



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-4) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (6-2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 – PEORIA STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won four of the last six games after losing each of the first two contests this spring...are 3-2 at Hohokam and 1-2 on the road...A's pitchers allowed 15 runs on 19 hits yesterday against Cleveland after allowing 15 runs on 27 hits over the previous five games...the 15 runs are the A's most allowed in a spring game since they yielded 16 on March 15, 2014 against Texas...the 19 hits are the most since surrendering 21 on March 18, 2011 at Chicago (AL)...are tied for second in the Cactus League in home runs (11) and tied for third in fewest errors (6)...however, are tied with Texas for the fewest doubles (11) and have the second fewest runs scored (32)...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...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 lost to Cleveland in Mesa, 15-5...Sean Manaea started for the A's and allowed four runs in the first inning and one of the two Indians runs in the second for the loss (1.2 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...Josh Smith followed by allowing five runs in 0.2 innings and Cleveland led 13-1 entering the bottom of the fifth...Khris Davis had a RBI single in the first inning and Oakland scored two more in the fifth on a Chad Pinder home run and a Kenny Wilson sacrifice fly...Renato Nuñez hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning to complete the A's scoring...Nuñez had two of the A's 10 hits...Bobby Wahl and Tucker Healy tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

**A's vs. MARINERS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring, both in Peoria...square off again in a night game on March 21...last spring, the two clubs played to an 11-11 tie in Mesa on March 17 while the A's won 13-12 at Peoria on March 23

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Rajai Davis* is tied for fifth 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* homered in each of his first two contests and is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2)...*Renato Nuñez* went 2-for-3 with a home run yesterday against Cleveland after going 0-for-6 over his first four games...*Chris Parmelee (NR)* went 1-for-3 with a double yesterday after going 0-for-6 over his first four games...*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 last Tuesday against Cleveland in the eighth inning.

**IN CAMP:** Following the roster moves this morning, the A's now have 64 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 24 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, six catchers, 19 infielders and 11 outfielders...began the spring with 70 players in camp, which were the A's most players in camp since 1982 when they had 78 (35 roster, 43 non-roster).

**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

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is underway...pitchers and catchers reported yesterday with the first workout scheduled for today...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 nine remaining broadcasts this spring, including three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except today, 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).

#### TRANSACTIONS

March 5 Michael Brady, Trey Cochran-Gill, Heath Fillmyer, Tucker Healy, Aaron Kurcz and Josh Smith reassigned to minor league camp

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# TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

## STARTING PITCHER

**#45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...his first start came last Tuesday against Cleveland at Mesa (2.0 ip, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...was one of three players acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers for Rich Hill and Josh Reddick at the 2016 trading deadline and made his Major League debut with Oakland in September...went 2-0 with a 2.15 ERA and .185 opponents batting average in five starts with the A's...walked just four batters in 29.1 innings (1.23 per nine innings)...his opponents batting average included a .146 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .217 against right-handers...yielded a .167 average with runners in scoring position...combined with Triple-A Oklahoma City and Nashville for an 11-6 record and a 4.31 ERA in 28 games, 22 starts...led the Pacific Coast League, ranked second in Triple-A and tied for 12th in all of minor league baseball with 155 strikeouts...also led the PCL in opponents batting average (.214) and tied for 10th in wins (11)...held left-handed hitters to a .192 average compared to .229 against right-handers...was rated as the A's No. 4 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

### COTTON'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 28	Cleveland	5-4	-	4.50	2.0	0	1	1	1	4	0
<b>Totals (1 game, 1 start)</b>				<b>0-0</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## #61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring Thursday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 bb)...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.

## #35 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-1, 4.50 ERA)

Has allowed a run in each of his two appearances, including his last outing Wednesday at San Diego when he took the loss (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 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.

## #48 ROSS DETWILER LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in either of his two outings this spring (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Cleveland when he tossed a scoreless third inning (1.0 ip)...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.

## #79 A.J. PUK LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring last Tuesday against Cleveland and struck out the side in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 3 so)...was the A's first round selection in the 2016 draft and was assigned to Vermont of the Short Season Single-A New York-Penn League after signing on June 30...went 0-4 with a 3.03 ERA in 10 starts with the Lake Monsters...did not allow an earned run in five of his six no decisions (0.98 ERA)...did not allow a run in three of those games, but tossed fewer than five innings in all but one start...struck out 40 batters in 32.2 innings (11.02 strikeouts per nine innings) and did not allow a home run...held the opposition to a .185 batting average, including .157 (14-for-89) against right-handed hitters compared to .257 (9-for-35) against left-handers...opponents were 3-for-32 (.094) with four walks (.194 on-base percentage) when leading off an inning...yielded a .353 average with runners in scoring position and two outs...combined for a 1.40 ERA in the first and second inning...had a 5.40 ERA from the third inning on.

## #60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Tuesday against Cleveland, allowing an unearned run in two innings of relief (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 3 so)...was claimed off waivers from Baltimore during the spring last year and went 1-1 with a 4.31 ERA and .255 opponents batting average in 24 games (six starts) over eight stints in his Major League debut with the A's...the eight stints are believed to be the most in one season in Oakland history...had three one-day stints and two two-day stints...struck out 55 and walked just 13 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.23...compiled an 8.00 ERA and .312 opponents batting average in 10 relief appearances over his first four stints through June 3...then went 1-1 with a 2.58 ERA and .224 opponents batting average in 14 games (six starts), over his final four stints...his opponents batting average included a .235 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .277 against left-handers...went 2-1 with two saves and a 2.95 ERA in 16 appearances with Nashville, all in relief...did not surrender a home run in 18.2 innings...allowed a .225 batting average, including .130 against left-handed hitters compared to .271 against right-handers.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 5 at Seattle

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

#### March 6 OFF DAY

#### March 7 at Arizona

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Ryan Dull, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Ryan Madson  
**Diamondbacks:** TBA

# 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
March 4	Cleveland	L, 5-15	4-4	Clevinger	Manaea	6,707	25,416
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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