
- recorded 25 hits during the 2019 postseason, the most by an Astros player in a single postseason in franchise history..fell one hit shy of the MLB record of 26 set by Pablo Sandoval in 2014.
- since the 2017 postseason, has more postseason homers (13) than all but one Major League player: George Springer (14)...has hit . 298 ( $56 \times 188$ ) with 10 doubles, 13 HR, 28 RBI and a . 919 OPS (. 361 OBP/. 559 SLG) since the 2017 postseason.


## 23 OF MICHAEL BRANTLEY <br> \section*{2020 vs. OAK: .286, 10x35, 1HR, 2RBI}

286 (2x7), 0 HR, 2 RBI
2020 WC vs. MIN: . $286,2 \times 7$, 2RBI
Division Series Career: . $175,7 \times 40,1$ HR, 2RBI

- went $0 \times 2$ with 2 walks and 2 run scored in Game 2 of the WC at MIN.
- is making his 5th trip to the postseason (2013, 2017-20)...played in the 2013 AL Wild Card Game with Cleveland (4-0 loss to Tampa), went to the ALDS with Cleveland in 2017 and 2018 and was a part of the Astros 2019 AL Championship team.
- ranked 9th in the AL in batting average and finished 8th in the AL in batting w/ RISP (.359, 14x39)


## 2 IF ALEX BREGMAN <br> 2020 vs. OAK: .095, 2×21, 2RB

 2020 WC vs. MIN: . 143, 1x7143 (1x7), 0 HR, 0 RBI
Postseason Career: .228, 38x167, 10HR, 27RB

- has led Houston to the postseason in all 4 of his full Major League seasons (2017-20).
- has homered 10 times in 46 career postseason games, with all of his homers coming against current-or-former All-Stars: Chris Sale (2HR), Corey Kluber, Trevor Bauer, Kenley Jansen, Clayton Kershaw, Blake Snell, Stephen Strasburg (2HR) and Fernando Rodney.
- his 10 home runs are T-2nd most in postseason history before turning 26-years old with Albert Pujols, trailing only Carlos Correa (11).
- set a MLB postseason record by notching 19 postseason games in his career where he recorded an RBI, before turning 26-years old, surpassing Albert Pujols (17 games).


## 1IF CARLOS CORREA

2020 vs. OAK: . 188, 6x32, 1RBI
2020 WC vs. MIN: . $500,3 \times 6$, HR, RBI

500 (3x6), 1 HR, 1 RBI
Division Series Career: . $227,15 \times 66,5 \mathrm{HR}, 14 \mathrm{RBI}$ Postseason Career: . $250,51 \times 200,12 \mathrm{HR}, 34 \mathrm{RBI}$

- went $2 \times 4$ with a solo home run in Game 2 of the WC at MIN.
- is in the postseason for the 5th time in his career $(2015,2017-20)$...has played in 52 postseason games, is tied for the most in club history with Jose Altuve and George Springer.
- his 12 home runs and 34 RBI in the postseason are the 2 nd-most by a shortstop in MLB history, behind only Derek Jeter ( 20 HR, 61 RBI)
- ranks 3rd in Astros history in postseason homers (12) behind only George Springer (15) and Jose Altuve (13)...has 34 RBI in the postseason, the most in Astros franchise history.
- his $11 \mathrm{HR}, 32 \mathrm{RBI}$ and 22 extra-base hits in his postseason career is the most postseason homers, RBI and XBH by a player prior to turning 26 years old in MLB history...the previous record holder in HR and RBI was Albert Pujols (10 HR, 29 RBI), and in XBH was Pujols and Chipper Jones (18).


## 16 IF ALEDMYS DÍAZ <br> 2020 vs. OAK: . $222,4 \times 18$

.--. 0 HR, 0 RBI
2020 WC vs. MIN: DNP
Division Series Career: 0x3
Postseason Career: 0x9 2020).

- started 16 games since returning from the IL on Aug. 29, making 3 starts at 3B, 9 at 2B, 1 at DH, 2 at 1 B and 1 at LF.


## 13 C DUSTIN GARNEAU

2020 vs. OAK: 0x8
.$-=0$ HR, 0 RBI
2020 WC vs. MIN: DNP
Division Series Career: ---
Postseason Career: ---

- 33-year old is making his first career postseason roster...batting .158 ( $6 \times 38$ ) with 1 triple, 1 home run and 4 RBI in his first season in Houston.
- appeared in 17 games, making 13 starts at catcher.

