



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (97-65) VS. NEW YORK YANKEES (100-62)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 — YANKEE STADIUM

### WORKOUT DAY NOTES

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's finished the season with a 97-65 (.599) record, which was fourth best in the American League and the majors...it was the ninth best record in Oakland history and was the best since the 2002 club was 103-59...it snapped a streak of three consecutive seasons with 87 or more losses...the 97 wins were a 22-win improvement from the A's 75-87 record in 2017...that was the third biggest turnaround in Oakland history and the sixth biggest in Athletics history...it was the best since the A's went from 81 wins in 1987 to 104 in 1988 (+23)...it was the A's third 90-win season in the last seven years and their ninth dating back to 2000...only the Yankees (13), Red Sox (12) and Cardinals (10) have more 90-win seasons this century.

**A's IN POSTSEASON PLAY:** The A's return to the postseason for the fourth time in the last seven years and the ninth time in the last 19 seasons...over the last seven years, only the Dodgers (6) have more than four postseason appearances and over the last 19 seasons only the Yankees (15), Cardinals (12), Dodgers (10), Red Sox (10) and Braves (10) have more...this is the A's 27th postseason appearance in franchise history, which includes 19 with Oakland and eight with Philadelphia...that is fourth most all-time...reached the postseason for the third time as the American League Wild Card, the second time in the two wild card era.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Of the 38 players on the A's active roster at the end of the season, 15 have postseason experience...Jed Lowrie leads the way with five years of postseason experience and Fernando Rodney has four...four players have three (Anderson, Jackson, Joyce, Lucroy), one has two (Familia) and eight have one (Cahill, Fiers, Hatcher, Hendriks, Kelley, Petit, Piscotty, Treinen)...only Lowrie (2013-14) and Anderson (2012-13) have appeared in a postseason game with the A's and only Lowrie, Rodney and Lucroy have played in a Wild Card game.

**THE WILD CARD:** This will be the A's second appearance in the Wild Card game...their last postseason game was the 2014 Wild Card game at Kansas City, a 9-8 loss in 12 innings...Oakland led 7-3 entering the bottom of the eighth but the Royals scored three times in the eighth, once in the ninth and twice in the 12th after the A's scored once in the top of the 12th...the loss extended the A's losing streak in winner-take-all postseason games to seven, which matches the Cleveland Indians (current) for the longest such streak in Major League history...the last time Oakland won a winner-take-all postseason game was Game 7 of the 1973 World Series.

**COMEBACKS:** The A's were 34-36 (.486) at the conclusion of play on June 15 and were 11 games out in the Wild Card race...then went 63-29 (.685) from June 16 through the end of the season and ended up seven games ahead of the third place team in the Wild Card...the A's record after June 15 was the best mark in the majors by 2½ games (Boston 60-31, .659).

**OFFENSE:** The A's ranked second in the majors in doubles (322) and extra base hits (569), third in home runs (227), fourth in runs (813) and slugging (.439) and fifth in OPS (.764)...the 569 extra base hits set an Athletics record, breaking the previous mark of 555 set in 2001...had the fourth most doubles in Athletics history, ranked fifth in home runs and had the eighth best slugging percentage...the runs scored were fifth most in Oakland history and the OPS was seventh best...ranked fourth in the American League in hit by pitches (76), which was the second highest total in Athletics history and 12 short of the record of 88 set in 2001.

**PITCHING:** The A's compiled a 3.81 ERA, which ranked sixth in the American League...had the third lowest opponents batting average (.236) and OPS (.693), ranked fourth in on-base percentage (.301) and fifth in slugging (.392)...the batting average and on-base percentage were sixth lowest in Oakland history...also tied for second in the AL in shutouts (14), ranked fourth in fewest walks (474) and fewest extra base hits (471) and fifth in fewest home runs (184).

**STARTING PITCHING:** A's starting pitchers were 52-48 with a 4.17 ERA...tossed just 824.1 innings, which was the fewest in Athletics history in a non-strike season and third fewest in the American League...had 11 different pitchers

OAKLAND A'S BEST RECORDS		
.642	(104-58)	1988
.636	(103-59)	2002
.636	(103-59)	1990
.630	(102-60)	2001
.627	(101-60)	1971
.611	(99-63)	1989
.605	(98-64)	1975
.600	(93-62)	1972
<b>.599</b>	<b>(97-65)</b>	<b>2018</b>
.593	(96-66)	three tied

MLB POSTSEASON BESTS	
MOST POSTSEASONS	
54	Yankees
32	Dodgers
28	Cardinals
<b>27</b>	<b>Athletics</b>
26	Giants
MOST WINS	
230	Yankees
130	Cardinals
99	Dodgers
98	Giants
91	Red Sox
<b>82</b>	<b>Athletics</b>

make at least seven starts, which tied for the most in Major League history (eighth time, last: 2016 Padres)...used an "opener" nine times in the month of September and were 4-5 in those games...the openers (Hendriks eight times, Trivino once) compiled a 1.86 ERA (2 er in 9.2 ip) while the long men (Mengden four times, Bassitt three times, Fiers and Cahill once) combined for a 3.55 ERA (13 er in 33.0 ip).

