



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (15-12) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (14-14-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (98.5 FM KFOX)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Were swept in a split squad yesterday to snap a four-game winning streak...are 15-12 (.556), which is the third best record in the Cactus League...the 15 wins are three more than last spring when Oakland went 12-17-3 (.422)...that was the fifth worst record in the CL... it marked the first time the A's finished Spring Training with a losing record since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...rank third in the CL in on-base percentage (.362), fourth in walks (119) and fifth in slugging (.466) and doubles (62) but have the third fewest stolen bases (13)...have turned just 18 double plays, which is the fewest in the CL and tied for second fewest in the majors...the pitching staff has allowed 23 home runs, which is second fewest in the CL (San Francisco, 21)...however, have a 5.54 ERA, which is second highest (Cleveland, 5.55)...are 9-6 at Hohokam and 6-6 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).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's were swept in a split squad, losing both games 11-6...in Mesa, Oakland lost to Cincinnati...Sean Manaea started for the A's and ended up with a no decision, despite allowing six runs in three innings (3.0 ip, 5 h, 6 r, 5 er, 5 bb, 1 so)...Santiago Casilla and Ryan Madson pitched a scoreless inning of relief each but Sean Doolittle allowed two runs in the seventh inning for the loss...Rajai Davis hit his first home run of the spring, a solo shot in the third inning, and Jed Lowrie had a two-run single in the fifth to highlight the A's scoring...the A's also lost to the Dodgers at Camelback Ranch...Jesse Hahn started that game and took the loss (3.1 ip, 8 h, 7 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 4 so, 2 hr)...Matt Chapman hit a three-run home run in the first inning and Alejandro De Aza walked with the bases loaded in the second to give Oakland a 4-0 lead...Hahn then allowed a run in both the second and third innings and five more in the fourth...Simon Castro yielded three runs in the fifth, his first runs of the spring...Josh Rodriguez hit a solo home run in the sixth inning and Chris Parmelee added a sacrifice fly in the eighth to complete the A's scoring.

**A's vs. BREWERS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's won the first game at Hohokam on Thursday, 15-5...the two clubs met just once last spring and played to an 8-8 tie at Mesa on March 5...Oakland is 3-0-2 against Milwaukee over the last three springs.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Yonder Alonso** homered twice Thursday against Milwaukee for his fourth two-hit game of the spring...is now 14-for-34 (.412) with four home runs and 12 RBI over his last 14 games...ranks second in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.510), tied for second in walks (11), tied for fourth in slugging (.700), sixth in batting (.375) and tied for ninth in home runs (4)...is batting .356 (32-for-90) over the last two springs...**Mark Canha** has played center field in four of his last five games and five times overall...also has six games in right field and three in left field...**Matt Chapman (NR)** hit his second home run of the spring yesterday at Los Angeles (AL)...went 2-for-4 with three RBI after going 0-for-8 with a walk and five strikeouts over his previous three games...is tied for fifth in the CL in triples (2)...**Khris Davis** is 7-for-21 (.333) over his last seven games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests...**Rajai Davis** has four stolen bases in his last six games and six for the spring, which ranks second in the CL...has hit safely in each of his last seven games (8-for-22, .364) after going 5-for-24 (.208) over his first nine contests...**Alejandro De Aza (NR)** had his second two-hit game of the spring Thursday against Milwaukee and is 5-for-14 (.357) over his last seven games...has appeared in 12 games in left field and nine in center field...**Jaff Decker (NR)** has not played since March 17 (oblique), but is scheduled to play in a minor league game today...has appeared in nine games in center field, six in left field and two in right field...**Ryon Healy** hit a two-run home run Friday against Chicago (AL) and now has 16 RBI, which ranks second in the CL...those are the most RBI by an Athletic during the spring since 2010 when Kevin Kouzmanoff also had 16...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (5), tied for fourth in slugging (.700) and tied for fifth in total bases (35)...is 8-for-25 (.320) with two doubles and three home runs over his last eight contests...has appeared in seven games at first base, five at designated hitter and five at third base...**Matt Joyce** walked three times yesterday and now has 14 walks for the spring, which is tied for the Major League lead (Rickard, BAL)...those are the most walks by an Athletic during the spring since Daric Barton had 22 in 2010...is 2-for-18 (.111) with eight walks over his last eight games...**Ryan Lavanway (NR)** is 4-for-11 (.364) with a double in eight games since returning from the World Baseball Classic...started

