



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-3-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (5-5)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two of their last three games after starting the spring 4-1-1...A's hitters lead the majors in walks (38) and rank second in strikeouts (70)...A's pitchers have issued the third most walks (34) and rank second in strikeouts (67)...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 lost to Milwaukee at Maryvale, 7-2...Michael Taylor homered to lead off the second inning and give the A's a 1-0 lead...Jarrod Parker started for the A's and allowed a run in the fourth inning (3.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...he was relieved by Drew Pomeranz, who allowed two runs for the loss (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...the Brewers built a 5-1 lead before the A's scored their second run in the sixth inning on a Stephen Vogt RBI single...Fernando Nieve tossed a scoreless seventh inning and was the only A's pitcher who did not allow a run...Vogt had three of the A's eight hits and Taylor added two.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** had his second two-steal game Tuesday at the Cubs and now has seven stolen bases overall, which is four more than any other Major Leaguer this spring...the seven steals match the most by an A's player during a non-strike spring since at least 1991, the first year spring stats are available (also Rajai Davis, 2009)...also leads the majors in runs scored (7), is tied for second in the Cactus League in walks (4) and tied for fourth in hits (7)...**Yoenis Céspedes** is tied for fourth 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...**Sam Fuld** is tied for third in the CL in runs (5)...**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)...has appeared in three games at shortstop and two at second base...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in four of his five games (6 for 13, .462)...has a pair of multiple hit games...**Michael Taylor** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 6, .833) after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...**Stephen Vogt** went 3-for-3 with a double yesterday at Milwaukee and has now reached base safely via hit or walk in all five of his games.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...square off again tomorrow in Phoenix...went 1-1-1 last spring, losing 9-4 in Scottsdale on February 26, winning 7-5 in Phoenix on March 10 and playing to a 2-2 tie in Scottsdale March 15...are 3-1-1 against the Diamondbacks 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.

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...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, five remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are 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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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in his first start last Saturday against Texas (2 h, 2 bb, 2 so)...spent most of the 2013 season at Triple-A Sacramento where he was 10-7 with a 3.42 ERA in 20 starts...also had two stints with the A's...after making two relief appearances in his Major League debut in July, he returned to Oakland Aug. 10 and finished the season in the starting rotation...was 5-3 with a 2.67 ERA in 12 games, 10 starts, with the A's...also went 0-1 with a 2.08 ERA in two ALDS starts against Detroit...based upon a minimum of 60 innings pitched, he had the lowest opponents on-base percentage among American League rookies (.272), ranked second in opponents batting average (.214) and slugging percentage (.298) and third in ERA...struck out 67 batters in 64.0 innings and allowed just four home runs, an average of 0.56 per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a .198 (20-for-101) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .226 (31-for-137) against left-handers.

GRAY'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 1	Texas	2-2	--	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	2	2	0

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run over his first three outings and has retired nine of the 10 batters he has faced...his last appearance was Monday against Los Angeles-NL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 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 average to right-handed hitters...pitched for Toros del Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 0-1 with a 4.70 ERA in eight relief appearances.

#55 MATT BUSCHMANN RHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the eighth inning in his last outing Sunday against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 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.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has retired the side in order in the third inning with two strikeouts in each of his first two appearances, including his last outing Monday against Los Angeles (NL)...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.

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the fourth inning in his last outing Monday against Los Angeles-NL (1 so) after allowing a run in his first appearance...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.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing Sunday at Los Angeles-AL (1.2 ip, 2 h, 2 so) after allowing two runs in his first appearance...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).

#31 ANDREW WERNER LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings, including his last appearance Tuesday at Chicago-NL (0.1 ip)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 6 at Arizona
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

March 8 at Colorado
A's: RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Josh Lindblom, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Philip Humber, LHP Drew Pomeranz
Rockies: LHP Brett Anderson, LHP Christian Friedrich, RHP Jon Gray, RHP Chris Martin, RHP Chad Bettis

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	
March 5	at Milwaukee	L, 2-7	5-3-1	Duke	Pomeranz	2,408	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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