



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-3) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (1-5)

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Were shutout by the Padres on two hits yesterday at Peoria, snapping their two-game winning streak...are batting .206, which is the third lowest mark in the majors (Texas, .186; San Diego, .205)...have the fewest runs scored (16)...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 lost to the Padres at Peoria, 5-0...Sonny Gray started for Oakland and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 4 so)...Daniel Coulombe allowed a run in the third inning for the loss and Chris Smith followed by allowing a run in two innings of work...Michael Brady pitched a scoreless sixth inning but Tucker Healy allowed a run in the seventh and Aaron Kurcz surrendered two runs in the eighth...the A's were held to two hits: an Alejandro De Aza single in the sixth and a Khris Davis double in the seventh.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...both games will be in Mesa as the clubs meet again on March 11...Oakland lost all three games last spring, losing 10-3 in Mesa on March 8, 14-5 at Surprise on March 12 and 12-1 in Mesa on March 24...are now 1-8-1 against the Rangers over the previous four springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Alejandro De Aza (NR)** has hit safely in three of his four games (3-for-6, .500)...**Rajai Davis** is tied for third in the Cactus League in stolen bases (2)...**Matt Joyce** homered in each of his first two games and is tied for second in the CL in home runs (2)...**Rangel Ravelo (NR)** hit the game winning home run in his first at bat of the spring Tuesday against Cleveland in the eighth inning...**Stephen Vogt** went 0-for-2 yesterday at San Diego after hitting safely in each of his first two games (3-for-5, .600).

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, compen-

sation 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 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 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 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>

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#32 JESSE HAHN RHP (0-0, 16.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...his first start came in the Cactus League opener last Saturday at Chicago (NL) when he allowed three runs on four hits in 1.2 innings in a no decision (1 bb, 2 so)...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.

HAHN'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	3-4	-	16.20	1.2	4	3	3	1	2	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)		0-0		16.20	1.2	4	3	3	1	2	0

#50 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Saturday at Chicago (NL) and tossed a scoreless third and fourth inning (2.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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.

#61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (6-4, 3 SV, 3.97 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...went 6-4 with three saves and a 3.97 ERA in 68 relief appearances in his first season with the A's last year...struck out 60 batters in 65.2 innings and his average of 8.22 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest mark of his career...had a 2.70 ERA over his first 26 games and a 2.19 ERA over his final 24 but logged a 9.42 ERA in 18 games in between (June 15 to July 25)...tied for second among American League relievers in blown saves (7), but only one came in the ninth inning or later...tied for fourth in most walks (30) and has now issued 215 free passes since the start of the 2010 season, which are the most in the majors by a reliever...tied for seventh among AL relievers in 2016 in wins (6)...allowed 8-of-16 (50.0%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced hit .281 but he issued just three walks (.324 on-base percentage) and allowed just two doubles (.313 slugging percentage)...opponents hit .258, including .256 (30-for-117) by left-handed hitters and .259 (35-for-135) by right-handers.

#74 TREY COCHRAN-GILL RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring on Monday at San Francisco (0.1 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb)...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.

#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (6-7, 30 SV, 3.62 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...saved a team-leading 30 games in his first season with Oakland last year to become just the second A's pitcher over the last 10 years to save 30 or more games (Balfour, 38 in 2013)...it was his second career 30-save season (32 in 2011)...ranked ninth in the American League in saves but tied for second with seven blown saves...had the fourth lowest save percentage (81.1%)...was charged with all seven of his blown saves against AL West competition (Texas 3, Houston 2, Los Angeles 1, Seattle 1)...had a 5.73 ERA and .331 opponents batting average in 32 games against the West compared to a 1.42 ERA and .165 opponents average in his other 31 contests...was 10-for-17 (58.9%) in saves against the West, 20-for-20 against everyone else...was 6-7 with a 3.62 ERA in 63 appearances...tied for third among AL relievers in losses (7), tied for seventh in wins (6) and tied for 10th in opponents grounded into double plays (8)...allowed a .244 batting average against left-handed hitters compared to .270 against right-handers.

#72 FRANKIE MONTAS RHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA in minors in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was one of three players acquired by the A's from Los Angeles in the 2016 trading deadline deal that sent Rich Hill and Josh Reddick to the Dodgers, but missed nearly the entire season due to rib cage injuries...began the year on the Dodgers 60-day disabled list with a fractured right rib cage, an injury suffered during the offseason...was sent to Double-A Tulsa on a rehab assignment May 22 and logged a 1.93 ERA in three games, including one start...was transferred to Triple-A Oklahoma City May 30 and made three additional rehab appearances before he was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Oklahoma City June 12...made one more appearance before going on the Triple-A DL June 19 with an inflamed right rib cage...missed the remainder of the season...logged a 2.38 ERA in four games (three starts) with Oklahoma City and was 0-0 with a 2.25 ERA in seven games (four starts) overall...struck out 22 batters in 16.0 innings (12.38 per nine innings) and walked just three (1.69 per nine innings).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 2 vs. Texas

Rangers: RHP Mike Hauschild, RHP Dillon Gee, LHP Dario Alvarez, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Jose Leclerc, RHP Anthony Bass

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

March 4 vs. Cleveland

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP César Valdez, RHP Zach Neal, RHP Bobby Wahl, RHP Josh Smith, RHP Tucker Healy, RHP Aaron Kurcz

Indians: RHP Mike Clevinger, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Perci Garner, RHP Travis Banwart, LHP Kyle Crockett, RHP Josh Martin, RHP Adam Plutko

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
March 1	at San Diego	L, 0-5	2-3	Bawcom	Coulombe	1,864	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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