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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-3) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (2-4-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won two straight and four of the last five games after losing each of the first two contests this spring...are 3-1 at Hohokam and 1-2 on the road...hit three home runs yesterday and now have nine for the spring, which ranks third in the Cactus League...however, are tied for the fewest doubles in the majors (8)...are second in the CL in fewest runs scored (27) and tied for second in ERA (3.25) and fewest errors (4)...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)...the offense struck out 225 times, which was second fewest among CL teams...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 San Francisco here at Hohokam by a score of 6-1...Yonder Alonso hit a solo home run in the second inning and Ryon Healy added a bases empty blast in the fourth to give Oakland a 2-0 lead...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...Ryan Dull and Liam Hendriks followed with a scoreless inning of relief each in their spring debuts...Daniel Gossett (2.0 ip) and Simon Castro (1.1 ip) also tossed scoreless relief...the A's added four more runs in the seventh inning on a Franklin Barreto RBI single and a Kenny Wilson pinch hit three-run home run.

A's vs. INDIANS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Indians this spring...the A's won the first game on Tuesday in Mesa, 5-4...meet again in Goodyear on March 16...the A's lost both games last year, dropping a 10-8 decision at Goodyear on March 18 and a 6-4 game in Mesa on March 28.

PLAYER NOTES: **Rajai Davis** has reached base safely in each of his four games (4-for-11, one walk)...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (2)...**Alejandro De Aza (NR)** has hit safely in four of his five games (4-for-9, .444)...**Ryon Healy** is just 2-for-11 (.182) but has a team-leading five RBI...**Matt Joyce** has hit safely in three of his four games (4-for-8, .500)...homed in each of his first two contests and is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2)...**Trevor Plouffe** has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-6, .500) after going 0-for-3 in his first contest...**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** has hit safely in three of his four games (4-for-9, .444).

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 today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #55 SEAN MANAEA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring... his first outing came in relief last Monday at San Francisco when he tossed a scoreless second and third innings (2.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...made his Major League debut with the A's last year following an April 29 promotion and went 7-9 with a 3.86 ERA in 25 games, including 24 starts...ranked second among American League rookies in strikeouts (124), innings pitched (144.2) and games started and tied for fifth in wins...the strikeouts tied for sixth most in Oakland history by a rookie...allowed a .248 opponents batting average and walked 37 batters for a .298 on-base percentage...was 2-4 with a 6.02 ERA and .282 opponents batting average in nine starts when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 14 with a left pronator strain...was reinstated June 29 and went 5-5 with a 2.74 ERA and .229 opponents batting average in 16 games, 15 starts, following his return...his ERA following his return from the DL was fifth lowest in the AL...his opponents batting average included .180 against left-handed hitters compared to .263 against right-handers...based on a minimum of 140 innings pitched, the mark against lefties was second lowest in the AL.

MANAEA'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 27	at San Francisco	5-4	-	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals (1 game, 0 start)				0-0	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	1	2

*indicates relief appearance

#77 HEATH FILLMYER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring on Monday at San Francisco when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1 h)...began the 2016 season at Single-A Stockton and was 5-6 with a 3.60 ERA in 18 games (16 starts) when he was promoted to Double-A Midland in late July...went 2-0 with a 2.54 ERA in eight starts with the RockHounds and was a combined 7-6 with a 3.29 ERA in 26 games (24 starts) overall...yielded just seven home runs in 134.0 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...ranked sixth in the A's farm system in strikeouts (118), ninth in innings pitched and 10th in ERA...allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .246 against right-handed hitters and .260 against left-handers...surrendered five of his seven home runs to righties...all seven home runs were solo shots...had a .281 opponents batting average with runners in scoring position...went 2-2 with a 1.63 ERA in nine starts at home for Stockton and 2-0 with a 1.89 ERA in four starts at home with Midland...combined at both levels to go 3-4 with a 4.96 ERA in 13 games on the road...had a 1.13 ERA in the first inning.

#36 ZACH NEAL RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring Monday at San Francisco (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 hr)...made his Major League debut last year and went 2-4 with two saves and a 4.24 ERA in 24 games (six starts) over four stints with the A's...allowed a .265 opponents batting average but issued just six walks in 70.0 innings for a .281 on-base percentage...averaged 0.77 walks per nine innings...based on a minimum of 70 innings pitched, that was the second lowest mark in the majors (Kershaw, LAD 0.66) and third lowest in Athletics history...however, struck out just 27 for an average of 3.47 per nine innings...using the 70 inning minimum, that was the lowest mark in the majors...was 1-1 with an 8.04 ERA and .368 opponents batting in eight games (one start) over his first three stints, all before the All-Star Break...was recalled for his final stint July 21 and went 1-3 with a 3.15 ERA and .230 opponents batting average in 16 games (five starts) after the break...his opponents batting average included a .235 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .294 against right-handers.

#75 JOSH SMITH RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in two appearances (1.2 ip), including his last outing Tuesday against Cleveland when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning for the win (1.0 ip)...spent most of the 2016 season with Cincinnati where he went 3-3 with a 4.68 ERA in 32 games (two starts) over two stints...allowed a .247 opponents batting average, including .219 by right-handed hitters compared to .287 by left-handers...held the opposition to a .217 batting average with the bases

empty, .284 with runners on base...yielded a .245 batting average with runners in scoring position...allowed 5-of-25 (25.0%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 7-for-28 (.250) with two walks (.300 on-base percentage)...was 3-1 with a 4.88 ERA in his 30 relief appearances, 0-2 with a 3.38 ERA in his two starts...had a 3.45 ERA and .171 opponents batting average in 16 games at Great American Ballpark, a 6.04 ERA and .317 opponents batting average in 16 games on the road...was 4-4 with a 3.80 ERA in nine games (eight starts) with Triple-A Louisville...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .240 by right-handed hitters compared to .297 by left-handers.

#73 CÉSAR VALDEZ RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring on Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and allowed a run in the third inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...spent the entire 2016 campaign at Triple-A Fresno in his first season with a Major League organization since 2011...was 12-1 with a 3.12 ERA in 30 games (18 starts) with the Grizzlies...led the Pacific Coast League in winning percentage (.923), ranked third in ERA and tied for fourth in wins...walked just 13 batters in 138.1 innings, an average of 0.84 per nine innings...struck out 114 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.77...was 2-1 with a 5.40 ERA over his first 15 games (four starts) through June 5...then went 10-0 with a 2.20 ERA over his final 15 games (14 starts) beginning June 11...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .257 against right-handed hitters compared to .282 against left-handers...yielded a .182 average with RISP and two outs...11 of his first 12 appearances came in relief...17 of his final 18 outings were starting assignments...was 11-1 with a 3.47 ERA and .276 opponents batting average in his 18 starts, 1-0 with a 1.25 ERA and .213 opponents average in 12 relief appearances.

#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Allowed two runs in the seventh inning of his last outing on Tuesday against Cleveland (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so, 1 hr) after tossing a scoreless eighth inning in his spring debut a week ago today against Chicago-NL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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

March 4 vs. Cleveland

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

March 5 at Seattle

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Andrew Triggs, LHP Ross Detwiler, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Michael Brady, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP John Axford

Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Thyago Vieira, LHP James Pazos, RHP Chase DeJong, RHP Casey Fien

March 6 OFF DAY

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	
March 2	Texas	W, 5-1	3-3	Hahn	Hauschild	3,326	10,506
March 3	San Francisco	W, 6-1	4-3	Graveman	Samardzija	8,203	18,709
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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