**THE BULLPEN:** The A's bullpen compiled a 3.35 ERA, which was second lowest in the American League and third lowest in the majors...won 45 games, which were second most in Major League history by a bullpen to the Tampa Bay Rays 55 victories this year...had 641.1 innings pitched, which was second most in the majors (TB, 824.1) and third most in ML history...ranked sixth in the AL in saves (44) and tied for the fourth fewest blown saves (18)...had the fifth best save percentage (71.0%)...had the second lowest opponents batting average (.220) and on-base percentage (.294) in the majors and the third lowest slugging percentage (.364) and OPS (.658)...the batting average was fifth lowest in Oakland history and the on-base percentage ranked seventh.

**DEFENSIVE DOINGS:** After leading the majors in errors in two of the previous three seasons, the A's committed just 89 errors in 2018, which ranked eighth most in the American League...those were the fewest errors by an A's team since 2006...committed 55 errors over the first 79 games through June 25 (.982 fielding percentage), but then made just 34 errors over the final 83 games (.989 fielding percentage).

**THE LATE INNINGS:** The A's ranked second in the majors in runs scored in the eighth inning (118) and runs in the seventh inning or later (280)...the eighth inning runs were the most by an A's team since 1933 (128) and the runs in the seventh or later were an Oakland record...the pitching staff ranked fourth in the majors with a 3.30 ERA in the seventh inning or later and third with a 2.88 ERA in the ninth inning...were 70-2 when leading after seven innings and the losses were the fewest in the majors...both losses came over the final five games of the season (Sept. 25 at Seattle, Sept. 30 at Los Angeles-AL)...had an 11-55 record when trailing after seven innings and the wins tied for the most in the majors.

**ONE-RUN GAMES AND OTHER CLOSE CALLS:** The A's were 31-14 (.689) in one-run games, which was the best record in the majors and third best in Athletics history...went 13-6 (.684) in extra inning games, which was the second best record in the majors (Seattle 14-1, .933)...the wins ranked second in the majors and in Athletics history (14 in 1988)...led the American League and tied for second in the majors with 10 walk-off wins...had a 25-11 (.694) record in games decided in the last at bat, which was the second best record in the majors (Seattle 22-9, .710)...the wins were the most in the majors and fell one short of the Oakland record of 26 set in 2004.

**HOME AND AWAY:** The A's went 50-31 (.617) at home compared to 47-34 (.580) on the road...had the fourth best home record in the American League and tied for the third best road record in the majors...had the sixth best road record in Oakland history and the best since 2002 (49-32)...batted .241 with 91 home runs and an average of 4.56 runs per game at home compared to .262 with 136 home runs and an average of 5.48 runs per game on the road...led the majors in home runs and runs per game on the road and ranked second in batting...tied the AL record for home runs on the road (Baltimore, 1996)...set an Athletics record for slugging percentage on the road (.464) and had the second most extra base hits (296).

**A's vs. YANKEES IN POSTSEASON:** This will be the fourth meeting between the A's and Yankees in the postseason and Oakland has lost the series in each of the previous three meetings...were swept in three games in the 1981 ALCS and lost in five games in the 2000 and 2001 ALDS...are 4-9 against the Yankees in the postseason, including 3-4 at New York.

**A's vs. YANKEES IN 2018:** The A's split the season series, 3-3...won two of three in Oakland Sept. 3-5 after losing two of three in New York May 11-13...have won the season series four times in the last six years and are 24-15 (.615) dating back to 2013...that is the best record by an American League team against the Yankees over that span...since moving to Oakland in 1968, the A's are 250-281 against the Yankees...that includes 138-128 in Oakland and 112-153 in New York...are 15-22 at Yankee Stadium...all-time, the A's are 791-1147 against the Yankees/Orioles.

### OAKLAND A'S 50th ANNIVERSARY MOMENTS

In 2001 Miguel Tejada hits his 30<sup>th</sup> home run of the season, making the A's the first team in major league history to have both their shortstop and third baseman (Eric Chavez) hit 30 home runs.

