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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (16-16) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (17-16)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M. PDT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (102.9 FM KBLX)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost four straight and six of the last seven games... are now 16-16 for the spring with two games remaining...went 12-17-3 (.422) last spring, which 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...have allowed 65 runs in the last seven games (59 er in 59.0 ip, 9.00 ERA) and have a 6.03 ERA overall, which is second highest in the majors (Cincinnati, 6.13)...logged a 6.10 ERA last spring, which was second highest by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (6.22 in 1999)...have surrendered just 34 home runs, which is fifth fewest in the CL...have issued the fifth most walks (115) and have the second fewest strikeouts (235)...the offense ranks third in the CL in walks (129), fourth in on-base percentage (.357) and tied for fourth in triples (11)...however, have the fewest stolen bases in the CL and third fewest in the majors (13)...have struck out 278 times, which is fourth most in the CL and the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990...have turned just 22 double plays, which is the fewest in the CL and third fewest in the majors...went 9-7 at Hohokam and are 7-9 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 at San Francisco, 3-0...it was the second time Oakland was shutout this spring (March 1 at San Diego, 5-0)...Sean Manaea started for the A's and retired all 12 batters that he faced (4.0 ip, 2 so)...John Axford followed with a scoreless fifth inning before Daniel Coulombe allowed a run in one inning of work...he was charged with his third loss of the spring...Liam Hendriks allowed two runs in one-third of an inning and Frankie Montas blanked the Giants on two hits over the final 1.2 innings...Oakland collected six hits, including two each by Rajai Davis and Jed Lowrie.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fourth of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...Oakland won the first game at Scottsdale on Feb. 27 by a score of 5-4, and the second game in Mesa on March 3, 6-1...lost last night here at San Francisco, 3-0...the two clubs close out Spring Training tomorrow in Oakland at 12:05...the A's went 4-2 last spring, winning one game in Mesa, two in Scottsdale and one in Oakland...the two losses came in San Francisco...Oakland is now 19-7 over its last 26 spring games against the Giants...have a nine-game winning streak against San Francisco in Arizona (five at Scottsdale, four at Mesa).

PLAYER NOTES: **Yonder Alonso** is 18-for-45 (.400) with four home runs and 12 RBI over his last 18 games...ranks third in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.484), fifth in batting (.373), tied for fifth in walks (11) and seventh in slugging (.647)...is batting .356 (36-for-101) over the last two springs...**Mark Canha** is 0-for-12 over his last five games...has played center field in seven of his last nine games and eight times overall...also has six games in right field, three in left field and three at designated hitter...**Matt Chapman (NR)** is 4-for-13 (.308) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last five games...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...**Chris 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 nine games (11-for-29, .379) after going 5-for-24 (.208) over his first nine contests...has four stolen bases in his last eight games and six for the spring, which is tied for second in the CL...**Jaff Decker (NR)** is 2-for-8 (.250) with a double and two walks in four games over the last four days...prior to that, had not played since March 17 (oblique)...has appeared in 10 games in left field, nine in center field and two in right field...**Ryon Healy** is 2-for-21 (.095) over his last seven games...has 16 RBI, which are tied for fourth in the CL and are the most by an Athletic during the spring since 2010 when Kevin Kouzmanoff also had 16...is also tied for eighth in the CL in home runs (5)...has appeared in eight games at first base, seven at third base and six at designated hitter...**Matt Joyce** walked three times last Sunday against Cincinnati and now has 14 walks for the spring, which is tied for the CL lead (DeShields, TEX)...those are the most walks by an Athletic during the spring since Daric Barton had 22 in 2010...is 3-for-27 (.111) with eight walks over his last 11 games...**Andrew Lambo (minors)** was originally a non-roster invitee before being reassigned to minor league camp March 12...had two hits Wednesday at Chicago (NL), including a three-run home run...**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** had his third multiple-hit game yesterday at San Francisco and is 13-for-37 (.351) over his last 12 games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Richie Martin (minors)** was originally a non-roster invitee before being reassigned to minor league camp March 12...is 8-for-17 (.471) over his last eight games...**Matt McBride (minors)** was originally a non-roster invitee before being reassigned to minor league camp March 19...went 2-for-3 with his first home run Wednesday at Chicago (NL) after going 1-for-9 (.111) over his first seven games...**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...has not played since March 25...is batting .402 (37-for-92) with six home runs and 25 RBI in 33 games over the last two springs...**Adam Rosales** is 2-for-14 (.143) with eight strikeouts over his last five games and is batting .209 overall...has appeared in 12 games at shortstop and six at second base...**Max Schrock (minors)** was originally a non-roster invitee before being reassigned to minor league camp March 19...is 8-for-19 (.421) over his last eight games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first 11 contests...**Marcus Semien** is 3-for-26 (.115) over his last 10 games...all three of the hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run) and he has six RBI over that stretch...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (15)...**J.P. Sportman (minors)** is 2-for-8 (.250) in eight games this spring as an extra from the minor league camp...**Stephen Vogt** is 0-for-10 over his last four games after going 8-for-24 (.333) with six doubles over his previous eight contests.

