



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-4-4) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (4-6-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 – PEORIA STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have tied each of their last two games, three of the last five and four overall this spring...those are the most ties by an Oakland team since moving to Arizona for Spring Training in 1969...the previous high was three in 2010 and 2013...have 15 tie games over the last six springs...are 4-1-2 at Phoenix Muni and 2-3-2 on the road...A's hitters rank third in the majors in strikeouts (109) and fourth in walks (50)...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 tied the Dodgers at Camelback Ranch, 8-8...Jarrod Parker started for the A's and allowed four runs in the first inning, but those were the only runs he would allow in 4.2 innings (4 h, 1 bb, 5 so)...Michael Taylor homered to lead off the fifth and Josh Donaldson added a two-run shot in the sixth to make the score 4-3 but Luke Gregerson allowed four runs in the seventh inning while retiring just one batter...the A's tied the game with a five-run eighth inning, sending 10 men to the plate...Jose Martinez, Billy McKinney, Stephen Vogt, Darwin Perez and Alden Carrithers all had RBI singles in the eighth...Joe Savery (0.1 ip), Dan Otero (1.0 ip), Deryk Hooker (0.2 ip) and Arnold Leon (2.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief...Donaldson had two of the A's 11 hits.

PLAYER NOTES: *Billy Burns* ranks second in the Cactus League in stolen bases (7) and tied for second in runs (7)...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* is 3 for 6 (.500) over his last two games after going 1 for 12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in five games at third base, two at first base and one at designated hitter...*Yoenis Cespedes* is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (6)...has appeared in six games at designated hitter and three in left field...*Coco Crisp* has reached base safely in each of his six games...singled in the third inning Saturday at Colorado for his first hit...is tied for third in the CL in walks (6)...*Josh Donaldson* has homered in back-to-back games and is 4 for 10 (.400) with four RBI over his last four games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2)...*Jake Elmore* had his first two-hit game Friday against Arizona and is 3 for 9 (.333) over his last four games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in seven games at second base, three at third base and one at shortstop...*Nate Freiman* is 2 for 5 (.400) over his last three games after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...*Sam Fuld* is tied for second in the CL lead in runs (7) and tied for 10th in slugging (.538)...has appeared in eight games in left field, three in center field and one in right field...*Chris Gimenez* has appeared in 10 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...*Jed Lowrie* has hit safely in each of his last three games (3 for 8, .375) after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...*Jose Martinez* is 2 for 4 (.500) over his last two games after going 0 for 10 over his previous six contests...has appeared in six games at second base and five at third base...*Brandon Moss* has four multiple hit games in five contests...has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his five games...*Nick Punto* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his eight games...has appeared in four games at second base and four at shortstop...*Addison Russell* is 6 for 15 (.400) over his last seven games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...*Eric Sogard* had his first two-hit game Sunday against Chicago (AL) after going 1 for 18 over his first seven games...*Michael Taylor* is 8 for 16 (.500) with three doubles and two home runs over his last seven games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2), tied for fifth in hits (10), ranks sixth in total bases (10), eighth in slugging (.613) and tied for 10th in doubles (3)...is the only Athletic to play in all 13 possible games this spring...*Stephen Vogt* has reached base safely via hit or walk in all eight of his games...is tied for fifth in the CL in hits (10)...had his third multiple hit game Sunday against Chicago (AL).

A's vs. PADRES: This is the only meeting between the A's and Padres this spring...the two clubs split two games last spring with the A's winning 11-6 in Phoenix on February 27 and losing 10-0 in Peoria on March 11...the A's have won eight of their last 11 spring games against the Padres.

IN CAMP: The A's reassigned five non-roster invitees to minor league camp following the game Sunday and optioned three more players

Monday morning...now have 47 players in camp, including 37 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 10 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 23 pitchers, five catchers, 12 infielders and seven outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty, who is on the 60-day disabled list.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor Leaguers have reported to camp and Triple-A and Double-A games began yesterday...Single-A games commence Monday, 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 stretch time...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 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, four remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are 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
March 9	Dusty Brown, Jose Flores, Bruce Maxwell, Jeremy McBryde and Andrew Werner reassigned to minor league camp
March 10	Shane Peterson optioned to Sacramento, Raul Alcantara optioned to Midland, Michael Ynoa optioned to Stockton

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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

#54 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...each of his two starts have ended in a tie...allowed four runs in the first inning of his last start last Thursday at Arizona after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings in his first outing...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.

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
March 6	at Arizona	8-8	--	12.00	1.0	5	4	4	0	0	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				0-0	12.00	3.0	7	4	4	2	2

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his five outings, including his last appearance Sunday against Chicago-AL (0.2 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 3 for 18 (.167) with no walks...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 compared to .306 against left-handers...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, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Thursday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 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 was promoted to Durham May 31...combined with both clubs for a .234 opponents batting average.

#47 PHILIP HUMBER RHP (0-0, 4.91 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in three of his four outings, including his last appearance Saturday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 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)...his opponents batting average included a mark of .189 against right-handed hitters.

#49 FERNANDO NIEVE RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings, including his last appearance Friday against Arizona when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning for his first save (1.0 ip, 2 h)...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...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 (0-1, 8.10 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first outing but has allowed at least one in each of his last two, including his last appearance Saturday at Colorado (1.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...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 fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first four outings (4.2 ip), including his last appearance Saturday at Colorado (0.2 ip, 1 h)...opponents are 2 for 15 (.133)...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...his opponents batting average included a .164 (12-for-73) mark against left-handed hitters.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 11 at San Diego

Padres: RHP Ian Kennedy, LHP Robbie Erlin, RHP Keyvius Sampson, RHP Blaine Boyer, RHP Leonel Campos, RHP Kevin Quackenbush, RHP Anthony Carter

March 12 vs. Kansas City

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Jim Johnson, RHP Josh Lindblom, LHP Joe Savery, RHP Deryk Hooker
Royals: RHP Yordano Ventura, RHP Michael Mariot, LHP Francisley Bueno, LHP Donnie Joseph, LHP Scott Alexander, LHP Justin Marks

March 13 vs. Colorado

A's: RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Luke Gregerson
Rockies: RHP Tyler Chatwood, RHP Jon Gray, RHP Matt Belisle, LHP Yohan Flande

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		
March 9	Chicago (AL)	T, 2-2	6-4-3	--	--	5,500	29,423	
March 10	at Los Angeles (NL)	T, 8-8	6-4-4	--	--	7,556		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV					
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