



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-4) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (6-5)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won three of the last four games and five of the last seven after losing each of the first two contests this spring...are 3-2 at Hohokam and 2-2 on the road...have scored 37 runs, which is tied with Houston for the fewest in the majors...are tied with Texas for the fewest doubles in the Cactus League (15), but are tied for fourth in most home runs (11) and fewest errors (8)...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 had the day off...on Sunday, Oakland defeated Seattle at Peoria, 5-4...the A's scored twice in the first inning on a Ryon Healy RBI double and Mark Canha RBI single...Jharel Cotton started for Oakland and allowed a run in 2.0 innings, but Daniel Coulombe allowed two runs in the third inning to give the Mariners a 3-2 lead...Alejandro De Aza tied the game with a RBI double in the fifth inning and he scored the go-ahead run when Stephen Vogt reached base on an error...Chad Pinder added a sacrifice fly in the eighth to complete the A's scoring...Ross Detwiler tossed a scoreless fourth inning for the win and John Axford (1.0 ip), Andrew Triggs (2.0 ip) and Ben Bracewell (1.0 ip, save) also pitched scoreless relief...Canha had two of the A's nine hits.

**A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS:** This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...face each other again in Mesa on March 17 and 20...Oakland lost both meetings last spring, dropping a 6-3 decision at Salt River Fields on March 4 and a 12-9 game in Mesa on March 30...were 7-1-2 against the Diamondbacks from 2012-15.

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Franklin Barreto (NR)* has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-5, .600) and is 5-for-10 (.500) in seven games overall...*Mark Canha* has hit safely in each of his last three games (4-for-8, 2 doubles)...*Rajai Davis* is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (2)...*Alejandro De Aza (NR)* has hit safely in five of his six games (5-for-12, .417)...*Ryon Healy* is just 3-for-14 (.214) but has a team-leading six RBI...*Matt Joyce* is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (2)...*Renato Nuñez* is 3-for-4 with a double and home run over his last two games after going 0-for-6 over his first four contests...*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 a week ago today against Cleveland in the eighth inning...*Adam Rosales* went 1-for-3 on Sunday at Seattle after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests.

**IN CAMP:** After reassigning seven non-roster invitees to minor league camp on Sunday, the A's now have 63 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 23 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 27 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).

**WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC:** Non-roster invitee Ryan Lavarnway is playing for Israel in the World Baseball Classic...he has started each of Israel's two games at catcher, both wins, and is 3-for-6 (.500) with two walks, a home run and two RBI...Israel's next game is tomorrow against the Netherlands at 8:00 pm MST.

**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 have started working out...position players report on Friday with the first workout scheduled for Saturday.

**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 your 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 remaining Saturday and Sunday games, 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, A.J. Puk and Josh Smith reassigned to minor league camp

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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 #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring... allowed a leadoff double in his first start last Wednesday at San Diego but then retired each of the final six batters he faced (2.0 ip, 1 h, 4 so)...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.

### GRAY'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 1	at San Diego	0-5	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	4	0
<b>Totals (1 game, 1 start)</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## #50 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (0-0, 1.80 ERA)

Allowed a run in 3.0 innings in his second outing last Thursday against Texas (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so) after tossing a scoreless third and fourth inning in his spring debut Feb. 25 at Chicago-NL (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.

## #71 SIMON CASTRO RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or a hit in three outings this spring (2.1 ip), including his last appearance last Friday against San Francisco (1.1 ip, 2 so)...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.

## #66 RYAN DULL RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance last Friday against San Francisco and tossed a scoreless third inning (1.0 ip, 2 bb)...compiled a 2.42 ERA and .186 opponents batting average in 70 relief appearances in his rookie campaign last year...led American League rookies and tied for ninth among all AL pitchers in games pitched...fell one short of the Oakland rookie record

for games pitched...his ERA was fifth best in Oakland history by a rookie with 70 or more innings pitched...also ranked second among AL rookies in saves (3), ninth in innings (74.1) and strikeouts (73) and tied for ninth in wins (5)...ranked third among all AL relievers in opponents on-base percentage (.228), tied for sixth in innings and seventh in opponents batting average...struck out 73 and walked just 15 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.87...averaged 1.82 walks per nine innings...allowed 7-of-52 (13.5%) inherited runners to score, which was the third lowest percentage in the AL... first batters faced hit .121 with two walks (.143 on-base percentage)... ranked second in the AL in first batter on-base percentage and OPS (.355), third in batting average and fourth in slugging percentage (.212).

## #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.

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

The non-roster invitee has allowed one run in each of his two appearances, both 2.0 innings...last pitched last Wednesday at San Diego (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so, 1 hr)...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 7 at Arizona

**Diamondbacks:** RHP Shelby Miller, RHP Archie Bradley, LHP Brian Matusz, RHP Keyvius Sampson, RHP Tyler Jones

#### March 8 vs. Italy (WBC)

**A's:** RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Zach Neal, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Tyler Sturdevant

**Italy:** LHP Luis Lugo

#### March 9 vs. Cincinnati

**A's:** LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Daniel Gossett, LHP Ross Detwiler, RHP John Axford

**Reds:** RHP Tim Adleman, RHP Robert Stephenson, RHP Keury Mella, RHP Jackson Stephens.

# 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
March 5	at Seattle	W, 5-4	5-4	Detwiler	DeJong	6,639	
March 6	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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