



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-4-2) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (3-5-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 2-3-1 over the last six games after starting the spring 4-1-1...A's hitters rank second in the majors in walks (45) and strikeouts (94)...A's pitchers are tied for third in home runs allowed (11)...have tallied at least two ties in five of the last six springs...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 the Rockies 5-4 at Salt River Fields...Nate Freiman had a RBI triple in the first inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead but A's starter A.J. Griffin (3.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 so) allowed three runs in the bottom of the first...John Jaso had a RBI double in the fourth, Nick Punto a RBI double in the fifth and Addison Russell a RBI single in the sixth to tie the game at 4-4...Evan Scribner (0.2 ip), Sean Doolittle (1.0 ip) and Philip Humber (1.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief and Josh Lindblom pitched a scoreless eighth inning before allowing the game winning RBI double to Paulsen in the bottom of the ninth inning...the A's had 12 hits, including two each by Alberto Callaspo, Michael Taylor and Freiman.

PLAYER NOTES: *Billy Burns* is tied for the Major League lead in stolen bases (7) and runs (7)...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in hits (9)...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)...*Alberto Callaspo* had his second two-hit game yesterday at Colorado after going 1 for 12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in five 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 reached base safely in each of his five games...singled in the third inning yesterday at Colorado for his first hit...is tied for fourth in the CL in walks (5)...*Jake Elmore* had his first two-hit game Friday against Arizona 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...*Nate Freiman* had his first two-hit game yesterday at Colorado after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...*Sam Fuld* is tied for the CL lead in runs (7)...has appeared in seven games in left field, three in center field and one in right field...*Chris Gimenez* has appeared in eight games at catcher, one at first base and one in left 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 seven games...has appeared in four games at second base and three at shortstop...*Addison Russell* is 5 for 13 (.385) over his last six games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...is one of two Athletics to play in all 11 possible games this spring (Taylor)...*Michael Taylor* had his third multiple hit game yesterday at Colorado...is 7 for 12 (.583) over his last five games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in hits (9), tied for eighth in total bases (15) and tied for ninth in doubles (3)...is one of two Athletics to play in all 11 possible games this spring (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. WHITE SOX: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...meet again in Glendale on March 18...had a loss and a tie in two meetings last spring...lost at Glendale 11-5 and tied in Phoenix 4-4.

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 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*.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park...position players report today and the first workout is tomorrow...Triple-A and Double-A games begin tomorrow and Single-A games commence March 17.

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.

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...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 #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...allowed two runs in the second and one run in the third in his first start last Tuesday against Milwaukee...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.

STRAILY'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 4	Milwaukee	6-4	--	13.50	2.0	4	3	3	2	1	0

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 4.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Thursday at Arizona (1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er) after retiring nine of the 10 batters he faced over his first three appearances...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 (23-for-93) average to right-handed hitters compared to .306 (19-for-62) against left-handers...had a 1.83 ERA in 20 appearances before the All-Star Break but then posted a 5.00 ERA in 19 games after the break...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.

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run over his first two appearances (4.0 ip)...pitched the sixth and seventh innings in his last outing Tuesday against Milwaukee (2.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 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.

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed one run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Thursday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...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...was charged with a career-high and ML leading nine blown saves and his save percentage of 84.7% ranked 10th in the AL...opponents grounded into 17 double plays, which were the most in the majors among relievers and a career high.

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (0-1, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in each of his first two appearances, both starts...including a no decision in his last start last Tuesday at Chicago-NL (3.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 so)...opponents are 9 for 23 (.391)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 9 vs. Chicago (AL)

White Sox: RHP Erik Johnson, RHP Cody Winiarski, LHP Charliee Leesman, 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, RHP Philip Humber
Dodgers: LHP Hyun-Jin Ryu

March 11 at San Diego

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Drew Pomeranz, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Fernando Nieve
Padres: RHP Ian Kennedy

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
March 8	at Colorado	L, 4-5	6-4-2	Bettis	Lindblom	11,193	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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