



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-7-5) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (7-12)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M.
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Split a split squad yesterday and are now 2-1-1 over the last four games after going 1-4-3 over the previous eight...the A's are batting .352 (51 for 145) with 42 runs scored, seven home runs and 27 walks over the last four games...lead the majors in walks (82), rank second in runs (116), third in on-base percentage (.360) and tied for third in strikeouts (150)...A's pitchers have a 6.39 ERA (44 er in 62.0 ip) over the last seven games...lead the majors in home runs allowed (25) and rank second in strikeouts (151) and hits allowed (192)...have five tie games this 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 16 tie games over the last six springs...are 5-3-2 at Phoenix Muni and 3-4-3 on the road...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 split a split squad, dropping a 16-15 decision to Texas in Phoenix before defeating San Francisco 8-1 in Scottsdale...in Phoenix, the A's and Rangers combined for 31 runs, which were the most in an A's spring game since March 25, 2003, a 25-10 win at Seattle...Brandon Moss homered twice and drove in four runs, John Jaso was 3 for 3 with three runs scored and four RBI and Josh Reddick added a home run...Arnold Leon started for the A's (2.2 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 2 so) and Deryk Hooker allowed two runs in the ninth inning for the loss (1.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so)...in Scottsdale, the A's scored seven times in the first three innings, highlighted by a two-run home run by Luke Montz in the second inning and a three-run home run by Stephen Vogt in the third...Tommy Milone started for the A's and tossed 5.0 shutout innings for the win (3 h, 2 bb, 2 so)...Drew Pomeranz (2.0 ip) and Paul Smyth (1.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief...Montz and Alberto Callaspo had two hits each.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** singled and walked three times yesterday at San Francisco in his first game since March 8 due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns** stole his eighth base Friday, which ranks second in the majors (Strange-Gordon, LAD 9)...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 second in the Cactus League in runs (9) and tied for fifth in walks (7)...**Alberto Callaspo** has hit safely in each of his first five games (7 for 15, .467) after going 1 for 12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in seven games at third base, two at first base and two at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 0 for 18 over his last six games...has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and six in left field...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his nine games and is tied for the Major League lead in walks (9)...is 6 for 15 (.400) over his last five games after going 0 for 9 over his first four contests...**Josh Donaldson** is 6 for 17 (.353) with seven RBI over his last seven games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...homered in back-to-back games last Sunday and Monday and is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs (2)...**Jake Elmore** is 7 for 18 (.389) with five walks over his last nine games after going 1 for 10 (.100) with no walks over his first five contests...has appeared in 10 games at second base, six at third base and two at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** is 5 for 15 (.333) over his last eight games after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...**Sam Fuld** is tied for second in the CL in runs (9)...has appeared in 10 games in left field, five in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 1 for 13 over his last 10 games...has appeared in 14 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** had three hits, three runs and four RBI yesterday against Texas...has now reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last six games (6 for 18, three walks) after going 2 for 10 with no walks over his first six games...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (9)...**Jed Lowrie** has hit safely in each of his last six games (7 for 19, .368) with four doubles, a home run and six RBI...is tied for third in the CL in doubles (5) and tied for sixth in RBI (9)...**Jose Martinez** has appeared in eight games at second base and eight at third base...**Luke Montz** is 4 for 10 (.400) over his last four games after going 1 for 11 (.091) over his previous seven games...**Brandon Moss** hit two home runs yesterday against Texas and is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (3)...is also tied for sixth in RBI (9)...has five multiple hit games in nine games and has reached base safely via hit or walk in eight games...**Derek Norris** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for

9, .444)...is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs (2)...**Nick Punto** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 11 games...has appeared in six games at shortstop and five at second base...**Josh Reddick** hit his first home run yesterday against Texas and is 3 for 9 (.333) with four RBI over his last three games...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (9)...**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 5 for 14 (.357) over his last five games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 11 for 25 (.440) with four doubles and three home runs over his last 11 games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (3) and total bases (26) and ranks seventh in slugging (.650)...**Stephen Vogt** hit his first home run yesterday at San Francisco...has reached base safely via hit or walk in 10 of his 11 games.

A's vs. REDS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...the clubs meet again in Phoenix March 25...the A's won the only meeting last spring at Goodyear, 10-9...have a three-game winning streak against Cincinnati during the spring

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.

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 remaining Arizona schedule includes today and next Friday, Saturday and Sunday...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 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 that telecast...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, three remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are 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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WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

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, 5.14 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and start of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his three starts...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...his opponents batting average included a .198 (20-for-101) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .226 (31-for-137) against left-handers.

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
March 11	at San Diego	5-6	--	5.14	4.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				0-0	5.14	7.0	8	4	4	2	4

#44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (0-0, 10.80 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 Thursday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...was acquired from the San Diego Padres from 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.

#25 JOSH LINDBLOM RHP (0-1, 3.12 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...had his first scoreless outing in his last appearance Wednesday against Kansas City (2.0 ip, 3 h)...allowed three runs in 6.2 innings over his first three appearances...was acquired from the Texas Rangers with Craig

Gentry for Michael Choice and minor leaguer Chris Bostick, December 3, 2013...spent most of the 2013 season at Triple-A Round Rock but also had three stints with Texas...went 1-3 with a 5.46 ERA in eight games, five starts...the starts were the first of his Major League career...allowed a .278 opponents average, including .262 (11-for-42) against right-handed hitters compared to .286 (24-for-84) against left-handers...yielded a .193 batting average the first time through the lineup and .182 with runners in scoring position...was 8-4 with a 3.08 ERA in 20 games, 18 starts, with Round Rock...had minor league career-highs in wins, starts and innings pitched...allowed a .214 opponents batting average, including .207 (39-for-188) against left-handed pitching compared to .220 (47-for-214) against right-handers...went 7-0 with a 1.99 ERA and .197 opponents batting average over his first 11 games.

#49 FERNANDO NIEVE RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 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 Wednesday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...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...struck out 64 batters in 57.0 innings, an average of 10.11 per nine innings...walked 14 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.57...allowed a .208 opponents batting average, including .161 (14-for-87) against left-handed hitters compared to .242 (29-for-120) against right-handers...made five starts in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season for Margarita and Caracas, going 0-2 with a 4.74 ERA.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 16 at Cincinnati

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

March 17 vs. Chicago (NL)

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Joe Savery, LHP Fernando Abad
Cubs: RHP James McDonald

March 18 at Chicago (AL)

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Dan Otero
White Sox: LHP Jose Quintana, RHP Nate Jones, RHP Ronald Belisario, LHP David Purcey, LHP Eric Surkamp, RHP Maikel Cleto, RHP Matt Lindstrom

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	40,684
March 14	at Kansas City	T, 9-9	7-6-5	--	--	6,486	

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 15	Texas	L, 15-16		Tolleson	Hooker	7,752	48,436
	at San Francisco	W, 8-1	8-7-5	Milone	Cain		12,258
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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 47th 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).

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.

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							