



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-6-4) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (8-8)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 7:05 P.M.
CSNCA – A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have three losses and two ties over the last five games...now have four ties for the spring, which are the most 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 4-2-2 at Phoenix Muni and 2-4-2 on the road...A's hitters are tied for second in the majors in strikeouts (124)...A's pitchers are tied for the Major League lead in home runs allowed (16) and are fourth in the Cactus League in strikeouts (114)...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 Royals here in Phoenix, 3-1...Billy Burns walked with the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead but that would be Oakland's only run of the game...Scott Kazmir started for the A's and tossed 4.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 1 bb, 3 so) and Fernando Nieve pitched a scoreless fifth inning...Sean Doolittle then allowed three runs in the sixth inning on back-to-back home runs by Salvador Perez and Mike Moustakas...Jim Johnson pitched a scoreless seventh inning and Josh Lindblom blanked the Royals over the final two innings.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** ranks second in the Cactus League in stolen bases (7) and tied for fourth 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 4 for 9 (.444) over his last three games after going 1 for 12 over his previous five contests...has struck out just once in 24 plate appearances...has appeared in six games at third base, two at first base and one at designated hitter...**Yoenis Cespedes** has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and four in left field...**Coco Crisp** had his first multiple hit game Tuesday at San Diego and is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last three games after going 0 for 9 over his first four contests...has reached base safely in each of his seven games...is tied for sixth in the CL in walks (6)...**Josh Donaldson** is 4 for 13 (.308) with four RBI over his last five games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...homered in back-to-back games Sunday and Monday and is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (2)...**Jake Elmore** had his first two-hit game last Friday against Arizona and is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last six games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in eight games at second base, four at third base and two at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last five games after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...**Sam Fuld** is tied for fourth in the CL in runs (7)...has appeared in nine games in left field, four in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** has appeared in 11 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**Jed Lowrie** has hit safely in each of his last four games (5 for 12, .417) after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Jose Martinez** is 2 for 6 (.333) over his last four games after going 0 for 10 over his previous six contests...has appeared in seven games at second base and six at third base...**Luke Montz** had his first multiple hit game Tuesday at San Diego after going 1 for 11 (.091) over his previous seven games...**Brandon Moss** went 0 for 2 yesterday against Kansas City after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first six games...has four multiple hit games in seven games...**Nick Punto** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his nine games...has appeared in five games at shortstop and four at second base...**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** is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last three games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 10 for 19 (.526) with four doubles and two home runs over his last nine games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...ranks fifth in the CL in slugging (.647), tied for sixth in home runs (2), hits (12) and total bases (22), ninth in batting average (.353), tied for ninth in doubles (4) and 10th in on-base percentage (.405)...is the only Athletic to play in all 15 possible games this spring...**Stephen Vogt** went 0 for 2 yesterday against Kansas City after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first eight games...has struck out just once in 23 plate appearances.

A's vs. ROCKIES: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...lost the first meeting last Saturday at Colorado, 5-4...the A's won all three games last spring, including two games in Phoenix...are 4-1 against the Rockies over the last three springs.

IN CAMP: The A's 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.

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.

INSTANT REPLAY: The A's will have their first game with instant replay tonight against Colorado...have two other games in Arizona with instant replay: March 18 at Chicago (AL) and March 24 at Texas...in addition, all three games in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29) will have instant replay.

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 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 tonight 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...the 96-66 (.593) record was the A's best since 2003 when they also went 96-66...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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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has allowed five runs in 5.0 innings over his first two starts...opponents are 10 for 25 (.400)...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...surrendered a .167 batting average against a batter the first time he faced him in a game, which was the lowest mark in the majors.

