



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-1-1) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (3-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S WEBCAST

**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 RBI...*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. BREWERS:** This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's lost the first contest here in Phoenix last Thursday, 11-3...meet again in Maryvale tomorrow...split their two meetings last year, with Milwaukee winning 2-1 in Maryvale February 23 and Oakland earning a 9-7 win in Phoenix March 25.

**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

#### #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (10-8, 3.96 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...had five stints with Oakland in 2013 and was 10-8 with a 3.96 ERA in 27 starts...led American League rookies in games started, innings pitched (152.1) and strikeouts (124) and tied for the lead in wins (Perez, TEX)...is the 11th rookie in Oakland history to win 10 or more games, the fifth in the last five years (Anderson, Cahill, Milone, Parker)...had the sixth most strikeouts by an Oakland rookie...allowed a .233 opponents batting average...did not have enough innings pitched to qualify for the league leaders, but his opponents average was ninth lowest among AL pitchers with 150 or more innings pitched...his .358 slugging percentage was eighth best...surrendered 16 home runs in 152.1 innings (0.95 per nine innings) after allowing 11 in 39.1 innings in 2012 (2.52 per nine innings)...his opponents batting average included a .221 (60-for-272) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .244 (72-for-295) against left-handers.

#### #70 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless fourth and fifth inning in his first outing Friday against San Francisco (2.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

#### #44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his first outing last Saturday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 so)...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, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his last outing Saturday against Texas (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so) after allowing four runs in his first outing...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.

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Saturday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 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.

### 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 Schlitter

#### 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.	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