



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-1) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (1-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 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 started the spring 2-1, sandwiching two wins over the Giants around a loss to Milwaukee on Thursday...this is the A's 46th Spring Training in Arizona, 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...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 defeated the Giants in Phoenix, 7-6...San Francisco scored six times in the first two innings, all off Oakland starter Jarrod Parker (1.1 ip, 5 h, 6 r, 6 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...however, the A's bullpen did not allow a run over the final 7.2 innings, including two innings from Raul Alcantara, 1.2 from Zach Neal, 1.1 from Michael Ynoa and 1.0 from Sean Doolittle...Oakland scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to cut the lead in half...Jed Lowrie had a sacrifice fly, Stephen Vogt an RBI single and Jose Martinez a RBI ground out...the A's then tied the game with a three-run eighth inning, highlighted by a pinch hit two-run home run by Derek Norris...in the ninth, Jake Goebbert walked, went to second on a balk, third when Chris Gimenez reached on an error and scored on a wild pitch...Zach Neal picked up the win and Vogt had two of the A's eight hits.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 15 and in Surprise March 24...the A's lost both meetings last year, 4-3 at Surprise March 9 and 6-2 in Phoenix March 14.

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 Hiroyuki 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)
Feb. 27 Jake Elmore acquired from Chicago (AL) for cash; Andy Parrino designated for assignment

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#54 SONNY GRAY RHP (5-3, 2.67 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...spent most of the 2013 season at Triple-A Sacramento where he was 10-7 with a 3.42 ERA in 20 starts...also had two stints with the A's...after making two relief appearances in his Major League debut in July, he returned to Oakland Aug. 10 and finished the season in the starting rotation...was 5-3 with a 2.67 ERA in 12 games, 10 starts, with the A's...also went 0-1 with a 2.08 ERA in two ALDS starts against Detroit...based upon a minimum of 60 innings pitched, he had the lowest opponents on-base percentage among American League rookies (.272), ranked second in opponents batting average (.214) and slugging percentage (.298) and third in ERA...struck out 67 batters in 64.0 innings and allowed just four home runs, an average of 0.56 per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a .198 (20-for-101) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .226 (31-for-137) against left-handers.

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the fifth inning of his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 so)...was acquired from the Washington Nationals for minor league infielder John Wooten, November 25, 2013...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Syracuse and was 1-0 with a 1.06 ERA in 17 relief appearances when he was promoted to Washington May 21...spent the remainder of the season with the Nationals, going 0-3 with a 3.35 ERA in a career-high 39 relief appearances...allowed a .271 opponents batting average but surrendered just nine extra base hits for a career-low .368 slugging percentage...yielded a .247 (23-for-93) average to right-handed hitters compared to .306 (19-for-62) against left-handers...had a 1.83 ERA in 20 appearances before the All-Star Break but then posted a 5.00 ERA in 19 games after the break...pitched for Toros del Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 0-1 with a 4.70 ERA in eight relief appearances.

#44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (6-8, 4 SV, 2.71 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the San Diego Padres for Seth Smith, December 3, 2013...went 6-8 with four saves and a 2.71 ERA in a team-leading 73 games in his fifth and final season with the Padres in 2013...topped 70 games for the fourth time in the last five years and has appeared in at least 61 games in each of his five seasons...his 363 games pitched over the last five years are the most in the majors over that span...tied for first among National League relievers in losses (8) and tied for sixth in wins (6)...allowed a .203 opponents batting average, including .192 (24-for-125) against right-handed hitters compared to .216 (25-for-116) against left-handers...has a .191 (137-for-718) average against right-handers in his career...first batters faced were 13-for-70 (.186) with just three walks and his .219 on-base percentage against first batters ranked seventh in the NL...tied for ninth in first batter strikeouts (20)...allowed 5-of-19 (26.3%) inherited runners to score.

#71 DERYK HOOKER RHP (0-0, 36.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed four runs in the ninth inning of his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...combined for a 1-4 record, eight saves and a 4.12 ERA in a career-high 54 appearances with Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis in his seventh and final season in the St. Louis Cardinals organization last year...it was the first time in his career he pitched exclusively in relief...the saves were a career-high as he had just three over his first six professional seasons...all eight saves came at Springfield, which led the team...struck out 75 batters in 67.2 innings, an average of 9.98 per nine innings...walked just 18 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.17...allowed a .228 opponents batting average, including .223 (35-for-157) against right-handed hitters compared to .237 (23-for-97) against left-handers...pitched for Lara in the Venezuelan Winter

League following the season and posted a 9.31 ERA in nine relief appearances.

#49 FERNANDO NIEVE RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless eighth inning in his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee was re-signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Columbus in the Cleveland organization and was 5-3 with a 1.81 ERA in 22 games, including two starts, when he was traded to the A's organization for cash considerations, Aug. 3...was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento and logged a 1-0 record and 2.19 ERA in seven games, one start...also had a one-day stay with Cleveland in April but did not appear in a game...combined for a 6-3 record and a 1.89 ERA in 29 games, three starts, overall...struck out 64 batters in 57.0 innings, an average of 10.11 per nine innings...walked 14 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.57...allowed a .208 opponents batting average, including .161 (14-for-87) against left-handed hitters compared to .242 (29-for-120) against right-handers...made five starts in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season for Margarita and Caracas, going 0-2 with a 4.74 ERA.

#13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (0-4, 6.23 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the Colorado Rockies with Chris Jensen for Brett Anderson and cash considerations, December 10, 2013...was 0-4 with a 6.23 ERA in eight games, including four starts, over two stints with Colorado last year...walked 19 and struck out 19 in 21.2 innings...allowed a .301 opponents batting average, including .130 (3-for-23) against left-handed hitters compared to .367 (22-for-60) against right-handers...held opponents to a .190 average with runners in scoring position, including .091 with RISP and two outs...began the season at Triple-A Colorado Springs and went 8-1 with a 4.20 ERA in 15 starts before the Rockies called June 30...struck out 96 batters in 85.2 innings, an average of 10.1 per nine innings...yielded just six home runs, an average of 0.63 per nine innings...allowed a .256 opponents batting average, including .180 (18-for-100) against left-handed hitters compared to .290 (65-for-224) against right-handers.

#31 ANDREW WERNER LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee spent the entire 2013 season at Triple-A Sacramento in his first year in the A's organization and went 12-14 with a 5.78 ERA in 27 games, including 26 starts...led the Pacific Coast League in runs (110) and earned runs (106), ranked second in innings pitched (165.0), losses and hits (202), tied for second in wins and tied for fourth in home runs allowed (20)...had the second highest ERA and fourth highest opponents batting average (.305) among qualifiers...the earned runs were the most among all minor league pitchers and he also ranked second in most hits and runs and tied for sixth in most losses...tied for second in the A's farm system in wins, ranked third in innings and seventh in strikeouts...his opponents batting average included a mark of .279 against left-handed hitters compared to .319 against right-handers...went 5-2 with a 3.71 ERA and .251 opponents average in seven starts after the All-Star Break.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 1 vs. Texas

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

March 2 at Los Angeles (AL)

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Matt Buschmann, RHP Dan Otero, LHP Joe Savery, RHP Philip Humber, RHP Jose Flores
Angels: LHP Hector Santiago, RHP Joe Blanton, RHP Matt Shoemaker, RHP Dane De La Rosa

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	
Feb. 28	San Francisco	W, 7-6	2-1	Neal	Hembree	4,285	7,934	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV					
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