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## Oakland A's Latest News

### Colon is back with vengeance

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**Marcus McConico** - The 50 game suspension of Bartolo Colon after a positive test has fueled his fire. Colon has come back with vengeance, seeking to prove that being a former CY young winner was real and that he can be as good or better with out the drugs, that many think helped him be so dominate.

Looking at Bartolo Colon, at 40, who's not built to shape, but has an arm, with big legs to deliver a fastball is unbelievable. It just says age and size means virtually nothing when it comes to the A's portly right-hander. On Friday night at O.co Coliseum, the right-hander -- undefeated since turning 40 on May 24 -- won his eighth straight game to become just the second A's pitcher since 1991 to record 11 wins before the end of June. As for those 11 wins before the All-Star break -- tied for second-most in the Majors -- Colon hasn't had that many since 2005, when he won the AL CY Young Award with the Angels.

At the halfway point of the season, several things are clear about the Oakland A's, they improved to 47-34, the team's best record at the midpoint since 1992 (48-33), good for second place in the American League West. And while the performances of players have been fantastic, the room for improvement is what should give A's fans cautious optimism for the remainder of 2013.

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