



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (0-0)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017 – SLOAN PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) — MLB NETWORK (1:00 P.M. PST, 2:00 P.M. MST)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's open their 49th Spring Training in Arizona today, their third since returning to Mesa in 2015 after a 36-year absence...after training in Bradenton, Florida in 1968, the A's came west to Arizona in 1969 and trained in Mesa from 1969-78...moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and then spent 33 seasons at Phoenix Municipal Stadium from 1982-2014...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring plus an exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic club...the total includes 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 30-April 1)...the A's went 12-17-3 (.422) last spring, which was the fifth worst record in the Cactus League...it marked the first time the A's finished Spring Training with a losing record since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...committed 45 errors, which was six more than any other team (39, Chicago-NL)...they were the most by an A's team since at least 2000...the pitching staff issued 125 walks, which was the most among CL teams and second most in the majors to Boston (129)...the walks were the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990, surpassing the previous high of 123 in 1997, 2000 and 2010...compiled a 6.10 ERA, which was third highest in the majors to San Diego (6.89) and San Francisco (6.37)...the ERA was second highest by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (6.22 in 1999)...starting pitchers had a 6.81 ERA (83 er in 109.2 ip) compared to 5.64 (106 er in 169.0 ip) by relievers...the offense struck out 225 times, which was second fewest among CL teams...ranked fifth in most walks (106)...stole just 13 bases, which was the fewest in the CL and fourth fewest in the majors...hit 40 home runs, which was the most by an A's team during the spring since 2004 (50)...went 5-7-3 at Hohokam Stadium, 1-0 in Oakland and 6-10 on the road...it marked the third time in the last four springs the A's have played at least three tie games (13 ties total).

**A's vs. CUBS:** This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the clubs also meet at Hohokam March 12 and return to Sloan Park March 29 to close out Cactus League play...last spring, the A's played to a 3-3 tie at Hohokam on March 13 and lost 9-5 at Sloan on March 29...are 1-3-2 against the Cubs over the previous two springs.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 70 players in camp, which are their most players in camp since 1982 when they had 78 (35 roster, 43 non-roster)...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 30 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 34 pitchers, six catchers, 19 infielders and 11 outfielders.

**WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC:** The A's organization has eight players on World Baseball Classic rosters, including four 40-man players, two non-roster invitees and two other minor leaguers...a ninth player, Kris Davis, was on the roster for Mexico but has since withdrawn...the eight players represent six different countries...the 40-man players include John Axford (Canada), Santiago Casilla (Dominican Republic), Sonny Gray (United States) and Liam Hendriks (Australia)...the two non-roster invitees are Ryan Lavanway (Israel) and Cesar Valdez (Dominican Republic)...the other two are Jake Sanchez (Mexico) and Joey Wagman (Israel)...Israel begins play in Seoul on March 6 at 2:30 am MST, Australia starts in Tokyo on March 8 at 3:00 am MST, Mexico opens at home in Estadio Charros de Jalisco on March 9 at 7:00 pm MST and Canada, the United States and the Dominican Republic are in Pool C in Miami which starts on March 9...the WBC Championship Game will be played on March 22 at 6:00 pm MST at Dodger Stadium.

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his sixth full season with the A's, welcomes back six coaches from last year along with the return of Chip Hale to the A's organization...Hale takes over at third base for the A's after spending two seasons managing the Arizona Diamondbacks...he previously served as bench coach with the A's under Melvin from 2012-14...the remainder of the coaching staff remains the same with Mike Aldrete as first base coach, Darren Bush as hitting coach, Scott Emerson as bullpen coach, Marcus Jensen as assistant hitting and catching coach, Mark Kotsay as bench coach, and Curt Young as pitching coach.

**CONTRACT STATUS:** The A's have four players under contract beyond the 2017 season...Santiago Casilla, Sean Doolittle, Matt Joyce and Ryan Madson are signed through 2018 with the A's hold club options on Doolittle for 2019 and 2020...Jed Lowrie has a club option for 2018.

**HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT:** Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, nine were drafted by the A's (Brugman, 17th round in 2013; Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Gray, 1st in 2011; R. Healy, 3rd in 2013; Maxwell, 2nd in 2012; Olson, compensation pick following the first round in 2012; Pinder, Competitive Balance Round B in 2013; Wahl, 5th in 2013)...two were signed as non-drafted agents (Mu-

noz, Nuñez), two were claimed off waivers (Smolinski, Triggs) and seven were signed as free agents (Axford, Casilla, R. Davis, Joyce, Madson, Plouffe, Rosales)...the other 20 were all acquired in trades...27 of the 40 players have joined the A's organization since the end of the 2014 season...the longest tenured Athletics in camp are Sean Doolittle (drafted in June, 2007), Renato Nuñez (signed July 2, 2010) and Sonny Gray (drafted in June, 2011).

**OFF SEASON MOVES:** The A's signed five free agents this offseason, including Matt Joyce (Nov. 30), Rajai Davis (Jan. 3), Trevor Plouffe (Jan. 18), Santiago Casilla (Jan.20) and Adam Rosales (Jan. 25)...the A's also acquired one 40-man player via trade on Nov. 12 when they received Paul Blackburn from Seattle for Danny Valencia

**A's TOP PROSPECTS:** Nine of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Franklin Barreto (#1), A.J. Puk (#2), Matt Chapman (#3), Jharel Cotton (#4), Frankie Montas (#5), Chad Pinder (#7), Daniel Gossett (#8), Richie Martin (#9), and Bruce Maxwell (#10)...the other is Grant Holmes (#6).

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report Saturday, March 4 with the first workout scheduled for March 5...position players report Friday, March 10 with the first workout scheduled for March 11.

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** The A's clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning approximately one hour prior to team stretch...stretch time varies from day to day; media are asked to check @AsMediaAlerts on Twitter daily for updated clubhouse hours...the clubhouse may close for team meetings, etc. at certain times...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once games begin, the clubhouse also will open to media during games for access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media in the first base dugout during team stretch time...Melvin will also be available on the field immediately following the game...media are permitted in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play, at which point media will be asked to leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...TV camera crews and still photographers with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...TV camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse pregame, or in the training room or weight room at any time...still photographers are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room at any time...lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials in the landing area at the top of Section 209...the A's provide complimentary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate and to the right as you enter the parking lot at the home plate entrance.

**A's MEDIA ALERTS:** The A's Media Relations Department will provide frequent updates through its media-only Twitter account...for clubhouse hours, interview times and other media alerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts...player transactions and other relevant game information will continue to be posted at @Athletics.

**A's ON THE AIR:** The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 11 games this spring, including nine from Arizona and two games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except March 5, plus the March 30 game at San Francisco...Ken Korach returns for his 22nd year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (12th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 32nd season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including March 12 against the Cubs (1:05 pm) and April 1 against the Giants in Oakland (12:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, seven games will be televised by MLB Network...four of those will air in the Bay Area, including: Feb. 25 at Chicago-NL (1:00 PM PST), Feb. 26 vs. Los Angeles-AL (8:00 PM PST), Mar. 21 at Seattle (10:00 PM PDT) and Mar. 24 vs. Chicago-AL (Mar. 25 at 6:00 AM PDT).

