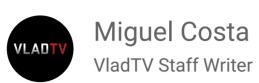
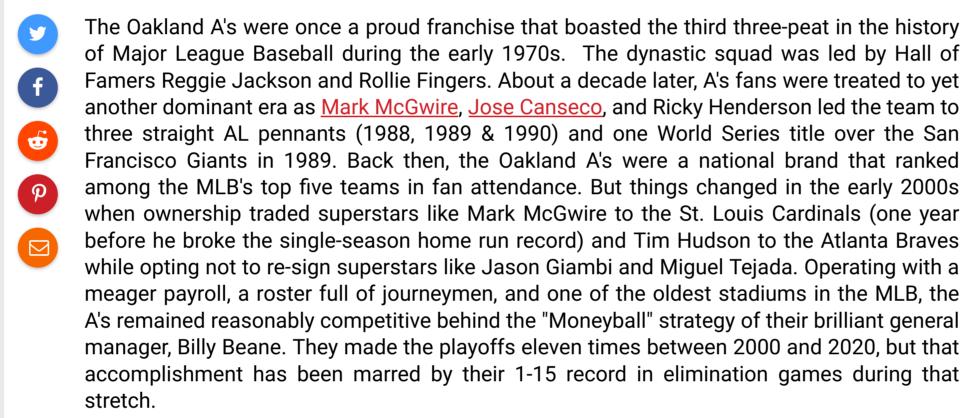


Frustration Mounts for Oakland A's Fans Amid Losing & Team's Plan to Move to Las Vegas



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In recent years, the franchise has fallen on hard times. After several failed attempts to build a brand new ballpark in Oakland, the A's remain in lingo at a facility that *Sports Illustrated* called the 29th worst baseball stadium back in March. To make matters worse, the A's are off to a 12-49 start following an off-season where they traded away their best position player, Sean Murphy, and starting pitcher Cole Irvin. This year's team is also a serious threat to break the all-time worst regular season record in MLB history (the Cleveland Spiders finished the 1899 season 20-134).

In April, the Oakland A's signed an agreement to purchase 49 acres of land in Las Vegas, Nevada. One month later, the team co-owned by John Fisher announced plans to build a 1.5 billion dollar stadium on the Las Vegas Strip, complete with 30,000 seats and a retractable roof. The new ballpark should be ready by opening night in 2027. But for a team that entered the 2023 preseason with the 22nd-ranked farm system in baseball, it could be quite some time before they can field a group of cornerstone players that they can afford to award with long-term contracts— assuming they reach their potential. Soon, the franchise's hope of returning to the playoff picture may rest on developing minor-league standouts such as Tyler Soderstrom and Zack Gelof. In the meantime, they remain locked into their current lease at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, where they currently have the worse attendance record in Major League Baseball.