



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-2-1) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (3-4)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST – MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY TONIGHT AT 1:00 AM MT)

ABOUT THE A'S: Split a split squad yesterday and are 5-2-1, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Seattle (6-1) and Cleveland (5-1)...A's hitters lead the majors in walks (35) and rank second in strikeouts (57)...are tied for second in the CL in steals (9)...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 split a split squad...defeated Milwaukee 6-4 in Phoenix on a walk-off two-run home run by Luke Montz...Dan Straily started for the A's and allowed two runs in the first and another in the third (2.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...the Brewers built a 4-0 lead before John Jaso hit a solo home run in the sixth...Addison Russell's RBI single highlighted a two-run eighth inning and Max Muncy had a RBI single in the ninth to tie the game before scoring the winning run on Montz' home run...Evan Scribner tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief...lost to the Cubs in Mesa, 6-4...Billy Burns walked to start the game, stole second and third and scored on a Brandon Moss RBI single...Tommy Milone started and allowed a run in the first and two in the third (3.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 so)...the A's tied the game on a Josh Reddick RBI single in the fifth and an Eric Sogard RBI single in the sixth...Michael Ynoa then allowed three runs in the eighth inning for the loss...Arnold Leon tossed 3.0 scoreless innings of relief.

PLAYER NOTES: *Billy Burns* had his second two-steal game yesterday and now has seven stolen bases overall, which is four more than any other Major Leaguer this spring...has already surpassed Coco Crisp's team-leading total of four steals from last spring...also leads the majors in runs scored (7) and is tied for second in the Cactus League in walks (4)...*Yoenis Céspedes* is tied for third in the CL in RBI (5)...*Coco Crisp* has drawn at least one walk in each of his three games and has four walks overall, which is tied for the second in the CL...*Brandon Moss* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his three games...has two multiple hit games...*Nick Punto* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his five games (4 for 12, three walks)...*Josh Reddick* has hit safely in four of his five games (6 for 13, .462)...has a pair of multiple hit games...*Michael Taylor* went 3 for 3 yesterday after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's have split the first two games in Phoenix, losing 11-3 last Thursday before winning 6-4 yesterday...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.

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*.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 40 active players on the 40-man roster, only four were drafted by the A's (Sean Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007; Dan Straily, 24th in 2009; A.J.

Griffin, 13th in 2010 and Sonny Gray, 1st in 2011)...five were claimed off waivers (Freiman, Gimenez, Otero, Savery, Scribner), four were signed as free agents (Crisp, Kazmir, Moss, Punto) and two were non-drafted free agents (Céspedes, Ynoa)...the other 25 were all acquired in trades.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park...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, 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 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...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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#11 JARROD PARKER RHP (0-0, 40.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...had a no decision in his first start last Friday against San Francisco, despite allowing six runs in the first two innings (1.1 ip, 5 h, 6 r, 6 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...went 12-8 with a 3.97 ERA in 32 starts in his second season with the A's last year after going 13-8 with a 3.47 ERA in 29 starts as a rookie in 2012...led the A's in runs (92) and walks (63) and tied for the team lead in games started and hit batters (7)...surrendered 25 home runs, which more than doubled his 2012 total of 11...went 2-6 with a 5.76 ERA and .294 opponents batting average over his first 10 starts, 9-0 with a 2.59 ERA and .205 opponents average over his next 18 starts from May 28 to Sept. 4 and 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .299 opponents average over his final four starts...tied for fourth in the AL in wins from May 28 to Sept. 4 and had the fifth lowest ERA...allowed a .242 opponents batting average, which included a .221 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .257 against left-handers...the mark against righties was seventh lowest in the AL.

PARKER'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
February 28	San Francisco	7-6	--	40.50	1.1	5	6	6	1	2	0

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in either of his first two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Sunday at Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...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).

#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 (66.1), walks (27) and strikeouts (98)...pitched for Magallanes in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and compiled an 11.25 ERA in five relief appearances.

#53 JEREMY McBRYDE RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first two outings, including his last appearance Monday against Los Angeles-NL (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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...his opponents average included a .154 average against right-handed hitters...logged a 2.70 ERA in six relief appearances for Cibao in the Dominican Winter League.

#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...allowed a .208 opponents batting average...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 (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing last Saturday against Texas (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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 and yielded just six home runs.

#50 JOE SAVERY LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first outing last Sunday at Los Angeles-AL (1.1 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...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...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 in May...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 5 at Milwaukee

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

March 6 at Arizona

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Matt Buschmann, RHP Dan Otero, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Fernando Abad, LHP Andrew Werner

Diamondbacks: RHP Trevor Cahill, RHP Jake Barrett, RHP J.J. Putz, LHP Ryan Rowland-Smith, LHP Joe Thatcher, RHP Josh Collmenter

March 7 vs. Arizona

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Jesse Chavez, LHP Joe Savery, RHP Deryk Hooker

Diamondbacks: LHP Wade Miley, RHP Addison Reed, RHP Marcos Mateo, LHP Joe Paterson, RHP Will Harris, RHP David Hernandez

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
March 4	Milwaukee	W, 6-4		Urlaub	Hellweg	2,209	18,237
	at Chicago (NL)	L, 4-6	5-2-1	Rosscup	Ynoa	10,049	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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