



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Homestand Release

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News and Notes About the A's Upcoming Homestand

A's Host Red Sox and Mariners; Bay Area BBQ Challenge and A's BeerFest Set for Saturday

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TELEVISION
Monday, July 2	Boston Red Sox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giveaway item – MLB Network drawstring backpacks, courtesy of MLB Network (10,000 fans) • National anthem contest auditions (3-4 p.m.) • Ceremonial first pitch - Eric Davis, 95.7 The GAME and NFL Network • Live national anthem – Winner of national anthem contest 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Tuesday, July 3	Boston Red Sox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon McCarthy autograph session (6-6:30 p.m.) and silent auction to support Colorado fire victims behind Section 120 • Live national anthem – Keith Varon • A's post-game fireworks show, presented by Round Table Pizza 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Wednesday, July 4	Boston Red Sox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giveaway item – A's red, white and blue cap, courtesy of Wells Fargo (10,000 fans) • BART \$2 Wednesday • Food Bank Wednesday • TroopsDirect fundraising and special pre-ceremony with Color Guard, flyover and U.S. flag • Ceremonial first pitch - USMC Sgt. Paul Methvin • Live national anthem – Martin Ramey • A's Silent Auction, behind Section 120 to benefit TroopsDirect 	1:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Thursday, July 5	Off Day		
Friday, July 6	Seattle Mariners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XFINITY Friday Family Pack • CSNCA Authentic Fan Friday • Live national anthem – Bryan Dyer • Wells Fargo School Supply Drive (behind Section 120) • Kids Club member brings water to the umpires (third inning) 	7:05 p.m.	CSNCA
Saturday, July 7	Seattle Mariners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Cook appearance at Comerica Bank in Alameda (12:30-1:30 p.m.) • Bay Area BBQ in Creekside parking lot (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Celebrity judging of tri-tip by Jonny Gomes from 1-2 p.m. • Chevrolet Coaches Clinic (1-3 p.m.) • A's BeerFest in the Eastside Club with two-time MVP Frank Thomas (5:10-7:10 p.m.) • Cache Creek Saturday • Pre-game ceremony - Majestic All-Star Send Off with A's pitcher Ryan Cook • Live national anthem - TBD • A's Community Fund Silent Auction, behind Section 120 (partner: Hopalong Animal Rescue) 	7:10 p.m.	CSNCA
Sunday, July 8	Seattle Mariners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '50s Turn Back the Clock Game • Giveaway – 1955 Oakland Oaks Cap, courtesy of Cache Creek Casino Resort (10,000 fans) • Ceremonial first pitch – Oakland Oaks player • Live national anthem – Elvis Presley impersonator • Little A's Day, presented by Bank of America and Oakland Zoo • Kids Club Guest PA Announcer, third inning • A's Community Fund Silent Auction, behind Section 120 (partner: Oakland Ballet) • Post-Game Race Around the Bases, sponsored by Chevrolet 	1:05 p.m.	CSNCA

For additional information about the promotions or events listed above, please visit www.oaklandathletics.com.

Promotions and Special Events

A's Promotions: This homestand features a number of promotional giveaway items including Monday, July 2 when 10,000 fans will receive a **MLB Network drawstring bag**, courtesy of MLB Network; Tuesday, July 3 when fans are invited down to the field to view the **post-game fireworks show**, presented by Round Table Pizza; Wednesday, July 4, when 10,000 fans will receive an **A's red, white and blue cap**, courtesy of Wells Fargo; and Sunday, July 8 when 10,000 fans will receive a **1955 Oakland Oaks Cap**, courtesy of Cache Creek Casino Resort.

National Anthem Tryouts: Over the past few weeks, fans have been submitting national anthem demos to the A's in hopes for a chance to perform the anthem live before an A's game. On Monday, July 2, 12 fans selected from that group will audition live before celebrity judges Kate Longworth of Comcast SportsNet California, Chris Townsend of 95.7 FM The GAME and A's Broadcaster Vince Cotroneo at 3 p.m., and then one chosen singer will perform the national anthem prior to that night's game against the Boston Red Sox. In addition, every singer selected to audition on July 2 will receive a complimentary game ticket to attend that night's game.

