



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-1-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (1-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2014 – TEMPE DIABLO 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 2-1-1, with both of their wins coming against the Giants and their lone loss coming against Milwaukee...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 tied the Rangers, 2-2, at Phoenix Muni...Texas out-hit the A's 10-5 but left nine men on base, going just 2-for-11 with runners in scoring position...outfielder Billy Burns led Oakland's offense, accounting for two of the team's five hits and scoring both runs...he also stole two bases and had two outfield assists (third, home)...Burns is 4-for-4 in stolen base attempts in his first four Cactus League games...Oakland took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning on a Yoenis Céspedes sacrifice fly, but Texas countered with two runs in the seventh against Fernando Nieve to take a 2-1 lead...the A's tied the game with a run in the eighth, capitalizing on a pair of Texas errors...seven A's pitchers combined to strike out 13 Rangers batters...new acquisitions Drew Pomeranz and Luke Gregerson made their debuts, each striking out a pair of batters in an inning of work.

**A's vs. ANGELS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...meet again in the Cactus League and Phoenix Muni finale March 26...the A's had two wins and a tie in three games last spring...won 7-5 in Tempe February 24 and 13-5 in Phoenix March 4 and played to a 13-13 tie in Phoenix March 16.

**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 Alcántara (#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 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 17<sup>th</sup> time in Oakland history and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.athletics.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

### #60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...his first outing was a start and win last Wednesday at San Francisco (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...spent most of the 2013 season with the A's and was 2-4 with a save and a career-low 3.92 ERA in 35 games over two stints...also went 2-2 with a 2.70 ERA and .285 opponents batting average in five starts with Triple-A Sacramento...the save was the first of his career and he also struck out a career-high 55 batters...also had career lows in opponents batting average (.230), on-base percentage (.302) and slugging percentage (.318)...surrendered just three home runs in 57.1 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...entered the season with 34 home runs in 177.1 career innings (1.73 per nine innings)...had a 2.97 ERA and .210 opponents batting average in 18 games before the All-Star Break...then compiled a 5.25 ERA and .258 opponents average in 17 games after the break...his opponents batting average included a .212 (21-for-99) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .246 (29-for-118) against left-handers...allowed a .167 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs.

#### CHAVEZ' 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
February 26	San Francisco	10-5	W	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals (1 game, 1 start)</b>				<b>1-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### #55 MATT BUSCHMANN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched in the fifth inning of his first outing last Wednesday against Milwaukee (0.2 ip, 1 so)...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.

### #72 JOSE FLORES RHP (0-0, 54.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...entered the game in the fifth inning of his first appearance last Thursday against Milwaukee (0.1 ip, 1 h, 3 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 14, 2013...spent the entire 2013 season with Double-A Akron in the Cleveland organization and was 7-3 with 16 saves and a 2.71 ERA in 59 relief appearances...led the Eastern League in games pitched and tied for fourth in saves...yielded just one home run in 66.1 innings...struck out 87, an average of 11.80 per nine innings, which was the best mark among EL relievers...also ranked fourth among EL relievers in opponents batting average (.222)...had career highs in wins, games, saves, innings pitched (66.1), walks (27) and strikeouts (98)...led the Aeros and ranked second in the Indians farm system in saves...his opponents batting average included a .197 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .248 against left-handers...pitched for Magallanes in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and compiled an 11.25 ERA in five relief appearances.

### #47 PHILIP HUMBER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed an unearned run in the third inning of his first outing last Thursday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r)...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).

### #61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched the sixth inning in his first outing Thursday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 so)...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.

### #50 JOE SAVERY LHP (2-0, 3.15 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was claimed off waivers from Philadelphia February 17...went 2-0 with a 3.15 ERA in 18 relief appearances over four stints with the Phillies last year...held opponents to a .205 batting average, including .118 (6-for-51) by right-handed hitters and .409 (9-for-22) against left-handers...allowed 1 of 2 (50.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 3 for 14 (.214) with three walks and a sacrifice fly...pitched just once during his first stint in April and did not pitch during a three day stay from May 6-8...returned May 31 and went 2-0 with a 1.50 ERA in nine outings before going on the disabled list July 23 with elbow stiffness...was reinstated and optioned to Triple-A August 28 before returning in September...was 3-1 with two saves and a 3.08 ERA in 20 appearances with Lehigh Valley...allowed a .209 opponents batting average, including .194 (6-for-31) against left-handed hitters compared to .218 (12-for-55) against righties.

#### UPCOMING PROBABLES

##### March 2 at Los Angeles (AL)

**Angels:** LHP Hector Santiago, RHP Joe Blanton, RHP Matt Shoemaker, RHP Dane De La Rosa

##### March 3 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

**A's:** RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Josh Lindblom, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Jeremy McBryde  
**Dodgers:** LHP Clayton Kershaw, RHP Seth Rosin, RHP Pedro Baez, LHP Jarrett Martin,

## 2014 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.	HOME
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	T, 2-2	2-1-1			4,232	12,166	
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