



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-0) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (0-0)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 46th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday, including their 33rd and final spring in Phoenix...return to Mesa next spring, where the A's trained from 1969-78 after moving from Florida...moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...yesterday marked just the second time the A's have won a Cactus League opener since 2004 (15-7 win over the Cubs at Mesa, February 27, 2011)...have not won the first two games of the spring since 2003 when they defeated Milwaukee in the first two contests...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring, including 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29)...the A's went 17-13-3 last spring, which was the third best record in the Cactus League and sixth best in the majors...went 15-7-2 in 2012, marking the first time they have posted a winning record in consecutive springs since 2007-08.

PHOENIX MUNI FAREWELL: This is the A's final spring in Phoenix as last March the team and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the A's to return to Mesa beginning in 2015...Oakland, which also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years, will conduct workouts at Fitch Park and play its Spring Training games at Hohokam Stadium, the former home of the Chicago Cubs...Fitch Park and Hohokam Stadium are currently undergoing \$20 million in renovations.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the Giants, 10-5 at Scottsdale...Oakland scored four times in the first inning, highlighted by RBI singles by Josh Reddick, Alberto Callaspo and John Jaso...the A's then added six more runs in the fourth inning including a two-run single by Brandon Moss and a two-run triple by Stephen Vogt...Reddick also robbed Michael Morse of two home runs in the second and fourth inning...Jesse Chavez started for the A's and pitched 2.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 1 so)...Fernando Abad, Evan Scribner, Andrew Werner and Fernando Nieve added a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's collected 16 hits, including two each from Sam Fuld, Nick Punto, Moss and Callaspo.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 4 and travel to Maryvale the next day...split their two meetings last year, with Milwaukee winning 2-1 in Maryvale February 23 and Oakland earning a 9-7 win in Phoenix March 25.

IN CAMP: The A's have 55 players in camp, including 40 players on the 40-man roster and 15 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, seven catchers, 12 infielders and eight outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty, who is on the 60-day disabled list.

OFF SEASON MOVES: In the course of 72 hours in December, the A's added five players in four separate transactions...on Dec. 2, the A's acquired closer Jim Johnson from Baltimore...the A's made two more deals the next day, adding Luke Gregerson from San Diego and Craig Gentry and Josh Lindblom from Texas...the A's capped the three-day spree by signing Scott Kazmir to a two-year contract Dec. 4...other off season highlights include the signing of free agent Nick Punto on Nov. 13 and a two-year deal with free agent Eric O'Flaherty Jan. 22.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have four players under contract beyond the 2014 season...Yoenis Céspedes, Scott Kazmir and Eric O'Flaherty are signed through 2015 and Coco Crisp is signed through 2016 with a vesting option for 2017...Nick Punto has a vesting option for 2015 and minor leaguer Hirofumi Nakajima has a club option for 2015.

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Three of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Addison Russell (#1), Raul Alcantara (#3) and Michael Ynoa (#4)...Russell is ranked No. 3 on ESPN.com's Top 100 Prospects list, No. 12 on MLB.com and No. 14 by *Baseball America*.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his third full season with the A's, welcomes back his entire coaching staff from last year: pitching coach Curt Young (9th season), first base coach Tye Waller (8th season), third base coach Mike Gallego (6th season), bench coach Chip Hale (3rd season), hitting coach Chili Davis (3rd season) and bullpen coach Darren Bush (2nd season).

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers will report to Papago Park Monday, March 3 (first workout is March 4), while position players report Sunday, March 9 (first workout, March 10)...Triple-A and Double-A games begin March 10 and Single-A games commence March 17.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse at Phoenix Municipal Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times

for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the games begin, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at 9:15 am...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play...at that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room...lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner...complimentary parking is available in the main lot at Phoenix Muni at the corner of Van Buren and Priest by presenting your credential to the attendant.

A's MEDIA ALERTS: New for the 2014 season, the A's Public Relations Department has created a media-only Twitter account to provide as up-to-date information as possible...for clubhouse hours, interview times and various media alerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts.