10 IF YULI GURRIEL
2020 vs. OAK: . $200,7 \times 35,2 H R, 5 R B I$
2020 WC vs. MIN: . $125,1 \times 8$

- $1 \times 4$ a run scored
- went $1 \times 4$ a run scored in Game 1 of the WC at MIN
is in the playoffs for the 4th-straight season (2017-20)...has started 44 postseason games at 1 B and 1 at DH... has the most postseason starts at 1 B in club history... ranks 2nd in club history in postseason doubles (12) behind George Springer (14).
- has played in 46 career postseason games with the Astros is T-4th in franchise history with Alex Bregman, behind only Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and George Springer, who've all appeared in 52 games.

15 C MARTÍN MALDONADO
. 143 (1x7), 0 HR, 0 RBI
2020 vs. OAK: . $111,2 \times 18$,
Division Series Career: . $231,3 \times 13, H R, 2 R B I$
Postseason Career: . 196, 9x46, 2HR, 3RBI 2020 WC vs. MIN: . 143, 1x7 - went $1 \times 4$ in Game 1 of the WC at MIN.

- is in the postseason for the 3rd time in his career (2018-20)...started in 6 of Houston's 18 postseason games in 2019.
ranked 1st among AL catchers in the AL in walks (27), 2nd in RBI (24), 5th in OPS (.727) this season... 16 of his 24 RBI have come at home.
- started 46 of Houston's 60 games this year...is the 8th Astros catcher (16th time) to start 46 of the club's first 60 games of a season, and the first since Brad Ausmus started 46 of 60 in 2007.


## 20 OF CHAS MCCORMICK <br> 2020 vs. OAK: ---

$\qquad$ .---, 0 HR, 0 RBI Division Series Career: -2020 WC vs. MIN: DNP Postseason Career: ---25-year old is making first career appearance on a postseason roster as well as his first Major League roster appearance.
spent the entire 2020 season at the Astros Alternate Training Site...was on the Astros Taxi Squad on numerous road trips.
spent the 2019 season between Double A Corpus Christi (53g) and Triple A Round Rock (57g), batted . 269 (99x368) with 6 doubles, 6 triples, 14 homers, 66 RBI and a . 818 OPS (. 386 OBP/. 432 SLG).
was drafted by the Astros in 21st round of the June 2017 MLB Draft.

## 22 OF JOSH REDDICK

2020 vs. OAK: . $237,8 \times 28$, HR, RBI
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2020 WC vs. MIN: . $125,1 \times 8$ 125 (1x8), 0 HR, 0 RBI

WC vs. MIN: .125, $1 \times 8$
Division Series Career: . $247,21 \times 85,2 \mathrm{HR}, 7 \mathrm{RB}$ went $1 \times 4$ with a run scored in Game 1 of the WC at MIN

- marks the 8 th postseason of his career, and 5th consecutive (also 2012-14, 2016-20)...has played in 42 of Houston's 46 postseason games since 2017...his 63 career postseason games are the most on the Astros.


## 4 OF GEORGE SPRINGER

2020 vs. OAK: . $296,8 \times 27,2 H R$, 4RBI
.111 ( $1 \times 9$ ), 0 HR, 1 RBI
2020 WC vs. MIN: . $111,1 \times 9$, RBI
Division Series Career: . 282, 20x71 5HR, 8RBI - went $1 \times 5$ an RBI single and a run scored in Game 1 of the WC.

- the 2017 World Series MVP is in his 5th postseason (2015, 2017-2020).
- is the franchise leader in home runs (15) and doubles (14) in the postseason, also ranks 2nd in walks (30) and 2nd in hits (56).
has 15 career postseason HR, the most in Astros history and tied for the 9th most by an American League player all-time with Babe Ruth...his 13 homers in the postseason as a leadoff hitter are the most in MLB history.
- in 25 games in September, batted $.316(31 \times 98)$ with 2 doubles, 2 triples, 9 home runs, $15 \mathrm{RBI}, 9$ walks and a 1.033 OPS (. 380 OBP / . 653 SLG)...his 9 home runs ranked T-2nd most in the AL behind only Jose Ramirez.


