

# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## **Game Information**

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-4) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (7-11)

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 - GOODYEAR BALLPARK - 1:05 P.M. MST A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won six straight and eight of the last nine games, which does not include Wednesday's exhibition game win over Italy's World Baseball Classic club...are 10-4 (.714) overall, which is the best record in the Cactus League and third best in the majors behind the Yankees (13-4) and Pirates (12-4)...lead the CL and rank second in the majors with a .486 slugging percentage (NYY, .498)...rank second in the CL and majors with a .372 on-base percentage (SEA, .389)...have scored 61 runs over the last five CL games (12.2 per game) after tallying 37 runs over the first nine contests (4.1 per game)...however, have allowed 59 runs in the last seven games (57 er in 63.0 ip, 8.14 ERA) after yielding 24 over the first seven contests (3.25 ERA)...have a 5.73 ERA overall, which is third highest in the CL...are 6-2 at Hohokam and 4-2 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 the Cubs at Hohokam by a score of 9-8... Oakland was held to just one run over the first five innings and trailed 7-1 entering the bottom of the sixth...Yonder Alonso hit a three-run home run and Alejandro De Aza added another run with a RBI ground out...Chicago scored another run in the top of the seventh to make the score 8-5, but the A's scored four times in the bottom of the seventh for the win...back-to-back bases loaded walks by Matt Chapman and Matt Olson pulled the A's to within one and Yairo Muñoz tied the game with a pinch hit RBI single... Franklin Barreto followed with a sacrifice fly to give the A's the lead...Raul Alcantara started for the A's (2.2 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...Zach Neal (0.1 ip), Trey Cochran-Gill (0.1 ip), Liam Hendriks (1.0 ip) and Bobby Wahl (1.0 ip) all tossed scoreless relief.

**A's vs. REDS:** This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...Oakland won the first game last Thursday in Mesa, 12-5...return to Mesa on March 25...the A's won both games last spring, including 9-4 at Goodyear on March 11 and 7-6 in Mesa on March 19.

PLAYER NOTES: Yonder Alonso is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...has hit safely in each of his last four games (6-for-10, .600) after going 2-for-9 (.222) over his first six contests...*Franklin Barreto* is 9-for-19 (.474) in 12 games...has appeared in seven games at shortstop and five at second base... Mark Canha has appeared in three games in right field, three in left field and one in center field... Matt Chapman (NR) has reached base safely in seven of his last eight plate appearances and is 3-for-4 (.750) with four walks, four runs scored and five RBI over that five-game span... Khris Davis had his first two-hit game Saturday against Texas and is 3-for-5 (.600) with two doubles over his last two games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests... *Jaff Decker (NR)* had his first two-hit game last Friday night at Kansas City and is 5-for-12 (.417) with two walks over his last eight games... Ryon Healy has driven in at least one run in six of his eight games and ranks third in the CL in RBI (10)... is 6-for-14 (.429) over his last five games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI Saturday against Texas...has appeared in three games at designated hitter, three at first base and two at third base... Matt Joyce has reached base safely in seven of his eight games and is tied for the CL lead in walks (7)...Jed Lowrie went 3-for-4 last Thursday against Cincinnati...Chris Parmelee (NR) had two hits yesterday against Chicago (NL) and now has three hits in his last three at bats after starting the spring 1-for-14 (.071)... **Trevor Plouffe** has hit safely in each of his last six games (8-for-14, .571) after going 0-for-3 in his first contest... **Adam Rosales** has appeared in five games at shortstop and two at second base... Marcus Semien is 6-for-11 (.545) over his last four games after going 3-for-15 (.200) over his first five...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (9)...went 3-for-3 with four RBI last Tuesday against Arizona.

**IN CAMP:** After optioning four players this morning, the A's have 48 players in camp...the total includes 35 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 13 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 22 pitchers, six catchers, 12 infielders and eight 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 has started all five games for Israel and is 7-for-15 (.467) with four walks, one double, one home run and four RBI...Lavarnway is tied for sixth in the WBC in hits...he earned Pool A MVP honors after going 5-for-9 (.556) with four walks, a home run and three RBI in three games in Seoul...minor leaguer Joey Wagman is also pitching for Israel and made his only appearance last Wednesday against the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...lsrael (1-1 in second round play) squares off against Japan Wednesday at 3:00 am MST...non-roster invitee Cesar Valdez made his first appearance of the WBC yesterday for the Dominican Republic in a 10-3 win over Colombia (1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...the Dominican Republic has advanced to Pool F play at San Diego and opens against Puerto Rico on Tuesday at 6:00 MST...minor leaguer Jake Sanchez pitched twice for Mexico (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so), which has been eliminated.

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** A's minor leaguers had their first full squad workout Saturday...Triple-A and Double-A games begin today and Single-A games start on Saturday, March 18.

