



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-3-2) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (4-6)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Improved to 6-3-2 with the win yesterday, which is the fourth best record in the Cactus League behind Cleveland (8-1), Seattle (7-3) and San Francisco (6-3)...A's hitters are tied for the Major League lead in walks (43) and strikeouts (88)...A's pitchers are tied for second in home runs allowed (11) and rank third in strikeouts (82)...have tallied at least two ties in five of the last six springs...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 Arizona 2-0 in Phoenix...Scott Kazmir started for the A's and tossed 3.0 scoreless innings (2 h, 2 so)...he had a no decision as the A's scored their first run in the fifth inning when Josh Reddick walked, went to second on a ground out, stole third and scored on an error by the shortstop on a Stephen Vogt grounder...Jesse Chavez picked up his third win of the spring and retired each of the final 11 batters he faced (4.0 ip, 1 h, 5 so)...Joe Savery pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Fernando Nieve shut down the Diamondbacks in the ninth for the save. Daric Barton had a RBI single in the eighth inning for the A's final run...Billy Burns and Jake Elmore had two hits each.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Daric Barton** reached base safely in each of his last five games (4 for 6, 4 walks, 1 hb, .818 on-base percentage)...**Billy Burns** leads the majors in stolen bases (7) and is tied for the lead in runs (7)...is tied for third in the Cactus League in hits (9) and tied for eighth in walks (4)...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)...is one of three Athletics to play in all 10 possible games this spring (Russell, Taylor)...**Alberto Callaspo** has appeared in four games at third base, one at first base and one at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (6)...**Coco Crisp** has drawn at least one walk in each of his four games and has five walks overall, which is tied for the third in the CL...however, is 0 for 9...**Jake Elmore** had his first two-hit game yesterday and is 3 for 6 (.500) over his last two games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in five games at second base and three at third base...**Sam Fuld** is tied for third in the CL in runs (6) and ranks ninth in slugging (.600)...has appeared in six games in left field, two in center field and one in right field...**Brandon Moss** has three multiple hit games in four contests...has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his four games...**Nick Punto** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his six games...has appeared in three games at shortstop and three at second base...**Addison Russell** is 4 for 10 (.400) over his last five games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...is one of three Athletics to play in all 10 possible games this spring (Burns, Taylor)...**Michael Taylor** is 5 for 8 (.625) over his last four games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is one of three Athletics to play in all 10 possible games this spring (Burns, Russell)...**Stephen Vogt** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all six of his games...went 3-for-3 with a double Wednesday at Milwaukee.

**A's vs. ROCKIES:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rockies this spring...meet again in Phoenix Thursday night at 7:05...the A's won all three games last spring, including two games in Phoenix...have a four-game winning streak over the Rockies during the spring.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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*.

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park...position players report tomorrow and the first workout is Monday...Triple-A and Double-A games begin Monday, 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, 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 16<sup>th</sup> since moving to Oakland...only the Yankees (18) and Braves (17) have more division championships...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 #64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...allowed two runs in the second inning of his first start Monday against Los Angeles-NL...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.

#### GRIFFIN'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 3	Los Angeles (NL)	7-3	--	9.00	2.0	4	2	2	0	2	0

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has retired all nine batters he has faced over his first three outings (3.0 ip), five by strikeout...his last appearance was Thursday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 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.

### #47 PHILIP HUMBER RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Wednesday at Milwaukee (0.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb)...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)...his opponents batting average included a mark of .189 against right-handed hitters.

### #25 JOSH LINDBLOM RHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed one run in each of his first two outings, both two or more innings...his last appearance was Monday against Los Angeles-NL (3.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 so)...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.

### #13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Wednesday at Milwaukee for the loss (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 2 so) after tossing a scoreless inning in his first appearance...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, an average of 10.1 per nine innings.

### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (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 (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Wednesday against Milwaukee (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...spent most of the 2013 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.

### #66 MICHAEL YNOA LHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the eighth inning in his last outing Tuesday at Chicago (NL) and took the loss (1.2 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...began the 2013 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...was rated as the A's No. 4 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#### UPCOMING PROBABLES

##### March 8 at Colorado

**Rockies:** LHP Brett Anderson, LHP Christian Friedrich, RHP Jon Gray, RHP Chris Martin, RHP Chad Bettis

##### March 9 vs. Chicago (AL)

**A's:** RHP Dan Straily, LHP Tommy Milone, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Jeremy McBryde, LHP Andrew Werner, RHP Matt Buschmann  
**White Sox:** RHP Erik Johnson, RHP Cody Winiarski, LHP Charliee Snodgrass, RHP Deunte Heath, RHP Jake Petricka, LHP Scott Snodgrass

##### March 10 at Los Angeles (NL)

**A's:** RHP Jarrod Parker, RHP Arnold Leon, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Luke Gregerson, LHP Joe Savery  
**Dodgers:** LHP Hyun-Jin Ryu

## 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	
March 6	at Arizona	T, 8-8 (10)	5-3-2	--	--	8,185	
March 7	Arizona	W, 2-0	6-3-2	Chavez	Miley	5,686	23,923
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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