all six games for Israel in the WBC and hit .444 (8-for-18) with five walks, two doubles, one home run and six RBI...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...**Jed Lowrie** is 9-for-28 (.321) over his last nine games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Bruce Maxwell** is 6-for-14 (.429) with four walks over his last eight games after going 2-for-21 (.095) with one walk over his first 11 contests...**Chris Parmelee (NR)** is 7-for-11 (.636) with three walks, four doubles and six RBI over his last five games...went 4-for-4 over a three-game stretch earlier this spring...is 1-for-18 in his other 13 games...has appeared in 11 games in right field, six at first base and three in left field...**Josh Phegley** is 4-for-18 (.222) with eight strikeouts over his last seven games...**Trevor Plouffe** has four straight multiple hit games and is 8-for-11 (.727) with six runs scored and five RBI over that span...is tied for eighth in the CL in runs (12)...is batting .402 (37-for-92) with six home runs and 25 RBI in 33 games over the last two springs...**Adam Rosales** is 0-for-6 over his last two games and is batting .171 overall...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop and five at second base...**Marcus Semien** is tied for ninth in the CL in RBI (13)...is 2-for-17 (.118) over his last seven games after hitting safely in each of his previous four contests (6-for-11, .545)...**Stephen Vogt** is 8-for-25 (.320) with six doubles and seven RBI over his last nine games...his six doubles are tied for ninth in the CL...**Joey Wendle** has not played since March 7 (right shoulder)...is 2-for-6 (.333) over his last two games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five.

**IN CAMP:** Following this morning's moves, the A's have 38 players in camp...the total includes 31 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and seven non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, four catchers, nine infielders and seven 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).

**THE STARTING ROTATION:** A's manager Bob Melvin has named Kendall Graveman as the Opening Day starting pitcher for Monday, April 3 against Los Angeles (AL)...first pitch is at 7:05...Graveman is scheduled to become Oakland's 11th different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last 12 years...Melvin also announced that Sean Manaea will start on Tuesday, April 4, and Jharel Cotton will face the Angels on Wednesday, April 5.

**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 has four remaining broadcasts this spring, including today against the Brewers (98.5 FM KFOX in the Bay Area) and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...two of the Giants games will air in the Bay Area on 95.7 FM The Game and the March 31 game will air 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...NBC Sports 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.

#### 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
March 17	Franklin Barreto, Matt Olson and Chad Pinder optioned to Nashville
March 19	Daniel Gossett, Matt McBride, Sean Murphy, Max Schrock and Chris Smith reassigned to minor league camp
March 26	Jesse Hahn optioned to Nashville; Ross Detwiler opts out of his minor league contract

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# TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

## STARTING PITCHER

**#45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (2-0, 6.55 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...allowed five runs in 3.2 innings in his last start after allowing one run in each of his first three starts (3.68 ERA)...also pitched in a Triple-A game March 15...opponents are 7-for-39 (.179) but he has issued nine walks in 11.0 innings...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
March 10	at Kansas City	11-7	W	3.68	3.1	0	1	1	1	5	0
March 21	at Seattle	8-5	W	6.55	3.2	5	5	5	5	2	0
<b>Totals (4 games, 4 starts)</b>				<b>2-0</b>	<b>6.55</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>

## #61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (0-0, 5.06 ERA)

Has allowed a run in two of his last three appearances, including his last outing Friday against Arizona (1.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb)...opponents are 8-for-21 (.381) with five walks in 5.1 innings...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.

