



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-6-5) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (3-10-3)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY, MARCH 16 AT 1:00 AM PT)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Played their fifth tie game of the spring yesterday, which 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 16 tie games over the last six springs...are 5-2-2 at Phoenix Muni and 2-4-3 on the road...A's hitters rank third in the majors in strikeouts (137) and tied for third in walks (68)...A's pitchers lead the majors in home runs allowed (20) and are tied for third in the Cactus League in strikeouts (131) and fourth in hits allowed (171)...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 and Royals played to a 9-9 tie at Surprise...the A's built a 7-1 lead after four innings, highlighted by a three-run home run by Derek Norris in the second inning and a solo home run by Michael Taylor in the fourth...Oakland starter Dan Straily allowed one run in 4.0 innings (3 h, 2 bb, 2 so) before Dan Otero allowed three runs in two innings of work...Jake Elmore had a RBI single in the seventh to give the A's an 8-4 lead but Joe Savery allowed a run in the seventh and Ryan Doolittle yielded three runs in the eighth to tie the game...Daniel Robertson had a RBI single in the top of the ninth to put the A's ahead but Matt Buschmann allowed the game-tying home run to Francisco Pena in the bottom of the ninth...Billy Burns had three hits and Norris and Elmore added two each.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Daric Barton** has not played since March 8 (left hamstring)...**Billy Burns** stole his eighth base yesterday, which is tied for the Major League lead (Strange-Gordon, LAD)...those are the most steals by an Athletic player during a non-strike spring since at least 1991, the first year spring stats are available (previous: 7, Rajai Davis in 2009)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in runs (9) and tied for second in walks (7)...**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 Céspedes** 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 last Sunday and Monday and is tied for eighth in the CL in home runs (2)...**Jake Elmore** is 7 for 16 (.438) over his last eight games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in nine games at second base, five at third base and two at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** is 4 for 13 (.308) over his last seven games after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...**Sam Fuld** is tied for fifth in the CL in runs (8)...has appeared in nine games in left field, five in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** has appeared in 13 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last five games (3 for 15, two walks) after going 2 for 10 with no walks over his first six games...**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 eight games at second base and seven at third base...**Luke Montz** had his first multiple hit game last 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...**Derek Norris** has seven RBI in seven games this spring...is tied for eighth in the CL in home runs (2)...**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 2 for 10 (.200) over his last four games after going 7 for 16 (.438) over his first six contests...**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 11 (.273) over his last four games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 11 for 21 (.524) with four doubles and three home runs over his last 10 games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (3), ranks fourth in total bases (26), fifth in slugging (.722), tied for seventh in on-base percentage (.439) and tied for ninth in hits (13) and doubles (4)...**Stephen Vogt** has reached base safely via hit or walk in nine of his 10 games.

**A's vs. RANGERS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...the clubs meet again in Surprise March 24...the A's lost both games last year, dropping a 4-3 decision on March 9 at Surprise and a 6-2 loss March 14 in Phoenix.

**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 Thursday 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 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 today) 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 today 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).

#### 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 #68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and first start of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings (7.0 ip)...opponents are 2 for 23 (.087) with one walk...combined for a 9-8 record and a 4.13 ERA in 25 games, including 24 starts, with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento last year...had just 12 starts over his first five seasons in the A's farm system...issued just 24 walks, an average of 1.50 per nine innings...had career highs in nearly every category, including wins, starts, innings pitched (144.0) and strikeouts (97)...tied for ninth in the A's farm system in wins and ranked 10th in innings pitched...allowed a .292 opponents batting average, including .247 (80-for-324) against right-handed hitters compared to .348 (88-for-253) against left-handers...began the season with the RockHounds and went 4-5 with a 3.84 ERA and .295 opponents batting average in 13 starts...was promoted to Sacramento July 2 and went 5-3 with a 4.42 ERA and .287 opponents batting average in 12 games, 11 starts, with the River Cats.

