



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-4) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (7-5)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 6:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won three straight and five of the last six games, which does not include Wednesday's exhibition game win over Italy's World Baseball Classic club...are 7-4 (.636) overall, which is the second best record in the Cactus League to the Angels (9-3, .750)...have scored 33 runs in the last two CL games after tallying 37 runs over the first nine contests...however, have allowed 37 runs in the last four games (36 er in 36.0 ip, 9.00 ERA) after yielding 24 over the first seven contests (3.25 ERA)...have committed eight errors, which is tied for second fewest in the CL...are 4-2 at Hohokam and 3-2 on the road...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).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's defeated Cincinnati 12-5 at Hohokam...Oakland sent nine men to the plate in the first inning and scored four times, highlighted by a two-run double by Trevor Plouffe...the A's then sent 12 men to the plate in the second and scored six times, including a two-run double by Stephen Vogt and RBI singles from Marcus Semien, Yonder Alonso and Jed Lowrie...Plouffe added a RBI single in the third and Ryan Healy a RBI single in the fourth to complete the A's scoring...Sean Manaia started for the A's and picked up the win (3.2 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...Ross Detwiler (1.0 ip) and Brandon Mann (0.2 ip) tossed scoreless relief...Lowrie had three hits and Vogt and Plouffe added two each.

**A's vs. ROYALS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...meet again in Mesa on March 27...Oakland won two of three last spring, winning twice at Mesa on March 7 (6-4) and 27 (10-1) and losing at Surprise March 26 (5-2)...over the previous nine springs, the A's are 2-0 in Mesa, 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 0-8-1 at Surprise...have not defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10).

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Yonder Alonso* is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (6)...has not struck out in 19 plate appearances...is 4-for-7 (.571) over his last four games after going 1-for-6 (.167) over his first four...*Franklin Barreto* has appeared in six games at shortstop and three at second base...*Mark Canha* has hit safely in each of his last three CL games (4-for-8, 2 doubles) but went 0-for-3 against Italy...is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (3)...has appeared in three games in right field and two in left field...*Matt Chapman (NR)* was 2-for-2 with a triple and four RBI Tuesday at Arizona, all in the sixth inning...*Rajai Davis* is tied for ninth in the CL in stolen bases (2)...*Alejandro De Aza (NR)* has hit safely in five of his six games (5-for-12, .417) but was 0-for-2 against Italy on Wednesday...*Ryan Healy* has driven in at least one run in five of his six games and is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (7)...has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-9, .333) after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...has appeared in three games at designated hitter, two at first base and one at third base...*Matt Joyce* has reached base safely in six of his seven games and is tied for third in the CL in walks (6)...is also tied for ninth in home runs (2)...*Jed Lowrie* went 3-for-4 yesterday against Cincinnati after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five games...*Trevor Plouffe* has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-5) and has now hit safely in each of his last five contests (7-for-11, .636)...*Adam Rosales* went 1-for-3 last Sunday at Seattle after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...added a 1-for-3 performance against Italy Wednesday...has appeared in three games at shortstop and two at second base...*Marcus Semien* has six RBI in his last two games and has nine overall, which ranks second in the CL (Blash, SD 11)...went 3-for-3 with four RBI Tuesday against Arizona.

**IN CAMP:** The A's 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 was named MVP of Pool A in Seoul after going 5-for-9 (.556) with four walks, a home run and three RBI in three games for Israel...Lavarnway started all three games at catcher for Israel, which went 3-0 in the first round...minor leaguer Joey Wagman also pitched for Israel and made his only appearance Wednesday against the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...Israel advances to the second round in Tokyo and will open against Cuba tomorrow at 8:00 pm MST.

**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 today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...Triple-A and Double-A games begin on Monday, March 13 and Single-A games start on Saturday, March 18.

**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 Emmons 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.

**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

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has allowed one run in 2.0 innings in each of his two starts...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
March 5	at Seattle	5-4	-	4.50	2.0	2	1	1	2	1	0
<b>Totals (1 game, 1 start)</b>			<b>0-0</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

### #58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

Allowed a run in his last outing a week ago today against San Francisco (1.2 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 2 so) after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings in his first contest Feb. 26 against Los Angeles (AL)...was acquired from Seattle for Danny Valencia Nov. 12, 2016...began the 2016 season at Double-A Tennessee in the Chicago Cubs organization and was 6-4 with a 3.17 ERA in 18 starts when he was traded to the Seattle Mariners organization with Daniel Vogelbach for Mike Montgomery and Jordan Pries on July 20...was assigned to Double-A Jackson and went 3-1 with a 3.54 ERA in eight games (seven starts) with the Generals...combined for a 9-5 record and a 3.28 ERA in 26 games (25 starts) overall...surrendered just eight home runs in 143.0 innings, an average of 0.50 per nine innings...ranked fourth in the Southern League in fewest walks per nine innings (2.12), tied for fourth in games started, sixth in ERA and innings pitched and tied for eighth in wins...was named to the SL Midseason All-Star Game after going 4-2 with a 2.53 ERA in 14 starts before the All-Star Break...allowed a .256 opponents batting average, including .252 against right-handed pitchers compared to .259 against left-handers.

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or a hit in four outings this spring (2.2 ip), including his last appearance on Tuesday against Arizona (0.1 ip, 1 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.

### #35 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his three appearances, including his last outing Sunday at Seattle (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er)...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.

### #66 RYAN DULL RHP (1-0, 4.50 ERA)

Picked up the win in his last outing Tuesday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) after tossing a scoreless third inning in his first appearance a week ago today against San Francisco (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).

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 10 at Kansas City

**Royals:** RHP Jason Hammel, RHP Kelvin Herrera, LHP Matt Strahm, LHP Scott Alexander, RHP Andrew Edwards, RHP Malcolm Culver, RHP Jake Junis, LHP Jonathan Sanchez

#### March 11 vs. Texas

**A's:** RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Tyler Sturdevant

**Rangers:** RHP Eddie Gamboa, RHP Anthony Bass, RHP Tony Barnette, RHP Brady Dragmire

#### March 12 vs. Chicago (NL)

**A's:** RHP Raul Alcantara, LHP Ross Detwiler, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Zach Neal, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Bobby Wahl

**Cubs:** RHP Jake Arrieta

## 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						
March 7	at Arizona	W, 21-13	6-4	Dull	Bradley	8,208	
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	W, 7-0		Graveman	Oberto	3,204	
March 9	Cincinnati	W, 12-5	7-4	Manaea	Adelman	4,779	30,195
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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