



**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

## **BOSTON RED SOX VS. OAKLAND A'S**

**Game Time:** 03:37 pm ET

**Watch:** MLB NETWORK

**Selection:** BOSTON - 1.5 runs (+ 112) run line

The Boston Red Sox go for the series sweep today vs the Oakland Athletics. On the mound for the Sox is Nick Pivetta who was stellar in his opening start going 6 innings only allowing 3 hits, 1 ER, and 10 strikeouts vs Seattle. In his career he has been excellent vs Oakland with a record of 5-0 to go along with a .082 era in 5 appearances. The Red Sox have the best team era in baseball right now at 1.79.

Oakland is 1-6 in their last 7 home games and 6-17 in their last 23 games ATS. The A's are off to a 1-4 start this year hitting only .196 as a team and have scored a total of 11 runs and have been shut out twice. They are already a bottom 10 in team batting average, OBP, and slugging percentage. The lineup has struck out 51 times and homered only twice. Their best player Esteury Ruiz was sent down to Triple A unexpectedly for apparently wearing a wristband the organization didn't like, so there is little hope for this team. Off the mound the A's have given up 5 or more runs in 5 of their 6 games. Their starter today Ross Stripling was bounced around in his first start of the year giving up 5 runs (4 ER) in 5 innings of work. In his career vs the Red Sox he is 4-3 with a 4.47 era. Defensively Oakland has been awful with a league high 13 errors already.

The vibes for these two clubs are at total opposite ends of the spectrum. The young Red Sox are excited about their good start to the season while the Athletics know they are in for another long year especially after the bizarre demotion of their best player. Back the Red Sox on the run line today to complete the series sweep.

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