#### LEON'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
February 27	Milwaukee	3-11	--	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
March 4	at Chicago (NL)	4-6	--	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	
March 10	at Los Angeles (NL)	8-8	--	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
<b>Totals (3 games, 0 starts)</b>				0-0	0.00	7.0	2	0	0	1	6	0

### #47 PHILIP HUMBER RHP (0-1, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his five outings, including his last appearance Tuesday at San Diego when he took the loss (0.1 ip, 2 h, 4 r, 4 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 compared to .433 against left-handers...his career splits are .229 against righties compared to .303 against lefties...received just three runs of support in his seven starting assignments (0.80 RSA).

### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first five outings (5.1 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday at San Diego (0.2 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...opponents are 3 for 18 (.167)...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 compared to .213 (20-for-94) against right-handers...opponents were 2-for-21 (.095) with runners in scoring position and two outs.

#### UPCOMING PROBABLES

##### March 15 vs. Texas

**Rangers:** RHP Colby Lewis, RHP Nick Tepesch

##### March 15 at San Francisco

**Giants:** RHP Matt Cain, LHP Michael Kickham

##### March 16 at Cincinnati

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Deryk Hooker, RHP Fernando Nieve, RHP Luke Gregerson

**Reds:** LHP Tony Cingrani, RHP Chien-Ming Wang, LHP Logan Ondrusek, RHP Nick Christiani

##### March 17 vs. Chicago (NL)

**A's:** LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Josh Lindblom, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Jim Johnson

**Cubs:** RHP James McDonald

##### March 18 at Chicago (AL)

**A's:** RHP Jesse Chavez

**White Sox:** LHP Jose Quintana

## 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	
March 14	at Kansas City	T, 9-9	7-6-5	--	--	6,486	

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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

## 2014 REGULAR SEASON

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's will open their 47<sup>th</sup> season in Oakland where they have won 16 American League West titles, one AL Wild Card, six AL pennants and four World Championships...only the New York Yankees (18) and Atlanta Braves (17) have more division titles than the A's...since the A's moved to Oakland in 1968, only the Yankees (11) and Cardinals (8) have more league championships and only the Yankees have more world championships (7)...have a 3819-3502 (.522) record over the previous 46 seasons in Oakland...only five teams have won more games over that span (New York Yankees, Boston, Los Angeles Dodgers, St. Louis, Cincinnati)...2014 will mark the Athletics franchise 114<sup>th</sup> season in the American League...since 1901, the A's have 16 AL West titles plus 15 AL pennants and nine World Championships...only the Yankees (27) and Cardinals (11) have won more World Championships...the A's are 8534-8974 (.487) in their previous 113 seasons...that includes a 3886-4248 record from 1901-54 in Philadelphia and 829-1224 from 1955-67 in Kansas City.

**FOR OPENERS:** The A's have lost each of their last nine openers, which is tied for the longest Opening Day losing streak in Major League history...share the mark with the Atlanta Braves (1972-80) and New York Giants (1893-1901)...2014 marks the third time in

Oakland history the A's have opened with the Indians...lost the previous two meetings, both in Oakland...since moving to Oakland in 1968, the A's are 20-26 on Opening Day, including 16-12 in Oakland, 4-11 on the road, 0-2 in Tokyo and 0-1 in Las Vegas...all-time, the Athletics are 52-61 in openers.

#### EARLY SCHEDULE

DATE	G	OPP	TIME	TV	DATE	G	OPP	TIME	TV
3/31	1	CLE	7:05	CSNCA	4/9	9	at MIN	10:10	CSNCA
4/1	2	CLE	7:05	CSNCA	4/10	10	at MIN	10:10	MLB Network
4/2	3	CLE	12:35	CSNCA	4/11	11	at SEA	7:10	CSNCA
4/3	4	SEA	7:05	CSNCA	4/12	12	at SEA	6:10	CSNCA PLUS
4/4	5	SEA	7:05	CSNCA	4/13	13	at SEA	1:10	CSNCA
4/5	6	SEA	1:05	CSNCA	4/14	14	at LAA	7:05	ESPN
4/6	7	SEA	1:05	CSNCA	4/15	15	at LAA	7:05	CSNCA
4/7	8	at MIN	1:10	CSNCA	4/16	16	at LAA	7:05	CSNCA
4/8		OFF DAY							