## #62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Has allowed two runs in each of his last two appearances, including his last outing yesterday against Cincinnati when he took the loss (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 so)...yielded no runs or hits over his first two appearances (2.0 ip)...was 2-3 with four saves and a 3.23 ERA in 44 games last year in a season shortened by a two-month stint on the disabled list with a strained left shoulder...struck out 45 batters in 39.0 innings (10.38 per nine innings) and walked just eight (1.85 per nine innings)...had a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.63, which tied for ninth among American League relievers...had a .231 opponents batting average and .272 on-base percentage...16 of the 33 hits he allowed were for extra bases...had career highs in home runs (6), slugging percentage (.434) and OPS (.705)...his opponents batting average included a .206 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .250 against right-handers...issued seven of his eight walks to righties...allowed a .099 batting average with two strikes and a .176 average with two outs...opponents hit .213 with runners in scoring position...allowed 5-of-18 (27.8%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced hit .350 with a .409 on-base percentage and .625 slugging percentage.

## #72 FRANKIE MONTAS RHP (1-0, 2 SV, 1.13 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his four Cactus League appearances, including his last outing Wednesday at Chicago (AL) when he picked up his second save (2.0 ip, 1 h, 4 so)...is tied for second in the CL in saves...has tossed 2.0 innings in each of his four appearances...also pitched against Italy on March 8 (2.0 ip, 3 h, 3 so)...was one of three players acquired by the A's from Los Angeles in the 2016 trading deadline deal that sent Rich Hill and Josh Reddick to the Dodgers, but missed nearly the entire season due to rib cage injuries...began the year on the Dodgers 60-day disabled list with a fractured right rib cage, an injury suffered during the offseason...was sent to Double-A Tulsa on a rehab assignment May 22 and logged a 1.93 ERA in three games, including one start...was transferred to Triple-A Oklahoma City May 30 and made three additional rehab appearances before he was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Oklahoma City June 12...made one more appearance before going on the Triple-A DL June 19 with an inflamed right rib cage...missed the remainder of the season...logged a 2.38 ERA in four games (three starts) with Oklahoma City and was 0-0 with a 2.25 ERA in seven games (four starts) overall...struck out 22 batters in 16.0 innings (12.38 per nine innings) and walked just three (1.69 per nine innings).

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 26 at Milwaukee

**Brewers:** RHP Matt Garza, RHP Corey Knebel, RHP Jhan Marínez, RHP Taylor Jungmann

#### March 27 vs. Kansas City

**A's:** RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP John Axford, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Ryan Dull

**Royals:** LHP Jason Vargas, RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Chris Young

#### March 28 at Los Angeles (AL)

**A's:** RHP Raul Alcántara, RHP John Axford, RHP Liam Hendriks

**Angels:** RHP Bud Norris, RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Mike Morin, LHP Jose Alvarez, RHP Blake Parker

# 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
March 10	at Kansas City	W, 11-7	8-4	Cotton	Hammel	6,507	
March 11	Texas	W, 8-7	9-4	Shore	Wolff	6,072	36,267
March 12	Chicago (NL)	W, 9-8	10-4	Montas	Pugliese	10,606*	46,873
March 13	at Cincinnati	L, 1-3	10-5	Garrett	Graveman	3,075	
March 14	Colorado	L, 3-4	10-6	Estevez	Coulombe	5,611	52,484
March 15	OFF DAY						

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 16	at Cleveland	L, 5-6	10-7	McAllister	Triggs	6,314	
March 17	Arizona	L, 2-3	10-8	Bradley	Alcantara	8,210	60,694
March 18	San Diego	W, 2-1	11-8	Dull	Lee	7,303	67,997
March 19	at Colorado	L, 2-9	11-9	Gray	Hahn	8,682	
March 20	Arizona	L, 6-10	11-10	Wilhelmsen	Detwiler	7,412	75,409
March 21	at Seattle	W, 8-5	12-10	Cotton	Heston	8,080	
March 22	at Chicago (AL)	W, 5-3	13-10	Triggs	Gonzalez	3,895	
March 23	Milwaukee	W, 15-5	14-10	Alcantara	Guerra	6,164	81,573
March 24	Chicago (AL)	W, 8-2	15-10	Graveman	Putnam	7,027	88,600
March 25	Cincinnati	L, 6-11		Luetge	Doolittle	5,051	93,651
	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 6-11	15-12	Hatcher	Hahn	13,219	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 26	at Milwaukee	1:05	98.5 FM KFOX/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				