## 3 OF MYLES STRAW

.---, 0 HR, 0 RBI
2020 vs. OAK (Reg+WC): .200, 3×15
Division Series Career: 0x0
2020 WC vs. MIN: DNP
Postseason Career: 0x0

- is on the Astros postseason roster for the 3rd straight season...didn't appear in a game in the 2019 postseason..was on the club's ALDS roster in 2018, appearing in 2 games as a pinch-runner...did not make the Astros ALCS roster in 2018. appeared in 28 games...started 19 games in CF and has appeared in 1 game at SS.
11 C GARRETI STUBBS
.--, O HR, O RBI
- 27-year old is making first career appearance on a postseason roster.
- appeared in 14 games and made 1 start at $C$.
- was selected by the Astros in the 8th round of the 2015 MLB Draft.


## 31 IF ABRAHAM TORO

2020 vs. OAK: .167, 1×6
.--, 0 HR, O RBI
2020 WC vs. MIN: ---
Division Series Career: --
Postseason Career: ---

- 23-year old is making first career appearance on a postseason roster.
- spent his first full season in the Majors, batted .149 (13x87) with 2 doubles, 3 home runs and 9 RBI.
- appeared in 33 games ( 19 starts), making 10 starts at $3 \mathrm{~B}, 6$ at DH, 2 at 1 B and 1 at 2B.


## 30 OF KYLE TUCKER

2020 vs. OAK: . 167, 6x36, HR, 7RB
375 (3x8), 0 HR, 2 RBI
Division Series Career: 0x4 Postseason Career: .250, $5 \times 20$ 2020 WC vs. MIN: . $375,3 \times 8$, 2RBI - went $2 \times 4$ with 2 RBI in Game 2 of the WC at MIN

- 23-year-old is on a postseason roster for the 2nd time in his career (2019-20). - appeared in 9 games during the 2019 postseason, batted. $167(2 \times 12)$ with 3 walks and a stolen base.
ranked 1st in the AL in triples (6), T-6th in RBI, T-6th in extra-base hits (27) and T-7th in stolen bases (8) in 2020.
- in his last 39 regular season games, he batted .309 (42x136) with 7 doubles, 5 triples, 8 home runs, 33 RBI and a . 981 OPS (. 371 OBP / . 610 SLG).

| HOUSTON ASTROS POSTSEASON BULLPEN REPORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2020 W-L-S | ERA | IP | H R | ER | BB-I | SO |  | When bullpen allows runs: 0-0 |
| Starters 0-0-0 | 2.16 | 8.1 | 42 | 2 | 5-0 | 4 |  | When bullpen does not allow a run: 2-0 |
| Relievers 2-0-1 | 0.00 | 9.2 | $3 \quad 0$ | 0 | 5-0 | 10 |  | When no relievers are used: 0-0 |
| PITCHER | LAST APP. (IP,H,R,ER,BB,K) |  |  | PITCHES | 1B/RET. | RI/SC | SV/OPP | TEAM REC. (IN RELIEF APPS.) |
| 39-Josh James | 9/22 at SEA ( $1,0,0,0,0,2$ ) |  |  | 18 | - | - | - | - |
| 53-Cristian Javier | $9 / 30$ at MIN ( $3,0,0,0,2,2$ )-W1 |  |  | 54 | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1-0 |
| 77-Luis Garcia | 9/27 at TEX ( $0.1,0,0,0,0,0,0$ ) |  |  | 5 | - | - | - | - |
| 60-Enoli Paredes | 9/25 at TEX ( $0.1,0,2,1,1,0)$-L, BS |  |  | 16 | - | - | - | - |
| 55-Ryan Pressly | $9 / 30$ at MIN ( $1,0,0,0,0,2)$-S 1 |  |  | 13 | 1/1 | 0/0 | 1/1 | 1-0 |
| 58-Brooks Raley | $9 / 30$ at MIN ( $0.2,1,0,0,1,1$ ) |  |  | 14 | 0/1 | 1/1 | $0 / 0$ | 1-0 |
| 70-Andre Scrubb | 9/26 at TEX ( $1,4,2,2,0,1$ ) |  |  | 25 | - | - | - | - |
| 67-Cy Sneed | 9/26 at TEX ( $1,0,0,0,0,2$ ) |  |  | 11 | - | - | - | - |
| 62-Blake Taylor | $9 / 25$ at TEX (1,0,0,0,0,0)-H |  |  | 10 | - | - | - | - |
| 65-José Urquidy | $9 / 30$ at $\operatorname{MIN}(4.1,2,1,1,2,3)$ |  |  | 76 | - | - | - | - |
| 2020 BULLPEN TOTALS |  |  |  |  | 2/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | 2-0 |

