



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-2) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (1-3)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 – PEORIA STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won each of the last two games after starting the spring 0-2...this is the A's 49th Spring Training in Arizona, 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).

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the Indians 5-4 in Mesa for their second consecutive win...Marcus Semien hit a two-home run home run in the first inning, Josh Phegley had a sacrifice fly in the second and Trevor Plouffe hit a solo home run in the third to give the A's a 4-1 lead...Jharel Cotton started for Oakland (2.0 ip, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 4 so) and Ross Detwiler followed with a scoreless third inning...Andrew Triggs allowed an unearned run in two innings of work and A.J. Puk struck out the side in the sixth inning...Bobby Wahl then allowed two runs in the seventh inning to tie the game at 4-4 but Rangel Ravelo homered in the eighth to put the A's ahead for good...Josh Smith tossed a scoreless eighth inning for the win and Corey Walter shut down the Indians in the ninth for the save.

A's vs. PADRES: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Padres this spring...will square off again on March 18 in Mesa...have faced San Diego just once in each of the previous three springs, including a 6-5 A's win at Peoria last year on March 6...Oakland has won 10 of their last 14 spring games against the Padres.

PLAYER NOTES: *Jaycob Brugman* is one of three players to appear in all four games...*Matt Joyce* has homered in each of his two games and is one of five players in the Cactus League with more than one home run...*Ryan Lavarney (NR)* has hit safely in each of his two games (2-for-3, .667)...*Matt Olson* is one of three players to appear in all four games...went 0-for-6 over his first three games before tripling in his first at bat yesterday against Cleveland...*Rangel Ravelo (NR)* hit the game winning home run in his first at bat of the spring yesterday against Cleveland in the eighth inning...*Stephen Vogt* has hit safely in each of his two games (3-for-5, .600)...*Joey Wendle* is one of three players to appear in all four games.

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.

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 holding 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 (Muñoz, 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 this Saturday with the first workout scheduled for Sunday...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 complementary 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 has 10 remaining broadcasts this spring, including three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except March 5, plus the March 30 and 31 games at San Francisco (31st on 102.9 FM KBLX)...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, five remaining games will be televised by MLB Network...two of those will air in the Bay Area, including: 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

#54 SONNY GRAY RHP (5-11, 5.69 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...went 5-11 with a 5.69 ERA in 22 starts last year in a season shortened by two stints on the disabled list...his ERA was more than 2½ runs higher than his previous career high of 3.08 in 2014...his five wins follow back-to-back 14-win seasons...also had career highs in losses (11), home runs (18), extra base hits (50), opponents batting average (.286), on-base percentage (.343) and slugging percentage (.475) and matched his high in wild pitches (15)...his average of 7.23 strikeouts per nine innings was a career low and his 3.23 walks per nine innings were a career high...had the second lowest winning percentage in the AL (.313) and the second most wild pitches... among pitchers with 100 or more innings pitched, he had the fourth highest ERA in the AL and the highest by an A's pitcher since 2000 (Olivares, 6.75)...his opponents batting average included a mark of .286 against right-handed hitters and .286 against left-handers...the eight and nine hitters in the order batted a combined .467 with seven home runs and 21 RBI.

#67 MICHAEL BRADY RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and tossed a scoreless eighth inning (2 so, 1 hb)...began the 2016 season on the disabled list with a strained left oblique muscle and missed the first two months of the season...spent most of the year at Double-A Harrisburg where he was 3-6 with a 3.04 ERA in 17 games (11 starts)...also made one start with Triple-A Syracuse in August and was 3-6 with a 2.89 ERA in 18 games (12 starts) overall...issued just 13 walks in 81.0 innings, an average of 1.44 per nine innings...allowed a .242 opponents batting average, including .239 against left-handed hitters and .244 against right-handers...surrendered five of his seven home runs to righties...six came with the bases empty...yielded a .186 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .115 with RISP and two outs...made his first six appearances of the season out of the bullpen and was 1-0 with a 2.61 ERA...each of his final 12 outings were starts and he went 2-6 with a 2.93 ERA in those games...walked one batter or fewer in nine of his 12 starts and more than two just once.

