



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-1-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (1-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 – CUBS PARK – 1:05 P.M.  
NO A'S BROADCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won two straight and are 4-1-1, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Cleveland (4-1) and Seattle (4-1)...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 defeated the Dodgers 7-3 in Phoenix...A.J. Griffin started for the A's and allowed two runs on four hits in two innings of work (0 bb, 2 so)...Sean Doolittle retired the side in order in the third inning and picked up the win as the A's scored seven times in the bottom of the third...Sam Fuld opened the scoring with a RBI single and Nick Punto put the A's ahead with a two-run single...Josh Reddick added a two-run double and Derek Norris completed the A's scoring with a two-run single...Jim Johnson, Fernando Abad and Jeremy McBride all tossed a scoreless inning of relief each and Josh Lindblom allowed one run in three innings of work.

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Billy Burns* has five stolen bases, which has already surpassed *Coco Crisp's* team-leading total of four from last spring...*Yoenis Céspedes* has driven in a run in three of his four games and has a team-leading five RBIs...*Derek Norris* has hit safely in each of his last three games (3 for 5, .600) and has a double, home run and four RBI over that stretch...*Nick Punto* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his four games (3 for 8, three walks)...*Stephen Vogt* has hit safely in each of his three games (4 for 7, .571).

**A's vs. CUBS:** This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 17 and 23...the two clubs split two games last spring, with the Cubs winning in Mesa 5-3 on February 28 and the A's winning in Phoenix 12-6 on March 17...the A's are now 4-1-1 against the Cubs over the previous two springs.

**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 have reported to Papago Park and the first workout is scheduled for today...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, six remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are 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.

#### 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  
March 3 Andy Parrino claimed off waivers by Texas

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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

#### #57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (0-1, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...was the losing pitcher in his first start last Thursday against Milwaukee, allowing three runs in 2.0 innings...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.

#### MILONE'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
February 27	Milwaukee	3-11	L	13.50	2.0	4	3	3	2	1	2

#### #72 JOSE FLORES RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the ninth inning of his last outing Sunday at Los Angeles-AL for the save (1.0 ip, 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.

#### #68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the seventh and eighth innings of his first outing Thursday against Milwaukee (2.0 ip, 2 so)...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.

#### #49 FERNANDO NIEVE RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the seventh inning in his last outing Saturday against Texas (1.0 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so) after tossing a scoreless inning in his first outing...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.

#### #66 MICHAEL YNOA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...entered the game in the seventh inning of his spring debut last Friday against San Francisco (1.1 ip, 3 h, 2 bb, 1 so)...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

#### March 4 vs. Milwaukee

**Brewers:** RHP Wily Peralta, RHP Tyler Thornburg, RHP Jimmy Nelson, RHP Johnny Hellweg

#### March 4 at Chicago (NL)

**Cubs:** RHP Kyle Hendricks, LHP Jonathan Sanchez, RHP Carlos Pimentel, RHP Chang Young Lim, RHP Brian Schlitler

#### March 5 at Milwaukee

**A's:** RHP Jarrod Parker, LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Joe Savery, RHP Philip Humber

**Brewers:** RHP Yovani Gallardo, RHP Jim Henderson, LHP Zach Duke, RHP Rob Wooten, RHP Hiram Burgos

## 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
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)	W, 7-3	4-1-1	Doolittle	Kershaw	3,862	16,028
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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