



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-6-4) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (7-7-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Won for just the second time since March 5 last night and are now 7-6-4 this spring...the ties 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 5-2-2 at Phoenix Muni and 2-4-2 on the road...A's hitters rank third in the majors in strikeouts (128)...A's pitchers are tied for the Major League lead in home runs allowed (18) and are fourth in the Cactus League in strikeouts (123) and hits allowed (157)...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 the Rockies 10-5 in Phoenix...A.J. Griffin started for Oakland and allowed five runs in 3.2 innings (9 h, 2 so, 2 hr)...the A's scored twice in the first and once in the second and were trailing 5-3 entering the bottom of the fourth...Coco Crisp had a RBI single to pull Oakland to within one and Jed Lowrie drilled a three-run double to give the A's the lead...Josh Donaldson added a RBI single in the sixth and Oakland scored two more runs in the seventh, highlighted by a RBI double by Chris Gimenez...Deryk Hooker retired the final batter in the fourth inning for the win, Luke Gregerson pitched a scoreless fifth and Jesse Chavez blanked the Rockies over the final four innings for the save...Crisp and Nick Punto had two hits each.

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Billy Burns* ranks second in the Cactus League in stolen bases (7) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> 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)...all seven steals came in his first seven games...*Alberto Callaspo* is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last four games after going 1 for 12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in six games at third base, two at first base and two at designated hitter...*Yoenis Cespedes* has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and five in left field...*Coco Crisp* has back-to-back multiple hit games and is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last four games after going 0 for 9 over his first four contests...has reached base safely in each of his eight games...is tied for second in the CL in walks (7)...*Josh Donaldson* is 5 for 15 (.333) with five RBI over his last six games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...homed in back-to-back games Sunday and Monday and is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (2)...*Jake Elmore* is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last seven games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in nine games at second base, four at third base and two at shortstop...*Nate Freiman* is 3 for 9 (.333) over his last six games after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...*Sam Fuld* is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...*Jed Lowrie* has hit safely in each of his last five games (6 for 16, .375) with three doubles, a home run and five RBI...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (8) and tied for ninth in doubles (4)...*Jose Martinez* has appeared in seven games at second base and seven 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* has reached base safely via hit or walk in seven of his eight games...has four multiple hit games...*Nick Punto* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 10 games...has appeared in five games at shortstop and five at second base...*Josh Reddick* is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the CL in RBI (7)...*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...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (2) and total bases (22), ranks seventh in slugging (.647), tied for eighth in hits (12) and tied for ninth in doubles (4)...*Stephen Vogt* has reached base safely via hit or walk in nine of his 10 games.

**A's vs. ROYALS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's lost the first game Wednesday in Phoenix, 3-1...the two clubs split two games last spring with the Royals winning at Surprise 8-2 and the A's winning in Phoenix 6-3...over the last seven springs, the A's are 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 0-6 at Surprise...have not defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10).

**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 had their first game with instant replay last night against Colorado...Bob Melvin was successful in one of two challenges...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 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 has one remaining game on 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (0-0, 5.06 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...did not allow a run in his last start Sunday against Chicago (AL) after allowing three runs in his first start...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
March 9	Chicago (AL)	2-2	--	5.06	3.1	2	0	0	3	2	0
<b>Totals (2 games, 2 starts)</b>			0-0	5.06	5.1	6	3	3	5	3	0

### #55 MATT BUSCHMANN RHP (0-0, 4.91 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 Tuesday at San Diego (1.0 ip, 2 so)...opponents are 2 for 14 (.143)...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...combined with both clubs for a .234 opponents batting average, which included a .195 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 against left-handers.

### #62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-1, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run over his first four outings (4.0 ip, 1 h) before allowing three runs in the sixth inning of his last outing Wednesday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 hr)...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 compared to .227 (37-for-163) against right-handers...first batters faced were 11-for-66 (.167) with four walks (.214 on-base percentage)...allowed two first batter doubles for a .197 slugging percentage, which was third lowest in the AL.

### #61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 3.18 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (4.2 ip), including his last appearance Monday at Los Angeles-NL (1.0 ip, 2 h)...has not walked a batter in 5.2 innings...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)...has walked eight batters in his career (1.40 per nine innings)...allowed a .276 batting average, including .269 against left-handed hitters compared to .284 against right-handers.

### #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 14 at Kansas City

**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

##### March 16 at Cincinnati

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray  
**Reds:** LHP Tony Cingrani, RHP Chien-Ming Wang, RHP Nick Christiani, RHP Curtis Partch

## 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
March 13	Colorado	W, 10-5	7-6-4	Hooker	Belisle	7,078	

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