## 39 RHP JOSH JAMES

1-0-0, 7.27 ERA, 13G/2GS*
Last Win: 9/12 at LAD Save: none in '20 Loss: none in '20 Blown SV: 9/9 at OAK MIN Series: ---

- was on the club's Wild Card Series roster but did not make an appearich in his last outing, worked a scoreless 9th inning on 9/22 at SEA, recording 2 strikeouts...placed on the IL on on Sept. 25 to end the season.
- was scoreless in seven of his last nine relief outings, to close out the season, posting a 1-0 record and a 1.93 ERA (2ER/9.1IP) and 10 strikeouts.
- gave up just one walk over his final five outings to end the year (6IP)...gave up 16 walks over his first 11.1 innings, spanning eight games (two starts).


## 53 RHP CRISTIAN JAVIER

1-0-0, 0.00 ERA, $1 G$
Last Win: $9 / 30$ at MIN Save: none in '20 Loss: 9/7 at OAK Blown SV: none in '20 MIN Series: $1-0-0,0.00$ ( 0 ER/3IP), 1 G Postseason Career: $1-0-0,0.00$ ( $0 \mathrm{ER} / 31 \mathrm{P}$ ), 1G - worked 3.0 scoreless innings in relief in the Wild Card Series clincher on Wednesday at MIN...struck out 2 , walked 2 and did not allow a hit ( 54 pitches)...marked his first career postseason appearance in what is his rookie season... 23 -year old made his MLB debut in 2020, making 10 starts and 2 relief apps.

- allowed just 36 hits in his 54.1 innings pitched in 2020, good for a .188 opponent batting average ( $36 \times 192$ )...led all AL rookies and ranked fourth among AL pitchers in opponent batting average (min. 150 batters faced), behind only Shane Bieber (.167), Kenta Maeda (.168) and Lucas Giolito (.184).
- led all AL rookies in ERA (min. 150 batters faced) and opponent average, and ranked tied for fourth in wins, tied for second starts, fourth in innings pitched and third in strikeouts (54)

77 RHP LUIS GARCIA
0-1-0, 2.92 ERA, $56 / 1 G S^{*}$
Last Win: none in '20 Save: none in '20 Loss: 9/18 vs. ARI Blown SV: none in '20 MIN Series: --- Postseason Career: ---

- was not on the Astros Wild Card Series roster...last pitched on 9/27 at TEX, tossing 0.1 of a scoreless inning in what was his 5th MLB appearance.
- 23-year old made his Major League debut with the Astros this season after never appearing in a game above the Class $\mathrm{A}+$ level prior to 2020....was added to the Astros Player Pool for the season, but was not an invite to MLB Spring Training. made his first-career start on Sept. 9 at OAK, and tossed 5.0 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit with two walks and four strikeouts.


## 60 RHP ENOLI PAREDES

3-3-0, 3.05 ERA, 22G*
Last Win: $9 / 19$ vs. ARI Save: none in ' 20 Loss: $9 / 25$ at TEX Blown SV: $9 / 25$ at TEX MIN Series: ---

Postseason Career: ---

- did not make an appearance in the Wild Card Series...last pitched on $9 / 25$ at TEX, allowing 2 runs in 0.1 of an inning.
- 24-year old made his Major League debut with the Astros, showcasing his electric stuff in 22 appearances out of the bullpen...struck out 20 batters in 20.2 innings... was scoreless in 16 of his 21 games pitched.
- held left-handed hitters to a . 143 (6x42) opponent batting average with just one extra-base hit (triple) and a .408 OPS (. 217 OBP/. 190 SLG).

55 RHP RYAN PRESSLY
$0-0-1,0.00$ ERA, $1 G$
Last Win: $8 / 16$ vs. SEA Save: $9 / 30$ at MIN Loss: $9 / 16$ vs. TEX Blown SV: $9 / 25$ at TEX MIN Series: 0-0-1, 0.00 (0ER/1IP), 1G Postseason Career: 1-0-1, 6.17 (8ER/11.2IP), 16G - worked a scoreless 9th inning in the Astros Wild Card Series clincher last Wednesday at MIN...struck out 2 in the inning for his 1st postseason save.

