



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (0-1)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have split the first two games of the spring, losing to the Brewers 11-3 here at Phoenix Muni yesterday after defeating the Giants 10-5 in Scottsdale on Wednesday...this is the A's 46<sup>th</sup> Spring Training in Arizona including their 33<sup>rd</sup> 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...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.

**YESTERDAY:** The A's lost to Milwaukee 11-3 in Phoenix...Tommy Milone started for the A's and took the loss, allowing two runs in the first inning and another in the second (2.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...Jim Johnson made his A's debut in the fourth inning (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er) and Arnold Leon retired the side in order in the seventh and eighth innings (2.0 ip, 2 so)...the A's scored twice in the first inning on a two-run double by Jed Lowrie, and once more in the ninth on a Shane Peterson RBI single...the A's collected 10 hits, including two each by Josh Reddick and Jose Martinez.

**A's vs. GIANTS:** This is the second of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's won the first contest Wednesday in Scottsdale 10-5...the clubs meet again in Scottsdale March 15 and 21...also play three times in the Bay Area: March 27 and 28 in San Francisco and March 29 in Oakland...the A's won three of five games last spring...lost in Phoenix, won in Scottsdale, split two games in San Francisco and won in Oakland.

**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.

**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.

**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 a.m...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 a.m...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 19<sup>th</sup> year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (ninth) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 29<sup>th</sup> season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including the March 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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...it is 6½ games better than the next closest AL team (Texas, 184-141).

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are on sale at [www.oaklandathletics.com/spring](http://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)  
Feb. 27 Jake Elmore acquired from Chicago (AL) for cash; Andy Parrino designated for assignment

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

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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

**#11 JARROD PARKER RHP (12-8, 3.97 ERA in 2013)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...went 12-8 with a 3.97 ERA in 32 starts in his second season with the A's last year after going 13-8 with a 3.47 ERA in 29 starts as a rookie in 2012...led the A's in runs (92) and walks (63) and tied for the team lead in games started and hit batters (7)...surrendered 25 home runs, which more than doubled his 2012 total of 11...went 2-6 with a 5.76 ERA and .294 opponents batting average over his first 10 starts, 9-0 with a 2.59 ERA and .205 opponents average over his next 18 starts from May 28 to Sept. 4 and 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .299 opponents average over his final four starts...tied for fourth in the AL in wins from May 28 to Sept. 4 and had the fifth lowest ERA...allowed a .242 opponents batting average, which included a .221 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .257 against left-handers...the mark against righties was seventh lowest in the AL...opponents hit .219 with runners in scoring position, which ranked ninth in the AL.

**#53 JEREMY McBRYDE RHP (4-4, 15 SV, 2.35 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 18, 2013...spent the entire 2013 season at Double-A San Antonio for the second consecutive year and was 4-4 with a career-high 15 saves and a career-low 2.35 ERA in 61 appearances...struck out 73 in 61.1 innings and walked just 15 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.87...his 61 games pitched were second most in all of the minor leagues...led the Texas League in games pitched and ranked third in saves...was also second with 13 holds...allowed a .186 opponents batting average, which was the lowest mark among TL relievers... also ranked second among relievers in strikeout per nine innings (10.71) and fourth in fewest walks per nine innings (2.20)...his opponents batting average included a .154 average against right-handed hitters compared to .244 against left-handers...logged a 2.70 ERA in six relief appearances for Cibao in the Dominican Winter League following the season.

**#70 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (12-6, 3.22 ERA in minors in 2013)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...split the 2013 season between the A's two Single-A affiliates at Beloit and Stockton and combined for a 12-6 record and a 3.22 ERA in 27 games, all starts...had career highs in wins, games started, innings pitched (156.1) and strikeouts (124)...tied for second in the A's farm system in wins, ranked third in ERA, fourth in innings and fifth in strikeouts...was rated as the A's No. 3 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season...tied for fifth among all Single-A pitchers in wins, ranked seventh in innings pitched and tied for seventh in starts...had a 10-game winning streak from April 9 to July 8 and compiled a 2.06 ERA over that 16-start stretch...surrendered 11 home runs for the season, an average of 0.63 per nine innings...issued 24 walks or 1.38 per nine innings...held the opposition to a .258 opponents batting average, including .257 (66-for-257) against left-handed hitters compared to .259 (91-for-352) against right-handers.

**#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the sixth inning of his first outing Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 so)...spent most of the season with Triple-A Sacramento but appeared in 18 games over five stints with the A's...had no decisions, a 4.39 ERA and .243 opponents batting average...allowed a .220 (11-for-50) opponents average against left-handed hitters compared to .263 (15-for-57) with all three of his home runs against right-handers...was 3-1 with a save, a 2.22 ERA and .192 opponents batting average in 31 relief appearances with the River Cats...yielded just two home runs in 44.2 innings...walked just nine batters while striking out 58 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 6.44...averaged 1.81 walks per nine innings and 11.69 strikeouts...allowed just 3-of-20 (15.0%) inherited runners to score...his opponents batting average included a .164 (12-for-73) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .213 (20-for-94) against right-handers...opponents were 2-for-21 (.095) with runners in scoring position and two outs.

**#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (5-5, 2 SV, 3.13 ERA in 2013)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...went 5-5 with two saves and a 3.13 ERA in 70 relief appearances with the A's last year...allowed just 2-of-32 (6.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest mark in the Majors Leagues...dating back to 1974, the first year inherited runner data is available, that is the lowest mark in Oakland history and the sixth best mark in the majors...has allowed just 5-of-54 (9.3%) inherited runners to score in his career...issued just 13 walks in 69.0 innings, an average of 1.70 walks per nine innings...that was the seventh lowest mark among American League relievers...struck out 60 and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.62 was 10th best...had a .214 opponents batting average, including .188 (16-for-85) against left-handed hitters compared to .227 (37-for-163) against right-handers...first batters faced were 11-for-66 (.167) with four walks (.214 on-base percentage)...allowed two first batter doubles for a .197 slugging percentage, which was third lowest in the AL.

**#66 MICHAEL YNOA LHP (3-3, 1 SV 3.68 ERA in minors in 2013)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the season at Single-A Beloit of the Midwest League where he went 2-1 with a 2.14 ERA in 15 starts before he was promoted to Single-A Stockton of the California League July 5...went 1-2 with a save and a 7.71 ERA in seven games, six starts, with the Ports...combined for a 3-3 record and a 3.68 ERA in 22 games overall...had career highs in every category except losses...allowed a .236 opponents batting average, including .236 (37-for-157) by right-handed hitters compared to .237 (31-for-131) by left-handers...yielded just five home runs in 75.2 innings, an average of 0.59 per nine innings...opponents hit .176 when leading off an inning...allowed a .196 average with runners in scoring position with Beloit compared to .400 at Stockton...tossed five innings or fewer in all but one of his starts and 12 of his 21 starts lasted fewer than four innings...was rated as the A's No. 4 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

**Feb. 28 vs. San Francisco**

**Giants:** LHP Edwin Escobar, RHP JC Gutierrez, RHP George Kontos, RHP Chris Heston, RHP Jose Casilla

**March 1 vs. Texas**

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Drew Pomeranz, RHP Luke Gregerson, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Deryk Hooker, RHP Fernando Nieve, LHP Andrew Werner

**Rangers:** LHP Martin Perez, LHP Michael Kirkman, RHP Wilmer Font, LHP Neal Cotts, RHP Jason Frasor

## 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	
Feb. 27	Milwaukee	L, 3-11	1-1	Estrada	Milone	3,649	3,649
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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