A's ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 15 games this spring, including 12 from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games, all Giants games (except the split squad on March 15) and March 13 against Colorado...Ken Korach returns for his 19th year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (ninth) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 29th season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including the March 13th against the Rockies (7:05 PM) and March 28 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 PM)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, eight games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are March 2 vs. LAA (1:00 pm PT), March 3 vs. LAD (6:00 pm PT), March 5 vs. MIL (12:00 am PT on March 6), March 10 vs. LAD (7:00 am PT on March 11), March 15 vs. TEX (1:00 am PT on March 16), March 18 vs. CWS (1:00 pm PT), March 23 vs. CHI (12:00 am PT on March 24), March 24 vs. TEX (11:00 pm PT).

2013 RECAP: The A's compiled a 96-66 record, which was second best in the American League and tied for third best in the majors...it was the second consecutive season the A's finished with the second best record in the AL...won their second straight AL West title, marking the fourth time in Oakland history the A's have won consecutive division championships (1971-75, 1988-90, 2002-03)...it was the A's sixth AL West crown in the last 14 years and their 16th since moving to Oakland...only the Yankees (18) and Braves (17) have more division championships...appeared in postseason play for the 17th time in Oakland history and 25th time in Athletics history...only the Yankees (51), Dodgers (27) and Cardinals (26) have more postseason appearances...finished 5½ games ahead of second place Texas, which was the A's largest margin since 1992 when they won the West by six games...the 96-66 (.593) record was the A's best since 2003 when they also went 96-66...it tied for the ninth best record in Oakland history...won 90 games for the second consecutive season and eighth time in the last 14 years...have 17 seasons with 90 or more wins since moving to Oakland in 1968...the only Major League teams with as many 90-win seasons over that span are the Yankees (23) and Atlanta (17)...are 190-134 over the last two years, which is tied with Atlanta for the best record in the majors.

TICKET INFORMATION: Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are on sale at www.oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255)...the Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games...base ticket are: \$25 (Field Box), \$24 (Lower Box), \$18 (Upper Box) and \$12 (Outfield Reserve)...for Spring Training season tickets, call the A's Tickets Services Office at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 17 Joe Savery claimed off waivers from Philadelphia; Eric O'Flaherty placed on the 60-day disabled list (Tommy John surgery)

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, media guide and more at <http://pressbox.athletics.com>

WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (12-9, 4.14 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...spent the first four months of the 2013 season in the starting rotation but split the final two months of the year between the bullpen, rotation and minor leagues...was 12-9 with a 4.14 ERA in 28 games, 26 starts...had a .258 opponents batting average and .301 on-base percentage, which were the lowest marks of his career...had career highs in ERA (4.14), walks (39) and home runs (25) and matched his high in extra base hits (59)...his opponents batting average included a .247 (121-for-489) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .298 (39-for-131) against left-handers...surrendered 21 of his 25 home runs to righties, which tied for fourth most in the American League...allowed a .216 batting average with runners in scoring position, which ranked eighth in the AL...received just 10 runs of support in his nine losses (1.78 RSA)...the A's were 16-10 (.615) in his 26 starting assignments and are 36-21 (.632) in his career.

#55 MATT BUSCHMANN RHP (14-5, 2.86 ERA in minors in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 20, 2013...combined for a 14-5 record and a 2.86 ERA in 29 games, including 28 starts, for Double-A Montgomery and Triple-A Durham in the Tampa Bay organization last year...struck out 167 batters, which was third most in all of minor league baseball...tied for third in the minors in wins...allowed just 10 home runs in 160.2 innings, an average of 0.56 per nine innings...had career highs in wins, games started, innings pitched, walks (67) and strikeouts and the ERA was a career low...began the season at Montgomery and went 6-3 with a 2.69 ERA in 11 starts before he was promoted to Durham May 31...compiled an 8-2 record, one save and a 2.97 ERA in 18 games, 17 starts, with the Bulls...combined with both clubs for a .234 opponents batting average, which included a .195 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 against left-handers.

#47 PHILIP HUMBER RHP (0-8, 7.90 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract October 29, 2013...split the 2013 season between Houston and Triple-A Oklahoma City...was on the Astros' Opening Day roster and went 0-8 with a 7.90 ERA in 17 games, including seven starts, over two stints...also went 2-4 with a 4.68 ERA in 20 games, including seven starts, with Triple-A Oklahoma City...his ERA with the Astros was the highest mark in the majors in 2013 and the highest in Houston history among pitchers with 50 or more innings pitched...using the same minimum, he had the second highest opponents slugging percentage in the majors (.575) and fourth highest opponents batting average (.322)...his opponents batting average included a mark of .189 against right-handed hitters compared to .433 against left-handers...his career splits are .229 against righties compared to .303 against lefties...received just three runs of support in his seven starting assignments (0.80 RSA).