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
March 8	at Colorado	4-5	--	9.00	3.0	6	3	3	0	2	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				0-0	9.00	5.0	10	5	5	0	4

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (3-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings (8.2 ip), including his last appearance Friday against Arizona (4.0 ip, 1 h, 5 so)...has picked up the win in all three outings and leads the majors in wins this spring...opponents are 3 for 28 (.107) with one walk...his first two outings were starts...spent most of the 2013 season with the A's and was 2-4 with a save and a career-low 3.92 ERA in 35 games over two stints...also went 2-2 with a 2.70 ERA and .285 opponents batting average in five starts with Triple-A Sacramento...the save was the first of his career and he also struck out a career-high 55 batters...also had career lows in opponents batting average (.230), on-base percentage (.302) and slugging percentage (.318)...surrendered just three home runs in 57.1 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...entered the season with 34 home runs in 177.1 career innings (1.73 per nine innings)...had a 2.97 ERA and .210 opponents batting average in 18 games before the All-Star Break...then compiled a 5.25 ERA and .258 opponents average in 17 games after the break...his opponents batting average included a .212 (21-for-99) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .246 (29-for-118) against left-handers...allowed a .167 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs.

#44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (0-0, 15.43 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...allowed four runs in his last outing Monday at Los Angeles-NL (0.1 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb) after not allowing a run in his first two outings (2.0 ip)...was acquired from the San Diego Padres for Seth Smith, December 3, 2013...went 6-8 with four saves and a 2.71 ERA in a team-leading 73 games in his fifth and final season with the Padres in 2013...topped 70 games for the fourth time in the last five years and has appeared in at least 61 games in each of his five seasons...his 363 games pitched over the last five years are the most in the majors over that span...tied for first among National League relievers in losses (8) and tied for sixth in wins (6)...allowed a .203 opponents batting average, including .192 (24-for-125) against right-handed hitters compared to .216 (25-for-116) against left-handers...has a .191 (137-for-718) average against right-handers in his career...first batters faced were 13-for-70 (.186) with just three walks and his .219 on-base percentage against first batters ranked seventh in the NL...tied for ninth in first batter strikeouts (20)...allowed 5-of-19 (26.3%) inherited runners to score.

#71 DERYK HOOKER RHP (0-0, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (2.2 ip), including his last appearance Monday at Los Angeles-NL (0.2 ip)...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...combined for a 1-4 record, eight saves and a 4.12 ERA in a career-high 54 appearances with Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis in his seventh and final season in the St. Louis Cardinals organization last year...it was the first time in his career he pitched exclusively in relief...the saves were a career-high as he had just three over his first six professional seasons...all eight saves came at Springfield, which led the team...struck out 75 batters in 67.2 innings, an average of 9.98 per nine innings...walked just 18 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.17...allowed a .228 opponents batting average, including .223 (35-for-157) against right-handed hitters compared to .237 (23-for-97) against left-handers...pitched for Lara in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and posted a 9.31 ERA in nine relief appearances.

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

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his first four appearances (3.2 ip), including his last outing Monday at Los Angeles-NL (0.1 ip, 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...allowed 1 of 2 (50.0%) inherited runners to score and 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 from May 6-8...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...allowed a .209 opponents batting average, including .194 (6-for-31) against left-handed hitters compared to .218 (12-for-55) against righties.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 13 vs. Colorado Rockies: RHP Tyler Chatwood, RHP Jon Gray, RHP Matt Belisle, LHP Yohan Flande

March 14 at Kansas City A's: RHP Dan Straily, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Matt Buschmann
Royals: LHP Danny Duffy, RHP Greg Holland, LHP Tim Collins, RHP Wade Davis, RHP Aaron Crow, RHP Louis Coleman

March 15 vs. Texas A's: LHP Tommy Milone, RHP Arnold Leon, RHP Philip Humber, LHP Joe Savery
Rangers: RHP Colby Lewis, RHP Nick Tepesch

March 15 at San Francisco A's: RHP Jarrod Parker, LHP Drew Pomeranz, RHP Evan Scribner, LHP Fernando Abad
Giants: RHP Matt Cain, LHP Michael Kickham

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	
March 11	at San Diego	L, 5-6	6-5-4	Sampson	Humber	3,750	
March 12	Kansas City	L, 1-3	6-6-4	Joseph	Doolittle	4,183	33,606
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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