



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-1-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (2-2-1)

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: 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 Angels, 3-2 in Tempe...Oakland scored the first run of the game in the first inning, when Michael Taylor grounded into a fielder's choice to score Jed Lowrie...the A's then added two runs in the fifth as Yoenis Céspedes doubled to drive in Lowrie and Josh Donaldson...Jesse Chavez started and earned the win for the A's, his second of the spring (2.2 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...Jose Flores tossed a scoreless ninth to earn his first save.

A's vs. DODGERS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Dodgers this spring...meet again at Camelback Ranch March 19...the two clubs split two meetings last year, with the Dodgers winning 7-1 March 19 in Glendale and the A's winning 7-4 in Phoenix March 24.

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 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.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

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

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (14-10, 3.83 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...was 14-10 with a 3.83 ERA in 32 starts last year in his first full season in the majors...allowed a Major League leading 36 home runs, which was the fourth highest total in Oakland history and fifth highest in Athletics history...25 of the home runs were solo shots, which also led the majors and were second most in Oakland history...ranked fourth in the American League in opponents on-base percentage (.280), fifth in batting average (.226) and tied for eighth in wins...led the A's in innings pitched (200.0), strikeouts (171) and losses and tied for the team-lead in games started...his opponents batting average included a mark of .226 (78-for-345) against right-handed hitters and .226 (93-for-412) against left-handers...yielded a .251 on-base percentage to batters leading off an inning, which was third lowest in the AL...surrendered a .167 batting average against a batter the first time he faced him in a game, which was the lowest mark in the majors.

#53 JEREMY McBRYDE 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 last Friday at San Francisco (1.0 ip)...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.

#25 JOSH LINDBLOM RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched the third and fourth innings in his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb)...was acquired from the Texas Rangers with Craig Gentry for Michael Choice and minor leaguer Chris Bostick, December 3, 2013...spent most of the 2013 season at Triple-A Round Rock but also had three stints with Texas...went 1-3 with a 5.46 ERA in eight games, five starts...the starts were the first of his Major League career...allowed a .278 opponents average, including .262 (11-for-42) against right-handed hitters compared to .286 (24-for-84) against left-handers...yielded a .193 batting average the first time through the lineup and .182 with runners in scoring position...was 8-4 with a 3.08 ERA in 20 games, 18 starts, with Round Rock...had minor league career-highs in wins, starts and innings pitched...allowed a .214 opponents batting average, including .207 (39-for-188) against left-handed pitching compared to .220 (47-for-214) against right-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.

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a Francisco home run in the fourth inning of his first appearance last Thursday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er)...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.

#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.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the third inning of his first outing last Friday against San Francisco (2 so)...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).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 3 vs. Los Angeles (NL)
Dodgers: LHP Clayton Kershaw, RHP Seth Rosin, RHP Pedro Baez, LHP Jarrett Martin, RHP Carlos Frias

March 4 vs. Milwaukee
A's: RHP Dan Straily
Brewers: RHP Wily Peralta, RHP Tyler Thornburg, RHP Jimmy Nelson, RHP Johnny Hellweg

March 4 at Chicago (NL)
A's: LHP Tommy Milone
Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks

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	T, 2-2	2-1-1			4,232	12,166
March 2	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 3-2	3-1-1	Chavez	Santiago	4,777	
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