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at <http://pressbox.athletics.com>

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

## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

**#32 JESSE HAHN RHP (2-4, 6.02 ERA in 2016)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...had four separate stints with the A's last year and went 2-4 with a career-high 6.02 ERA in nine starts...also had career highs in opponents batting average (.313), on-base percentage (.376) and slugging percentage (.484)...allowed a career-high eight home runs in 46.1 innings (1.55 per nine innings) after surrendering nine home runs in 170.0 innings over his first two seasons (0.48 per nine innings)...struck out just 23 batters and walked 19 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 1.21, which was the lowest in the AL and fifth lowest in the majors among pitchers with 40 or more innings pitched...his opponents batting average included a mark of .273 against right-handed hitters compared to .361 against left-handers...went 1-7 with a 4.32 ERA in 15 starts with Nashville...the starts were the first of his career at the Triple-A level...surrendered just four home runs in 68.2 innings, an average of 0.54 per nine innings...allowed a .276 opponents batting average, including .255 against right-handers compared to .304 against left-handers.

**#50 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (1-3, 7.25 ERA in 2016)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made both his Triple-A and Major League debuts in 2016...started the season at Double-A Midland, was moved up to Triple-A Nashville July 21 and was promoted to Oakland Sept. 5...went 1-3 with a 7.25 ERA and .333 opponents batting average in five starts with the A's...surrendered nine home runs in 22.1 innings, an average of 3.63 per nine innings...based on a minimum of 20 innings pitched, that was the third highest average in the American League and second highest in Athletics history to Dillon Overton, who had a mark of 4.44 in 2016...his opponents batting average broke down to .306 against left-handed hitters compared to .364 against right-handers...combined for a 9-6 record and a 3.58 ERA in 25 starts with Midland and Nashville...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins and tied for eighth in strikeouts (105)...walked 30 batters in 135.2 innings (1.99 per nine innings)...allowed a .266 opponents batting average, including .256 against left-handed hitters compared to .273 against right-handers.

**#71 SIMON CASTRO RHP (0-5, 10 SV, 3.38 ERA in minors in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent the entire 2016 season at Triple-A Albuquerque in the Colorado organization and was 0-5 with 10 saves and a 3.38 ERA in a career-high 50 appearances, all in relief...the saves were the first of his career and the ERA was his lowest as a minor leaguer since logging a 3.27 ERA in 2010...struck out 58 batters in 53.1 innings, an average of 9.79 per nine innings...walked just 12 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.83...allowed a .255 opponents batting average, including .217 against right-handed hitters compared to .303 against left-handers...surrendered four of his five home runs to lefties and yielded just three extra base hits to righties (two doubles, one home run)...had a .261 slugging percentage against righties, .528 against lefties...converted 10-of-13 (76.9%) save opportunities...posted a 4.22 ERA in 31 games before the All-Star Break, a 2.11 ERA in 19 games after the break...pitched for Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and had a save and a 2.84 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

**#74 TREY COCHRAN-GILL RHP (4-5, 3.07 ERA in minors in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent his first season in the A's organization at Double-A Midland last year and went 4-5 with a 3.07 ERA in 42 relief appearances...had career highs in strikeouts (58), hits allowed (71) and hit batters (6) and matched his high in losses...did not save a game for the first time in three professional seasons...surrendered six home runs in 73.1 innings after allowing no home runs over his first two seasons (111.2 ip)...allowed a .259 opponents batting average, including .236 by right-handed hitters compared to .304 by left-handers...yielded five of his six home runs to righties...opponents hit .222 with runners in scoring position and two outs...had a 4.20 ERA in 22 games before the All-Star Break...then compiled a 1.65 ERA in 20 games after the break...tied for the Texas League lead in holds (9)...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score...pitched for Mesa in the Arizona Fall League following the season and logged a 1.84 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

**#48 ROSS DETWILER LHP (2-4, 6.10 ERA in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was on the Cleveland Indians Opening Day roster in 2016 but finished the season with the A's...in between, he combined for a 6-4 record and a 4.40 ERA in 16 games, 15 starts, with Triple-A Columbus and Triple-A Nashville...had no decisions and a 5.79 ERA in seven relief appearances with Cleveland and was 2-4 with a 6.14 ERA in nine games (seven starts) with Oakland...combined for a 6.10 ERA in 16 big league games overall...struck out 26 batters in 48.2 innings for a career-low average of 4.81 strikeouts per nine innings...was 2-3 with a 4.70 ERA and .283 opponents batting average in his seven starting assignments, 0-1 with an 11.32 ERA and .340 opponents average in nine relief appearances...allowed 1-of-4 (25.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 2-for-8 (.250) with a walk...opponents hit .296, including .237 by left-handed hitters and .311 by right-handers.