### PITCHING PROBABLES

Wed., Oct. 3 at New York (AL)

TBA vs. TBA

5:09 pm

TBS/95.7 FM The Game

**World Champions:** 1910•1911•1913•1929•1930•1972•1973•1974•1989

**American League Champions:** 1902•1905•1910•1911•1913•1914•1929•1930•1931•1972•1973•1974•1988•1989•1990

## ATHLETICS PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

### RYAN BUCHTER

- Allowed just 2-of-30 (6.7%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest percentage in the majors...since 1974, it is third lowest by an Oakland pitcher and fifth lowest by an American League pitcher.

### MARK CANHA

- Hit .282 (42-for-149) with 13 of his career-high 17 home runs against left-handed pitchers compared to .227 (49-for-216) against right-handers... tied for second in the American League in home runs against lefties... slugged .604 against lefties, .343 against righties.

### MATT CHAPMAN

- Hit .309 with 14 home runs, 39 RBI and a .961 OPS in 64 games after the break after batting .250 with 10 home runs, 29 RBI and a .776 OPS in 81 games before the break...led the majors in doubles after the break (25) and led the American League in runs (52) and extra base hits (42)...also ranked third in the AL in hits (80) and OPS (.961), fifth in slugging (.591), seventh in batting and tied for ninth in home runs and RBI.
- Overall, tied for seventh in the American League in doubles (42), tied for eighth in triples (6), ranked ninth in OPS (.864) and 10th in runs (100) and extra base hits (72).
- Led Major League third basemen in total chances (484) and assists (331), ranked second in putouts (133) and third in double plays (37) and games (145)...the total chances were second most in Oakland history to the record of 523 set by Sal Bando in 1969.

### KHRIS DAVIS

- Hit a Major League leading and career-high 48 home runs and ranked second with a career-high 123 RBI...became the seventh player (12th time) in Athletics history to lead the majors in home runs, the first since Mark McGwire in 1996 (52).
- This was his third straight 40-homer season and his third straight 100-RBI season...is the 22nd player in ML history with at least three straight seasons of 40 home runs and 100 RBI, the first since Ryan Howard had four straight from 2006-09...is the second Athletic to do it (Jimmie Foxx)
- His 48 home runs ranked third in Oakland history and tied for fourth in Athletics history and were the most since McGwire had 52 in 1996...the 123 RBI tied for fourth in Oakland history and his 77 extra base hits tied for fifth.
- Has 133 home runs and 335 RBI over the last three years...the home runs are the most in the majors over that span and the RBI rank third
- Hit 46 of his 48 home runs as a designated hitter, which fell one short of the ML record of 47 set by David Ortiz with Boston in 2006.
- Led the majors and set an Athletics record with 27 home runs in 64 games after the All-Star Break.

### JEURYS FAMILIA

- Was acquired from the New York Mets July 21 and went 4-2 with a save, a 3.45 ERA and .205 opponents batting average in 30 relief appearances with the A's...was 8-6 with 18 saves, a 3.13 ERA and .221 opponents batting average in 70 appearances overall.

### MIKE FIERS

- Was acquired by the A's from Detroit Aug. 6 and went 5-2 with a 3.74 ERA in 10 games, including nine starts, with Oakland...combined for a 12-8 record and a 3.56 ERA in 31 games, 30 starts...the A's went 8-1 (.889) in his starting assignments and his teams were 21-9 (.700).
- Ranked fifth in the American League in fewest walks per nine innings (1.94) and 10th in ERA...had a .172 opponents batting average with runners in scoring position, which was second lowest in the AL among qualifiers for the ERA title (Snell, TB .088)

### LIAM HENDRIKS

- Was on the A's Opening Day roster and compiled a 7.36 ERA and .362 opponents batting average in 13 relief appearances before he was outrighted off the 40-man roster July 2...returned to Oakland Sept. 1 when rosters expanded and was used primarily as the A's "opener" the rest of the season...went 0-1 with a 1.38 and .178 opponents batting average in 12 games, including eight starts, in September
- Was 0-1 with a 2.08 ERA and .188 opponents batting average in his eight starts...did not allow a run in the first inning (8.0 ip, 5 h, 2 bb, 6 so).

### EDWIN JACKSON

- Signed a minor league deal with the A's June 6, was selected by Oakland June 25, and went 6-3 with a 3.33 ERA and .221 opponents batting average in 17 starts with the A's...the ERA was sixth lowest in the American League from June 25 through the end of the season...also ranked third in opponents batting average and seventh in slugging percentage (.386) and OPS (.687) over that stretch.

### MATT JOYCE

- Went 7-for-24 (.292) with three doubles, one home run, two RBI and five walks as a pinch hitter...led American League pinch hitters in hits, doubles and plate appearances (30), tied for the lead in walks and tied for second in extra base hits (4).

