

# 2005 OAKLAND ATHLETICS

88-74 2nd  
MGR Ken Macha (#39)

## DP: 311 to 336

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		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Dan Johnson #11		.275	0		123	-	143	243	246	SLO	SD	1B101, DH	L R
Mark Ellis #14		.316	1		116	122	136	263	262	AR	SD	2B115, SS7, 1B2	R R
Bobby Crosby #7		.276	0		116	123	151	252	245	AAR		SS84	R R
Eric Chavez "Chavvy" #3		.269	6		123	-	145	244	244	AR	SD	3B153, DH	L R
Nick Swisher #33		.236	0	PK	124	-	151	233	233	AR		OF121(RF), 1B21	B L
Mark Kotsay #21		.280	5		116	-	141	245	251	AAR		OF137(CF)	L L
Bobby Kielty #23		.263	3		116	-	135	246	242	AR		OF96(LF/RF), DH	B R
Jason Kendall #18		.271	8	MK	-	-	124	246	244	AAR	SD	C147	R R
Scott Hatteberg #10		.256	0		113	-	126	235	242	SLO	SD	DH, 1B53	L R
Marco Scutaro #19		.247	5		115	121	141	241	235	AAR	SD	SS81, 2B30, 3B5, OF2(LF)	R R
Jay Payton #16	X	.269	0		124	125	136	244	244	AAR		OF69(LF/CF)	R R
Eric Byrnes #22	+	.266	2		122	124	153	245	243	AAR		OF54(LF/RF/CF), DH	R R
Erubiel Durazo #44		.237	1		116	121	134	226	234	SLO		DH, 1B1	L L
Keith Ginter #6		.161	0		115	-	131	212	164	AR		2B25, 3B12, PH, DH, OF2(LF)	R R
Adam Melhuse #17		.247	0	PK	114	-	142	241	235	SLO		C24, DH	B R
Charles Thomas #26		.109	0		-	-	-	144	146	AAR		OF27(LF/CF/RF)	L L
Matt Watson #12		.188	0		-	-	132	213	215	AR		OF17(LF/RF), PH	L R
Hiram Bocachica #28		.105	0	PK	-	-	-	151	144	AAR	LD(3B)	OF6(RF/CF), 3B2	R R
Alberto Castillo #22	X	.000	0		-	-	-	-	-	SLO		C1	R R
Pitcher R		.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L		.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

		ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV		
Barry Zito #75		3.86	228	136	556	35	35	0	.143	L L
Dan Haren #24		3.73	217	125	562	34	34	0	.400	R R
Joe Blanton #55		3.53	201	133	615	33	33	0	.333	R R "Joe B"
Kirk Saarloos #31		4.17	160	133	641	29	27	0	.000	R R (last name pronounced sar-LOHS)
Rich Harden #40		2.53	128	134	536	22	19	0	.000	L R
Seth Etherton #30		6.62	18	131	616	3	3	0	.000	R R
Ryan Glynn #56		6.88	17	135	556	5	3	0	.000	R R
Justin Duchscherer #58		2.21	86	125	535	65	0	5	.000	R R (last name pronounced DUKE-sheer)
Huston Street #20		1.72	78	134	541	67	0	23	.000	R R "Larry"
Joe Kennedy #37	X	4.45	61	133	564	19	8	0	.000	R L
Keiichi Yabu #13		4.50	58	143	563	40	0	1	.000	R R (name pronounced KAY-eechee YAH-boo)
"Kiko" Calero #50		3.23	56	133	542	58	0	1	.000	R R Enrique Nomar
Ricardo Rincon #73		4.34	37	146	563	67	0	0	.000	L L (last name pronounced rin-CONE)
Juan Cruz #51		7.44	33	153	541	28	0	0	.000	R R
Jay Witasick #45	X	3.25	28	152	522	28	0	1	.000	R R
Octavio Dotel #29		3.52	15	162	524	15	0	7	.000	R R
Tim Lincecum #49		6.39	13	131	624	8	0	0	.000	R R (last name pronounced hah-RICK-ah-lah)
Ron Flores #47		1.04	9	111	566	11	0	0	.000	L L
Britt Reames #57		9.53	6	131	616	2	0	0	.000	R R
Santiago Casilla #46		3.00	3	134	635	3	0	0	.000	R R "Willi"

The A's were not expected to be serious contenders in 2005 despite winning over 90 ballgames the previous five years and after trading away two of their front-line starters (Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder) during the winter. It was uncertain how the new staff would perform once the season got underway. Through May 29<sup>th</sup>, Oakland was just 17-32 while holding the third-worst record in the majors and a double-digit deficit behind the first place Angels in the AL West. The following day, the bats came alive and the starting staff, anchored by veteran hold-over Barry Zito, who was joined by youngsters Dan Haren, Rich Harden, and Joe Blanton, ripped off a 50-17 streak through August 13<sup>th</sup>. American League Rookie of the Year Huston Street, 21, stepped into the closer's role and responded spectacularly in helping propel the A's back into the division race. (On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Oakland held a two-game lead over the Angels for the division lead.) However, the last six games head-to-head between Oakland and the "Halos" went 5-1 in the Angels favor. The A's wrapped up the season seven games in back of Los Angeles and out of the playoffs after going 13-17 in September...The pitching corps posted the league's fourth-best ERA (3.69) and allowed the fewest home runs (154). The starters (including Kirk Saarloos), combined, were 60-51 with nine complete games. Zito and Haren both won 14 games to lead the staff...The A's hitters finished in the lower half of the A. L. in batting average (.262) and home runs (155). Slick-fielding Eric Chavez proved to be the team's best hitter (27 homers, 101 RBI, 40 doubles, 168 base hits, and 92 runs scored). Nick Swisher hit 21 jacks and drove in 74. Oakland struck out the FEWEST times (819) of all big league ballclubs.