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (3-8, 50 SV, 2.94 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles for Jemile Weeks and a player to be named later (minor leaguer David Freitas), December 2, 2013...led the American League and tied Atlanta's Craig Kimbrel for the Major League lead with 50 saves...also led the majors with 51 saves in 2012 and is the second pitcher in ML history to lead the majors in saves in back-to-back seasons (Rollie Fingers, 1977-78)...is the second reliever in ML history with back-to-back 50-save seasons (Eric Gagne, 2002-03)...his 50 saves in 2013 tied for sixth most in AL history and were second most in Baltimore history to his record of 51 in 2012...was 3-8 with a 2.94 ERA in career-high 74 appearances...the appearances ranked sixth in the AL...was charged with a career-high and ML leading nine blown saves and his save percentage of 84.7% ranked 10th in the AL...opponents grounded into 17 double plays, which were the most in the majors among relievers and a career high.

#68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (9-8, 4.13 ERA in minors in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...combined for a 9-8 record and a 4.13 ERA in 25 games, including 24 starts, with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento last year...had just 12 starts over his first five seasons in the A's farm system...issued just 24 walks, an average of 1.50 per nine innings...had career highs in nearly every category, including wins, starts, innings pitched (144.0) and strikeouts (97)...tied for ninth in the A's farm system in wins and ranked 10th in innings pitched...allowed a .292 opponents batting average, including .247 (80-for-324) against right-handed hitters compared to .348 (88-for-253) against left-handers...began the season with the RockHounds and went 4-5 with a 3.84 ERA and .295 opponents batting average in 13 starts...was promoted to Sacramento July 2 and went 5-3 with a 4.42 ERA and .287 opponents batting average in 12 games, 11 starts, with the River Cats.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (2-0, 1.38 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Sacramento where he went 1-0 with 15 saves and a 0.99 ERA in 23 relief appearances...was promoted to Oakland June 14 and finished the season with the A's, going 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in 33 games...also worked in four of the A's five ALDS games against Detroit and did not allow a run in 5.2 innings...his 1.38 ERA was the third lowest mark in Oakland history by a rookie with 30 or more innings pitched...did not allow a home run in 39.0 innings...has not allowed a home run in 51.1 career innings...walked just six batters, an average of 1.38 per nine innings, which ranked third lowest among AL relievers...is just the second Oakland A's reliever to average fewer than 1.46 walks per nine innings (Dennis Eckersley did it six times)...has walked eight batters in his career (1.40 per nine innings)...allowed a .276 batting average, including .269 against left-handed hitters compared to .284 against right-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Feb. 27 vs. Milwaukee

Brewers: RHP Marco Estrada, RHP Wily Peralta, LHP Zach Duke, LHP Will Smith, RHP Rob Wooten, RHP Donovan Hand

Feb. 28 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Jarrod Parker, RHP Michael Ynoa, RHP Raul Alcantara, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Evan Scribner.
Giants: LHP Edwin Escobar, RHP JC Gutierrez, RHP George Kontos, RHP Chris Heston, RHP Jose Casilla

2014 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 26	at San Francisco	W, 10-5	1-0	Chavez	Petit	6,498	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
Feb. 27	Milwaukee	1:05					
Feb. 28	San Francisco	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 1	Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 2	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 3	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05					
March 4	Milwaukee	1:05					
	at Chicago (NL)	1:05					
March 5	at Milwaukee	1:05					
March 6	at Arizona	1:05					
March 7	Arizona	1:05					
March 8	at Colorado	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 9	Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 10	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05					
March 11	at San Diego	1:05					
March 12	Kansas City	1:05					
March 13	Colorado	7:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 14	at Kansas City	1:05	
March 15	Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at San Francisco	3:05	
March 16	at Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 17	Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 18	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 19	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 20	OFF DAY		
March 21	at San Francisco	6:35	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 22	Seattle	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 23	Chicago (NL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at Seattle	1:05	
March 24	at Texas	1:05	
March 25	Cincinnati	1:05	
March 26	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	
March 27	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 29	San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network