- 31-year old stepped into the closer's role and notched a caeer-high 12 regular season saves over 23 games...ranked tied for third in the AL in saves.
- including the postseason, has successfully converted 12 of his last 14 save chances of the season, spanning his last 19 games...has posted a 1.96 ERA (4ER/18.1IP) with four walks and 27 strikeouts in those appearances.

58 LHP BROOKS RALEY 0-0-0, 0.00 ERA, $1 G$
Last Win: none in '20 Save: 9/17 vs. TEX Loss: 9/4 at LAA Blown SV: none in '20 MIN Series: 0-0-0, 0.00 ( 0 ER/0.2IP), 1G Postseason Career: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0ER/0.2IP), 1 G - faced 3 batters in the Astros Wild Card series on Wednesday at MIN... walked a hitter, recorded 1 strikeout and allowed a double in 0.2 of a scoreless inning.

- was acquired by Houston from Cincinnati for a player to be named later or cash considerations on Aug. 9
- held lefties to a .121 batting average $(4 \times 33)$ between his 21 total appearances with Houston and Cincinnati...held lefties $4 \times 31$ (.129) with Houston, which marked the 11th-lowest opponent batting average vs. left-handed hitters among AL relievers (.133)...allowed just one extra-base hit to a left-handed hitter all season (homer)

70 RHP ANDRE SCRUBB
1-0-1, 1.90 ERA, 20G*
Last Win: $8 / 19$ vs. COL Save: 7/31 vs. LAA Loss: none in '20 Blown SV: none in '20 MIN Series: --Postseason Career: --

- was on the club's Wild Card Series roster but did not make an appearance...las pitched on $9 / 26$ at TEX, allowing 2 runs on 4 hits in 1.0 inning tossing 25 pitches. marked his 1 st appearance to allow more than 1 run ( 20 career appearances). was scoreless in 16 -of-20 appearances during the season.
- stranded 13 -of- 15 inherited runners...ranked sixth in the AL in lowest inherited runners scored percentage (13.3\%).
- his curveball averaged 9.9 inches of vertical movement, per Statcast, which ranked as the fifth-most in the Majors for any curveball...the only pitchers to generate more vertical drop on their curveballs were: Trevor Bauer (11.1 in), Garrett Richards (10.7 in), Alex Reyes (10.7 in) and Seth Lugo (10.4 in).

67 RHP CY SNEED
0-3-0, 5.71 ERA, 18G*
Last Win: none in ' 20 Save: none in '20 Loss: $8 / 11$ vs. SF Blown SV: 817 at OAK MIN Series: ---

Postseason Career: --

- was on the club's Wild Card Series roster but did not make an appearance...i his last outing, worked a perfect 9th inning on 9/26 at TEX.
- 27-year-old made his first-career Opening Day roster and spent the entire season with Houston...pitched in a career-high 18 games.
- struck out 15 batters over his final 12 games of the season (11.1IP).


## 62 LHP BLAKE TAYLOR

2-1-1, 2.18 ERA, 22G* Last Win: $9 / 20$ vs. ARI Save: $8 / 17$ vs. COL Loss: $9 / 1$ vs. TEX Blown SV: $8 / 6$ at AR MIN Series: --

Postseason Career: --

- was on the club's Wild Card Series roster but did not make an appearance. last pitched on $9 / 25$ at TEX, working a scoreless 8 th inning for his 5 th hold...25-year-old made his MLB debut with Houston and quickly became an important member of Houston's bullpen.
was equally effective against both right-handed and left-handed hitters...held lefties to a .532 OPS and a .171 ( $6 \times 35$ ) batting average....held righties to a .598 OPS and a 175 ( $7 \times 40$ ) batting average.
- posted MLB's sixth-best average exit velocity on batted balls ( 83 mph )


## 65 RHP JOSE URQUIDY

0-0-0, 2.08 ERA, 1G/GS
Last Win: $9 / 15$ vs. TEX Save: none in '20 Loss: $9 / 10$ at OAK Blown SV: none in ' 20 MIN Series: $0-0-0,2.08$ (1ER/4.1IP), 1 G Postseason Career: $1-0-0,1.26$ (2ER/14.1IP), 5 G - started Game 2 of the Wild Card Series at MIN, tossing 4.1 innings, allowing 1 run on 2 hits and 2 walks with 3 strikeouts...tossed 76 pitches in the start. 25 -year-old was excellent in all five of his regular season starts for Houston, all of which came during the month of September...began the season on the Injured List due to a positive test for COVID-19...was activated from the IL on Sept. 5 . ranked tied for seventh in the American League in ERA in September (2.73).. also ranked seventh in the AL in WHIP in September (1.01).