#35 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and allowed an unearned run in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 so)... was 3-1 with a 4.53 ERA and .216 opponents batting average in 35 games over five stints with the A's last year...struck out 54 batters in 47.2 innings (10.20 per nine innings)...his opponents average included a .208 mark by right-handed hitters compared to .227 by left-handers...allowed five of his six home runs and issued 14 of his 17 walks to righties...had a .557 OPS against lefties, .692 against righties...first batters faced hit .156 with two walks (.200 on-base percentage) and a double (.188 slugging percentage)...allowed 3-of-12 (25.0%) inherited runners to score...had a .255 opponents average over his first 15 pitches in a game, .148 after that... had no decisions, a 1.08 ERA and .200 opponents batting average in 20 relief appearances for Triple-A Nashville...did not allow a home run in 25.0 innings and struck out 35 (12.6 per nine innings)...allowed a .179 batting average against left-handed hitters compared to .216 against right-handers...opponents hit .111 with runners in scoring position.

#81 TUCKER HEALY RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...spent the entire 2016 season at Triple-A Nashville and went 4-3 with a career-high eight saves, a 3.61 ERA and .202 opponents batting average in 44 relief appearances...also had career highs in wins and walks (26) and matched his high in losses and wild pitches (6)...struck out 76 batters in 52.1 innings, an average of 13.07 per nine innings...tied for second in the A's farm system in saves...was 2-0 with five saves, a 2.80 ERA and .184 opponents batting average in 30 games before the All-Star Break...then went 2-3 with three saves, a 5.29 ERA and .238 opponents average in 14 appearances after the break...stranded all 12 of his inherited runners before the All-Star Break but allowed all three to score after the break...his opponents batting average included a .140 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .297 against left-handers...surrendered two of

his three home runs and issued 13 of his 26 walks to left-handed hitters... had a .431 OPS against righties, .875 against lefties.

#70 AARON KURCZ RHP (0-1, 81.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and took the loss (0.1 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb)... began the 2016 season at Double-A Midland and was 4-0 with four saves and a 1.26 ERA in 11 relief appearances when he was promoted to Triple-A Nashville May 10...was 5-1 with a save and a 3.50 ERA in 35 games (one start) with the Sounds and combined for a 9-1 record, five saves and a 3.03 ERA in 46 games overall...the wins were a career-high and tied for fifth in the A's farm system...surrendered just four home runs in 68.1 innings, an average of 0.53 per nine innings...walked 17 batters, including none in 14.1 innings with the RockHounds...allowed a .211 opponents batting average, including .190 against right-handed hitters compared to .240 against left-handers...yielded a .169 batting average and .257 on-base percentage to batters leading off an inning...retired all 14 batters he faced leading off an inning with Midland...was 5-for-10 (50.0%) in save opportunities...allowed just 3-of-19 (15.8%) inherited runners to score.

#58 CHRIS SMITH RHP (0-1, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring last Saturday at Chicago (NL) and took the loss (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 1 at San Diego

Padres: RHP Trevor Cahill, RHP Logan Bawcom, RHP Carlos Fisher, RHP Craig Stammen, RHP Jose Torres, RHP Phil Maton, RHP Christian Bethancourt

March 2 vs. Texas

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Raul Alcántara, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Trey Cochran-Gill, RHP Heath Fillmyer
Rangers: RHP Mike Hauschild, RHP Dillon Gee, LHP Dario Alvarez, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Jose Leclerc

March 3 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Ryan Dull, RHP Simon Castro
Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija, RHP Chris Stratton, RHP Dan Slania, RHP Samuel Coonrod

2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-4	0-1	Berg	C.Smith	14,929	
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-5	0-2	Miller	Kurcz	4,072	4,072
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	W, 5-4	1-2	Castro	Suarez	7,385	
Feb. 28	Cleveland	W, 5-4	2-2	J.Smith	Russell	3,108	7,180
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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					

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 15	OFF DAY		
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	102.9 FM KBLX/A's Radio Network
April 1	San Francisco (at Oak)	12:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network