IN CAMP: The A's have 36 players in camp, which includes five players likely to start the year on the DL (Bassitt, Gray, Mengden, Smolinski, Wendle)...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).

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 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.

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 will broadcast each of the two remaining games against the Giants...tonight's contest will air in the Bay Area on 102.9 FM KBLX and Saturday's game will return to the A's flagship station, 95.7 FM The Game...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 tomorrow against the Giants in Oakland (12:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast.

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

#45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (3-0, 4.86 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth start of the spring...is tied for second in the Cactus League in wins (3)...has allowed one run in four of his five starts (surrendered five in the other)...opponents are 11-for-61 (.180) but he has issued 10 walks in 16.2 innings...also pitched in a Triple-A game March 15...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
March 26	at Milwaukee	11-1	W	4.86	5.2	4	1	1	1	7	1
Totals (5 games, 5 starts)				3-0	4.86	16.2	11	9	9	10	1

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (0-0, 16.20 ERA)

Has allowed at least two runs in three of his six appearances, including his last outing on Wednesday at Chicago-NL (0.1 ip, 2 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 2 hr)...opponents are 8-for-22 (.364) with five walks in 5.0 innings...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, 8.44 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in three of his six appearances, including his last outing Wednesday at Chicago-NL (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...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.

#66 RYAN DULL RHP (2-0, 2.84 ERA)

Has not allowed a run or a hit in five of his seven appearances...opponents are 3-for-22 (.136)...last pitched on Monday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er)...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).

#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Has surrendered at least one run in four of his eight appearances, including his last outing Wednesday at Chicago-NL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 hr)...opponents are 13-for-34 (.382)...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 31 at San Francisco

Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija

April 1 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Raul Alcantara

Giants: RHP Tyler Beede

REGULAR SEASON PROBABLES

Monday, April 3 vs. Los Angeles (AL), 7:05 PM, NBCSCA/95.7 FM

RHP Kendall Graveman (10-11, 4.11 in 2016) vs.

RHP Ricky Nolasco (8-14, 4.42 in 2016)

Tuesday, April 4 vs. Los Angeles (AL), 7:05, NBCSCA-Streaming/102.9 FM

LHP Sean Manaea (7-9, 3.86 in 2016) vs.

RHP Matt Shoemaker (9-13, 3.88 in 2016)

Wednesday, April 5 vs. Los Angeles (AL), 7:05, NBCSCA/98.5 FM

RHP Jharel Cotton (2-0, 2.15 in 2016) vs.

RHP Garrett Richards (1-3, 2.34 in 2016)

Thursday, April 6 vs. Los Angeles (AL), 12:35, NBCSCA/95.7 FM

RHP Andrew Triggs (1-1, 4.31 in 2016) vs.

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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	
March 27	Kansas City	L, 3-10	16-13	Vargas	Cotton	5,357	99,008
March 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-14	16-14	Alvarez	Shore	7,716	
March 29	at Chicago (NL)	L, 11-15	16-15	Uehara	Jefferies	15,448	
March 30	at San Francisco	L, 0-3	16-16	Blach	Coulombe	39,380	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				