McCarthy Supports Colorado Fire Victims: A's pitcher **Brandon McCarthy** will be raising funds for Colorado Springs, which is currently fighting massive fires that have destroyed hundreds of homes and displaced thousands of residents. McCarthy, who attended Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs, will be signing autographs behind Section 120 from 6-6:30 p.m. for a \$20 donation on Tuesday, July 3 before the A's game against the Boston Red Sox. There also will be a silent auction that night as well, with all of the proceeds raised to benefit local charities assisting the fire victims.

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Fourth of July with the A's: The A's will partner with TroopsDirect, an organization that secures much needed basic supplies (e.g. toothpaste, bottled water, food items) to American troops abroad, for the game against the Red Sox on the 4th of July. Ten dollars of every Plaza Level game ticket sold through the special link at www.oaklandathletics.com/troopsdirect will be donated to the non-profit organization. In addition, TroopsDirect will be collecting monetary donations from fans at Gates C and D and behind section 120 during the game and military personnel will be greeting fans outside stadium gates as enter. During a special pre-game ceremony, a swear-in is scheduled, an honored military individual will toss out ceremonial first the first pitch, military personnel will be displaying the large American flag, the color guard will be provided during the national anthem, and a flyover of U.S. Navy jets will take place. More information about TroopsDirect can be found online at www.troopsdirect.org.

Comerica Bank Player Appearance: On Saturday, July 7, A's All-Star pitcher **Ryan Cook** will make an appearance from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Comerica Bank in Alameda (2416 Central Ave.).

Bay Area BBQ Challenge: On Saturday, July 7, the A's and Alternative Family Services (AFS) will host the Bay Area BBQ Championship prior to the A's vs. Seattle Mariners 7:10 p.m. game. The Bay Area BBQ Championship event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Creekside parking lot of the Coliseum and features world-class BBQ sampling from Pro-Am BBQ teams, a BBQ and beer pairing (ages 21 and over), a AAA BBQ cook-off featuring **guest tri-tip judge Jonny Gomes (1-2 p.m.)**, an Oakland Fire Department station vs. station cook-off, a BBQ Throwdown hosted by celebrity personality and author of "NFL BBQ Cookbook" Dr. BBQ, cooking demonstrations, live music and a family boardwalk area. Tickets for the Bay Area BBQ Championship must be purchased online at www.oaklandathletics.com/bayareabbq. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit AFS, a non-profit organization that has been creating and supporting positive family environments for foster youth since 1978. *[SEE SEPARATE RELEASE]*

Beer Festival: The 16th Annual Oakland A's Beer Festival will take place on Saturday, July 7 from 5:10-7:10 p.m. in the Eastside Club at the Coliseum. Fans can enjoy over 30 different microbreweries, live music from Bay Area cover band Pop Rocks, and other festivities. Two-time American League MVP and former Athletic **Frank Thomas** will be present at the festival, as he introduces his new microbrew, "Big Hurt Beer." Admission to A's BeerFest is free with a ticket to the A's 7:10 p.m. game against the Mariners. A special acrylic souvenir pilsner stein and two microbrew tastings will be available for \$10, with additional tastings available for purchase. Beer stein and tasting sales end at 6:30 p.m. and the last pour is at 7:10 p.m. Fans must be 21 years of age or older to purchase tastings.

Turn Back the Clock: The A's will celebrate the 1950s Oakland Oaks with a "Turn Back the Clock" game Sunday, July 8 vs. Seattle. Both teams will don throwback '55 uniforms during that afternoon's 1:05 p.m. game, with the A's wearing white Oakland Oaks uniforms and the Mariners wearing Seattle Rainiers greys. Special discounts will be offered for day, with Plaza Outfield tickets priced at only \$5 and Field Level seats at \$19.55. Expected to participate in the pre-game celebration are former Oakland Oaks players Lil Americh, Ernie Broglio Don Farber, Neill Sheridan, Joe Kirrene and Tony Rivas, among others. Additionally, 10,000 fans through the turnstiles will receive a 1955 Oakland Oaks Hat, courtesy of Cache Creek Casino Resort.

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