



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (16-12) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (15-13-1)

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won five of the last seven games and are 16-12 (.571), which is the second best record in the Cactus League to Seattle (19-12, .613)...the 16 wins are four 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...are tied for second in the CL in on-base percentage (.364), rank third in slugging (.475), fourth in walks (122), tied for fourth in triples (10) and fifth in doubles (67)...however, have the second fewest stolen bases (13)...have turned just 19 double plays, which is the fewest in the CL and tied for second fewest in the majors...the pitching staff has allowed 24 home runs, which is second fewest in the CL (San Francisco, 21)...however, have a 5.38 ERA, which is fifth highest...are 9-6 at Hohokam and 7-6 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 defeated Milwaukee at Maryvale by a score of 11-1...Brewers starter Matt Garza retired the first six Oakland hitters but the A's then sent 11 men to the plate in the third inning and scored five times...Max Schrock opened the scoring with a two-run double and Alejandro De Aza, Kenny Wilson and Bruce Maxwell followed with RBI singles...Oakland added four more runs in the fourth inning on a two-run double by Viosergy Rosa and a two-run home run by Maxwell...Maxwell added a second home run in the sixth inning and finished the day 3-for-4 with two runs, two home runs and four RBI...Jharel Cotton started for the A's and picked up the win (5.2 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 7 so)...Sean Doolittle (0.1 ip), John Axford (1.0 ip) and Frankie Montas (2.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief...Richie Martin added a RBI single in the fourth inning to complete the A's scoring.

**A's vs. ROYALS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...Oakland won the first game 11-7 at Surprise on March 10...it was the first time the A's defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10)...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 last 10 springs, the A's are 2-0 in Mesa, 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 1-8-1 at Surprise.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Yonder Alonso** homered twice last 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...is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (11) 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 five of his last six games and six 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 Sunday at Los Angeles (NL)...is 3-for-7 (.429) with a double, home run and three RBI over his last two games after going 0-for-8 with a walk and five strikeouts over his previous three contests...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 is tied for 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...**Jaff Decker (NR)** has not played in a CL game since March 17 (oblique)...did play in a minor league game yesterday...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 third in the CL...those are the most RBI by an Athletic during the spring since 2010 when Kevin Kouzmanoff also had 16...also ranks third in the CL in slugging (.686), tied for fourth in home runs (5) and tied for sixth in total bases (35)...is 8-for-26 (.308) with two doubles and three home runs over his last nine contests...has appeared in eight games at first base, five at designated hitter and five at third base...**Matt Joyce** walked three times Sunday against Cincinnati 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 Lavarney (NR)** is 4-for-12 (.333) in nine 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...**Chris Parmelee (NR)** is 7-for-14 (.500) with four walks, four doubles and six RBI over his last six games after going 0-for-4 over his previous five contests...has appeared in 12 games in right field, six at first base and three in left field...**Josh Phegley** is 5-for-22 (.227) with 11 strikeouts over his last eight 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 ninth 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 1-for-9 (.111) over his last three games and is batting .211 overall...has appeared in 11 games at shortstop and five at second base...**Marcus Semien** 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:** After releasing non-roster invitee Alejandro De Aza this morning, the A's now have 36 players in camp...the total includes 30 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and six non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders and six 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...Graveman will be followed in the rotation by Sean Manaea, Jharel Cotton, Andrew Triggs and Raul Alcantara.

**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.

**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 three remaining broadcasts this spring, all 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 contest 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 and Bruce Maxwell optioned to Nashville; Ross Detwiler opts out of his minor league contract
March 27	Alejandro De Aza released

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# TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

## STARTING PITCHER

**#60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (1-1, 5.06 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and fourth start of the spring... has started in each of his last three outings (9 er in 12.0 ip, 6.75 ERA) after pitching in relief in his first two appearances (0 er in 4.0 ip)...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.

### TRIGGS' 2017 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 28	Cleveland	5-4	-	0.00	2.0	2	1	0	0	3	0
*March 5	at Seattle	5-4	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
March 11	Texas	8-7	-	1.23	3.1	4	2	1	0	1	0
March 16	at Cleveland	4-5	L	5.73	3.2	5	6	6	2	3	0
March 22	at Chicago (AL)	5-3	W	5.06	5.0	3	2	2	0	4	1
<b>Totals (5 games, 3 starts)</b>			<b>1-1</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

\*indicates relief appearance

## #61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (0-0, 4.26 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his six appearances, including his last outing yesterday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h)...opponents are 9-for-24 (.375) with five walks in 6.1 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.

## #35 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-2, 7.20 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in his last two outings (4.1 ip, 1 h, 4 so) after surrendering at least one run in each of his first five appearances (12.71 ERA)...last pitched on Thursday against Milwaukee (2.1 ip, 1 h, 2 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.

## #66 RYAN DULL RHP (2-0, 1.69 ERA)

Has not allowed a run or a hit in five of his six appearances, including his last outing Friday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 2-for-18 (.111)...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 27 vs. Kansas City

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

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

**A's:** RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Simon Castro  
**Angels:** RHP Bud Norris, RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Mike Morin, LHP Jose Alvarez, RHP Blake Parker

#### March 29 at Chicago (NL)

**A's:** RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Santiago Casilla, LHP Sean Doolittle  
**Cubs:** RHP John Lackey

# 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	
March 26	at Milwaukee	W, 11-1	16-12	Cotton	Garza	5,552	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				