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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (16-14) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (11-17-5)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017 – SLOAN PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost four of the last five games but are 16-14 (.533) overall, which is the fourth best record in the Cactus League...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 (.361), rank third in walks (128) and fourth in triples (11)...however, have the second fewest stolen bases (13)...have turned just 21 double plays, which is the fewest in the CL and third fewest in the majors...have a 5.82 ERA, which is third highest in the CL...are 9-7 at Hohokam and 7-7 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 lost to the Angels at Tempe, 14-3...Logan Shore started for Oakland and retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced...he then allowed one run in the fourth inning and took the loss (4.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 3 so) as the A's were shutout on three hits and two walks over the first eight innings...Liam Hendriks relieve Shore and surrendered five runs in the fifth inning after allowing no earned runs over his first six games this spring...Grant Holmes then allowed five runs in the sixth inning while retiring just two batters...Oakland scored all of its runs in the ninth inning, highlighted by RBI singles from Brett Vertigan and B.J. Boyd...Boyd had two of the A's six hits.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...Oakland lost the first meeting in the Cactus League opener on Feb. 25 at Sloan Park, 4-3, and won a 9-8 decision at Hohokam on March 12...last spring, the A's played to a 3-3 tie at Hohokam on March 13 and lost 9-5 at Sloan on March 29...are 2-4-2 against the Cubs over the last three springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Yonder Alonso** homered twice last Thursday against Milwaukee for his fourth two-hit game of the spring...is 15-for-40 (.375) with four home runs and 12 RBI over his last 16 games...ranks third in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.474), tied for fifth in walks (11), seventh in slugging (.652) and ninth in batting (.348)...is batting .344 (33-for-96) over the last two springs...**Mark Canha** is 3-for-19 (.158) over his last six games...has played center field in six of his last seven games and seven times overall...also has six games in right field and three in left field...**Matt Chapman (NR)** is 4-for-12 (.333) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last four games...is tied for fourth 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...has not played since March 22...**Rajai Davis** has hit safely in each of his last eight games (9-for-25, .360) after going 5-for-24 (.208) over his first nine contests...has four stolen bases in his last seven games and six for the spring, which is tied for second in the CL...**Jaff Decker (NR)** is 2-for-5 (.400) with a double over his last two games, which are his first games since March 17 (oblique)...has appeared in nine games in center field, eight in left field and two in right field...**Ryon Healy** hit a two-run home run last Friday against Chicago (AL) and now has 16 RBI, which is tied for 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 tied for fifth in the CL in home runs (5) and eighth in slugging (.648)...is 1-for-15 over his last five games...has appeared in eight games at first base, six at third base and five at designated hitter...**Matt Joyce** walked three times Sunday against Cincinnati and now has 14 walks for the spring, which is tied for the Major League lead (DeShields, TEX and Rickard, BAL)...those are the most walks by an Athletic during the spring since Daric Barton had 22 in 2010...is 2-for-21 (.095) with eight walks over his last nine games...**Ryan Lavarney (NR)** is 6-for-15 (.400) in 11 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 10-for-31 (.323) over his last 10 games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Chris Parmelee (NR)** is 8-for-20 (.400) with five walks, four doubles and six RBI over his last eight games after going 0-for-4 over his previous five contests...has appeared in 14 games in right field, six at first base and three in left field...**Josh Phegley** is 6-for-19 (.316) over his last six games after going 3-for-19 (.158) over his first nine contests...**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 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-12 with seven strikeouts over his last four games and is batting .195 overall...has appeared in 12 games at shortstop and five at second base...**Marcus Semien** is 2-for-20 (.100) over his last eight games after hitting safely in each of his previous four contests (6-for-11, .545)...**Stephen Vogt** is 8-for-28 (.286) with six doubles and seven RBI over his last 10 games.

IN CAMP: The A's 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...Graveman is scheduled to become Oakland's 11th different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last 12 years...he will be followed in the rotation by Sean Manaea, Jharel Cotton, Andrew Triggs and Raul Alcantara.

OPENING DAY NOTES: The A's will open their 50th season in Oakland on Monday, April 3 against Los Angeles (AL)...first pitch is at 7:05...have won 16 American League West titles, two AL Wild Cards, six AL pennants and four World Championships in Oakland...only the New York Yankees (18) and Atlanta Braves (17) have more division titles than the A's...since the A's moved to Oakland in 1968, only the Yankees (11) and Cardinals (8) have more league championships and only the Yankees have more world championships (7)...have lost 11 of their last 12 openers and are 5-18 in the first game of the season dating back to 1994...will face the Angels to start the season for the fifth time in Oakland history...are 2-2 in the previous four meetings, including a 3-2 win in the only game in Oakland on April 6, 1982...last faced the Angels on Opening Day on April 6, 2009 at Anaheim, a 3-0 loss.