**#58 CHRIS SMITH RHP (0-0, 2.92 ERA in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the 2016 season in the starting rotation at Triple-A Nashville but finished it in the bullpen with Oakland...was 6-8 with a 3.93 ERA in 22 starts with the Sounds when he was selected by the A's Aug. 7...had no decisions and a 2.92 ERA in 13 relief appearances with Oakland...it was his first Major League action since 2010 with Milwaukee...held the opposition to a .165 batting average but allowed almost as many walks (13) than hits (14) for a .270 on-base percentage...struck out 29 batters in 24.2 innings (10.58 per nine innings)...allowed a .151 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .188 against left-handers...yielded a .176 average with runners in scoring position, .103 with two outs and .058 with two strikes...first batters faced were 0-for-8 but he walked four and surrendered a sacrifice fly for a .308 on-base percentage...while at Nashville, he ranked second in the Pacific Coast League in opponents batting average (.239), sixth in strikeouts (121) and ninth in ERA.

**#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (1-1, 14 SV 2.65 ERA in 2016)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent most of the 2016 season at Double-A Midland but pitched at three different levels in the A's farm system and was a combined 1-1 with 14 saves, a 2.65 ERA and .194 opponents batting average in 45 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton, the RockHounds and Triple-A Nashville...the saves were the most in the A's farm system and a career-high...also had career highs in strikeouts (65), games, innings pitched (54.1) and walks (28)...averaged 10.77 strikeouts per nine innings...surrendered just three home runs, an average of 0.50 per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a .186 mark against left-handed pitching compared to .198 against right-handers...allowed a .207 batting average and two of his three home runs with the bases empty, .175 with runners on base...opponents hit .214 with runners in scoring position but that marked dropped to .130 with RISP and two outs...converted 14-of-15 (93.3%) save opportunities, including each of his final 14 chances...allowed 2-of-9 (22.2%) inherited runners to score.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

**February 25 at Chicago (NL)**

**Cubs:** LHP Mike Montgomery, LHP Brian Duensing, LHP Jack Leathersich, RHP Aaron Brooks, RHP Felix Pena, RHP Jose Rosario

**February 26 vs. Los Angeles (AL)**

**A's:** RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP César Valdez, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Aaron Kurcz, RHP Tucker Healy, RHP Michael Brady, RHP Josh Smith  
**Angels:** RHP Bud Norris, RHP Daniel Wright

**February 27 at San Francisco**

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Sean Manaea  
**Giants:** RHP Jeff Samardzija

## 2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	1:05	
Feb. 28	Cleveland	1:05	
March 1	at San Diego	1:05	
March 2	Texas	1:05	
March 3	San Francisco	1:05	
March 4	Cleveland	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 5	at Seattle	1:05	
March 6	OFF DAY		
March 7	at Arizona	1:05	
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	1:05	
March 9	Cincinnati	1:05	
March 10	at Kansas City	6:05	
March 11	Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 12	Chicago (NL)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 13	at Cincinnati	1:05	
March 14	Colorado	1:05	
March 15	OFF DAY		

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 16	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 17	Arizona	1:05	
March 18	San Diego	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 19	at Colorado	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 20	Arizona	7:05	
March 21	at Seattle	7:10	MLBN
March 22	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 23	Milwaukee	1:05	
March 24	Chicago (AL)	1:05	MLBN
March 25	Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
March 26	at Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 27	Kansas City	1:05	
March 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	
March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 30	at San Francisco	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 31	at San Francisco	7:15	
April 1	San Francisco (at Oak)	12:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network