**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.

**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.

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 seven 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 has one remaining broadcast on April 1 against the Giants in Oakland (12:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...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
- March 12 Renato Nuñez optioned to Nashville; Jermaine Curtis, Felix Doubront, Andrew Lambo, Richie Martin, Max Muncy, Zach Neal, Rangel Ravelo, Josh Rodriguez, Tyler Sturdevant and Kenny Wilson reassigned to minor league camp
- March 13 Paul Blackburn, Jaycob Brugman, Yairo Muñoz and Bobby Wahl optioned to Nashville

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#### TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

#### STARTING PITCHER #49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of Cactus League play...his last appearance was last Wednesday in an exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic team...started and picked up the win (3.0 ip. 1 h. 1 bb. 3 so)...has not allowed a run in two Cactus League starts (3.0 ip)...compiled a 10-11 record and a 4.11 ERA in a team-leading 31 starts in his second season with the A's last year...went 1-6 with a 5.36 ERA over his first nine starts, 9-2 with a 3.33 ERA over his next 16 starts from May 30 to Aug. 24, and 0-3 with a 4.71 ERA over his final six starts...in addition to starts, he also led the A's in wins and innings pitched (186.0)... averaged 5.23 strikeouts per nine innings, which was the third lowest mark in the American League...walked just 47 (2.27 per nine innings), which were the fewest in Athletics history by an A's team-leader, besting the previous low of 59 by Sonny Gray in 2015...averaged 4.16 runs of support per start, which was 10th lowest in the AL...received two runs of support or fewer in 12 of his 31 starts and was 0-8 in those games...went 10-3 in 19 starts with support of three or more...left with a lead five times in 2016 only to have the bullpen blow the save...had a .271 opponents batting average which broke down to .270 against right-handed hitters compared to .272 against left-handers.

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Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	HR
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	5-4	_	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
March 3	San Francisco	6-1	W	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
*March 8	Italy (WBC)	7-0	W		3.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
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#### #71 SIMON CASTRO RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in five outings this spring (3.1 ip), including his last appearance on Friday at Kansas City (0.2 ip, 1 h. 2 so)...opponents are 1-for-11 (.091)...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 strikeoutto-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, 8.31 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his four appearances, including his last outing Friday at Kansas City (1.1 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 10-for-21 (.476)...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, 3.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run or a hit in two of his three appearances, including his last outing Friday at Kansas City when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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).

#### #32 JESSE HAHN RHP (1-0, 5.79 ERA)

Has made two Cactus League appearances this spring, both starts...also pitched in relief in the exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic team last Wednesday (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 4 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.

#### **UPCOMING PROBABLES**

#### March 13 at Cincinnati

Reds: RHP Anthony DeSclafani, LHP Amir Garrett, RHP Jackson Stephens, RHP Lisalverto Bonilla

#### March 14 vs. Colorado

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, LHP Sean Doolittle

Rockies: RHP Jon Gray, RHP Jeff Hoffman, LHP Mike Dunn, RHP Carlos Estevez, RHP Miguel Castro

TIME RADIO/TV

#### March 15 OFF DAY

Jharel Cotton is scheduled to start a Triple-A game (home vs. Cubs)

#### 2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE

**OPPONENT** 

HOME

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.	March 15	OFF DAY		
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-4	0-1	Berg	C.Smith	14,929		March 16	at Cleveland	1:05	
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-5	0-2	Miller	Kurcz	4,072	4,072	March 17	Arizona	1:05	
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	W, 5-4	1-2	Castro	Suarez	7,385		March 18	San Diego	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
Feb. 28	Cleveland	W, 5-4	2-2	J.Smith	Russell	3,108	7,180	March 19	at Colorado	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 1	at San Diego	L, 0-5	2-3	Bawcom	Coulombe	1,864		March 20	Arizona	7:05	
March 2	Texas	W, 5-1	3-3	Hahn	Hauschild	3,326	10,506	March 21	at Seattle	7:10	MLBN
March 3	San Francisco	W, 6-1	4-3	Graveman	Samardzij	a 8,203	18,709	March 22	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 4	Cleveland	L, 5-15	4-4	Clevinger	Manaea	6,707	25,416	March 23	Milwaukee	1:05	
March 5	at Seattle	W, 5-4	5-4	Detwiler	DeJong	6,639		March 24	Chicago (AL)	1:05	MLBN
March 6	OFF DAY							March 25	Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 7	at Arizona	W, 21-13	6-4	Dull	Bradley	8,208			at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	W, 7-0		Graveman	Oberto	3,204		March 26	at Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 9	Cincinnati	W, 12-5	7-4	Manaea	Adelman	4,779	30,195	March 27	Kansas City	1:05	
March 10	at Kansas City	W, 11-7	8-4	Cotton	Hammel	6,507		March 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	
March 11	Texas	W, 8-7	9-4	Shore	Wolff	6,072	36,267	March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 12	Chicago (NL)	W, 9-8	10-4	Montas	Pugliese	10,606*	46,873	March 30	at San Francisco	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
DATE	OPPONENT	Т	IME RADI	O/TV				March 31	at San Francisco	7:15	102.9 FM KBLX/A's Radio Network
March 13	at Cincinnati		1:05					April 1	San Francisco (at Oak)	12:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 14	Colorado		1:05								