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...CSN 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

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (0-0, 7.71 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his five appearances, including his last outing Saturday against Cincinnati when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning (1.0 ip)...surrendered two runs in each of his other two games...was signed by the A's as a free agent to a two-year contract Jan. 20, 2017...went 2-5 with 31 saves and a 3.57 ERA in 62 relief appearances with San Francisco last year...ranked sixth in the National League in saves but had a career-high nine blown saves, which tied for the most in the majors (Jones, CWS)...his save percentage of 77.5% was fourth lowest in the NL...the saves were second most in his career to his 38 from 2015...struck out a career-high 65 batters in 58.0 innings...walked just 19 and his average of 2.95 walks per nine innings was the second lowest mark of his career (2.31 in 2014)...had a career-best strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.42...hit a career-high five batters and matched his career high by allowing eight home runs (also 2012)...allowed a .235 opponents batting average, including .215 against right-handed hitters compared to .265 against left-handers...opponents hit .173 with runners in scoring position, including .077 with RISP and two outs...allowed just 1-of-18 (5.6%) inherited runners to score.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-1, 8.31 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his five appearances, including his last outing Sunday at Maryvale (0.1 ip, 1 so)...surrendered two runs in each of his other two games...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.

#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (0-0, 6.43 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his last five appearances, including his last outing Saturday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 2 h)...opponents are 12-for-30 (.400)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 29 at Chicago (NL)

Cubs: RHP John Lackey

March 30 at San Francisco

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP John Axford, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Frankie Montas

Giants: RHP Johnny Cueto

March 31 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Santiago Casilla, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Ryan Dull

Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija

April 1 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Raul Alcantara

Giants: RHP Tyler Beede

2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-4	0-1	Berg	C.Smith	14,929		March 16	at Cleveland	L, 5-6	10-7	McAllister	Triggs	6,314	
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-5	0-2	Miller	Kurcz	4,072	4,072	March 17	Arizona	L, 2-3	10-8	Bradley	Alcantara	8,210	60,694
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	W, 5-4	1-2	Castro	Suarez	7,385		March 18	San Diego	W, 2-1	11-8	Dull	Lee	7,303	67,997
Feb. 28	Cleveland	W, 5-4	2-2	J.Smith	Russell	3,108	7,180	March 19	at Colorado	L, 2-9	11-9	Gray	Hahn	8,682	
March 1	at San Diego	L, 0-5	2-3	Bawcom	Coulombe	1,864		March 20	Arizona	L, 6-10	11-10	Wilhelmsen	Detwiler	7,412	75,409
March 2	Texas	W, 5-1	3-3	Hahn	Hauschild	3,326	10,506	March 21	at Seattle	W, 8-5	12-10	Cotton	Heston	8,080	
March 3	San Francisco	W, 6-1	4-3	Graveman	Samardzija	8,203	18,709	March 22	at Chicago (AL)	W, 5-3	13-10	Triggs	Gonzalez	3,895	
March 4	Cleveland	L, 5-15	4-4	Clevinger	Manaea	6,707	25,416	March 23	Milwaukee	W, 15-5	14-10	Alcantara	Guerra	6,164	81,573
March 5	at Seattle	W, 5-4	5-4	Detwiler	DeJong	6,639		March 24	Chicago (AL)	W, 8-2	15-10	Graveman	Putnam	7,027	88,600
March 6	OFF DAY							March 25	Cincinnati	L, 6-11		Luetge	Doolittle	5,051	93,651
March 7	at Arizona	W, 21-13	6-4	Dull	Bradley	8,208			at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 6-11	15-12	Hatcher	Hahn	13,219	
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	W, 7-0		Graveman	Oberto	3,204		March 26	at Milwaukee	W, 11-1	16-12	Cotton	Garza	5,552	
March 9	Cincinnati	W, 12-5	7-4	Manaea	Adelman	4,779	30,195	March 27	Kansas City	L, 3-10	16-13	Vargas	Cotton	5,357	99,008
March 10	at Kansas City	W, 11-7	8-4	Cotton	Hammel	6,507		March 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-14	16-14	Alvarez	Shore	7,716	
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	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 13	at Cincinnati	L, 1-3	10-5	Garrett	Graveman	3,075		March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05					
March 14	Colorado	L, 3-4	10-6	Estevez	Coulombe	5,611	52,484	March 30	at San Francisco	7:15	95.7 FM	The Game/A's Radio Network			
March 15	OFF DAY							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			