*     - 2020 regular season stats

| VS. OAK | 2020 REGULAR SEASON |  |  |  |  | 2020 POSTSEASON |  |  |  |  |  | REGULAR SEASON CAREER |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | G | W-L-S | ERA | IP | ER |  | G | W-L-S | ERA | IP | ER |  | G | W-L-S | ERA | IP | ER |
| Garcia | 1 | 0-0-0 | 0.00 | 5.0 | 0 | Garcia |  |  |  |  |  | Garcia | 1 | 0-0-0 | 0.00 | 5.0 | 0 |
| Greinke | 3 | 1-1-0 | 3.71 | 17.0 | 7 | Greinke | - |  | . |  |  | Greinke | 21 | 9-3-0 | 2.92 | 111.0 | 36 |
| James | 2 | 0-0-0 | 10.80 | 1.2 | 2 | James | - |  | - |  | - | James | 8 | 1-1-0 | 7.45 | 9.2 | 8 |
| Javier | 2 | 0-2-0 | 7.88 | 8.0 | 7 | Javier | - |  | - | - | - | Javier | 2 | 0-2-0 | 7.88 | 8.0 | 7 |
| McCullers Jr. | 1 | 1-0-0 | 1.50 | 6.0 | 1 | McCullers Jr. | - | - | - | - | - | McCullers Jr. | 9 | 5-2-0 | 4.04 | 49.0 | 22 |
| Paredes | 3 | 1-0-0 | 0.00 | 3.2 | 0 | Paredes | - |  | - | - |  | Paredes | 3 | 1-0-0 | 0.00 | 3.2 | 0 |
| Pressly | 5 | 0-1-3 | 1.93 | 4.2 | 1 | Pressly | - |  | - | - | - | Pressly | 25 | 0-1-3 | 3.65 | 24.2 | 10 |
| Raley | 1 | 0-0-0 | 0.00 | 1.2 | 0 | Raley | - |  | - | - | - | Raley | 1 | 0-0-0 | 0.00 | 1.2 | 0 |
| Scrubb | 4 | 0-0-0 | 4.15 | 4.1 | 2 | Scrubb | - |  | - | - | - | Scrubb | 4 | 0-0-0 | 4.15 | 4.1 | 2 |
| Sneed | 2 | 0-1-0 | 21.60 | 1.2 | 4 | Sneed | - |  | - | - |  | Sneed | 4 | 0-2-0 | 16.20 | 5.0 | - |
| Taylor | 1 | 0-0-0 | 0.00 | 1.0 | 0 | Taylor | - |  | - | - |  | Taylor | 1 | 0-0-0 | 0.00 | 1.0 | 0 |
| Urquidy | 1 | 0-1-0 | 3.00 | 6.0 | 2 | Urquidy | - |  | - | - | - | Urquidy | 2 | 0-1-0 | 2.45 | 11.0 | 3 |
| Valdez | 1 | 0-1-0 | 1.29 | 7.0 |  | Valdez | - | - | - | - |  | Valdez | 3 | 0-1-0 | 2.25 | 12.0 | 3 |


[^0]:    UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS (ALL TIMES CENTRAL)

    | DATE | SERIES | TIME | OPPONENT | PITCHERS | TELEVISIOI |
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    | Tuesday, Oct. 6 | ALDS, Game 2 | $3: 37$ | at Oakland | LHP Framber Valdez (1-0, 0.00) vs. LHP Sean Manaea (4-3, 4.50 in '20) | TBS |
    | Wednesday, Oct. 7 | ALDS, Game 3 | $2: 35$ | Oakland | TBA vs. TBA | TBS |
    | Astros games are broadcast in English on SportsTalk 790 AM in Houston, the flagship station of the Astros Radio Network. La Ranchera, 850 AM, is the flagship of the club's Spanish Radio Network. |  |  |  |  |  |