### SHAWN KELLEY

- Was acquired from Washington on Aug. 5 and compiled a 2.16 ERA and .127 opponents batting average in 19 relief appearances with the A's...was 2-0 with a 2.94 ERA and .188 opponents batting average in 54 games overall...walked just 11 batters in 49.0 innings and his .237 opponents on-base percentage was sixth lowest among Major League relievers.

### RAMON LAUREANO

- Had nine outfield assists, which led Major League rookies and tied for second in Oakland history by a rookie (11, Mitchell Page in 1977)...they tied for fifth among all American League outfielders...had just 47 games in the outfield and his assists matched the most by an ML outfielder with fewer than 50 games over the last 95 years (sixth time, last by Alex Escobar with Cleveland in 42 games in 2004).

### JED LOWRIE

- Posted career highs with 23 home runs and 99 RBI and led American League second basemen with a .993 fielding percentage.
- Ranked eighth in the AL in RBI...82 came as a second baseman, which set an Oakland record...ranked second in the AL in game-winning RBI (18), tied for fourth in RBI in the seventh inning or later (37) and tied for sixth in go-ahead RBI (24).
- Became the fourth switch hitter in Athletics history to hit 20 home runs and his 99 RBI fell two short of the A's record for a switch-hitter (101, Ruben Sierra in 1993).

### JONATHAN LUCROY

- Led Major League catchers with an Oakland record 83 assists...also led ML catchers in caught stealings (28) and stolen bases allowed (72).

### MATT OLSON

- Played in all 162 games...it was the 11th time in Oakland history a player appeared in every game in a season, the first since Miguel Tejada in 2003... was the only American Leaguer to play in every game and one of five Major Leaguers.
- Led AL first basemen in home runs (29) and RBI (83).
- Is one of four first basemen in AL history and one of 19 ML first basemen to play in 162 games in a season...set an Oakland record for total chances by a first baseman (1494), breaking Daric Barton's record of 1492 in 2010.

### YUSMEIRO PETIT

- Tossed 93.0 innings, which ranked fourth on the A's and were second most by an AL reliever to the Rays Ryan Yarbrough (118.2)...they were the most by an Oakland reliever since Justin Duchscherer had 96.1 in 2004.

### STEPHEN PISCOTTY

- Batted .286 with 27 doubles, 24 home runs, 64 RBI and a .574 slugging percentage over his final 93 games beginning June 13...ranked second in the American League in extra base hits from June 13 through the end of the season, tied for second in home runs, fourth in slugging, fifth in OPS (.926), tied for fifth in doubles and tied for seventh in RBI.
- Had 41 doubles overall, which tied for ninth in the AL and tied for seventh in Oakland history

### FERNANDO RODNEY

- Saved a team-leading 25 games for Minnesota before he was traded to Oakland Aug. 9...went 1-1 with a 3.92 ERA in 22 relief appearances with the A's and was 4-3 with 25 saves and a 3.36 ERA in 68 relief appearances overall.
- Is one of five Major Leaguers to pitch in at least 60 games in each of the last seven seasons (Clippard, Robertson, Shaw, Watson)...now has 896 games pitched in his career, which is 28th in Major League history.

### MARCUS SEMIEN

- Had career highs in at bats (632), runs (89), hits (161), doubles (35), walks (61), stolen bases (14) and sacrifice flies (7) and matched his high in games (159).
- Led ML shortstops in total chances (676), assists (458) and innings (1423.2) but tied for the second most errors (20)...topped AL shortstops in games (159) and games started (158), ranked second in putouts (198) and was third in double plays (79).

### BLAKE TREINEN

- Went 9-2 with a career-high 38 saves, a career-low 0.78 ERA and a career-high 100 strikeouts to become the first pitcher in Major League history to save 30 games, compile an ERA under 1.00 and strikeout 100 batters.
- His ERA was the lowest in ML history among pitchers with 80 or more innings since the earned run became an official stat (1912 in NL, 1913 in AL).
- Had the lowest opponents on-base percentage (.217) and OPS (.417) among American League relievers, ranked second in slugging (.199), third in saves, fourth in batting (.158) and fifth in strikeouts.

### LOU TRIVINO

- Pitched in 69 games in his Major League debut and went 8-3 with four saves, a 2.92 ERA and .201 opponents batting average over two stints with the A's...fell two short of the Oakland rookie record of 71 games pitched set by Aaron Small in 1997 and matched by Ryan Cook in 2012.

### J.B. WENDELKEN

- Began his comeback from UCL reconstruction surgery on his right elbow at Double-A Midland, was promoted to Triple-A Nashville May 10 and eventually compiled a 0.54 ERA and .140 opponents batting average in 13 relief appearances over two stints with Oakland...his ERA was the lowest in the majors among pitchers with 10 or more innings.