



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-8-5) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (9-10)

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 3-6-4 over the last 13 games after going 5-2-1 over the first eight games this spring...the A's are batting .322 (57 for 177) with 48 runs scored, seven home runs and 31 walks over the last five games...lead the majors in walks (86), rank second in runs (122), third in on-base percentage (.356) and fourth in strikeouts (156)...A's pitchers have a 6.30 ERA (49 er in 70.0 ip) over the last eight games...lead the majors in home runs (27), rank third in strikeouts (159) and fourth in hits (202)...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 3-5-3 on the road...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 lost to Cincinnati at Goodyear, 7-6...Derek Norris had a two-run double in the first inning but Sonny Gray allowed a run in the bottom of the first, two unearned runs in the second and two more in the fourth (3.0 ip, 6 h, 5 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 4 so)...the A's tied the game with a three-run fifth inning as Jake Elmore had a RBI single, Sam Fuld scored on a balk and Alden Carrithers had a sacrifice fly...Andrew Werner and Luke Gregerson pitched a scoreless inning of relief each before Josh Lindblom allowed two runs in the seventh inning for the loss...Nate Freiman added a RBI double in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring...Norris had two of the A's six hits.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Daric Barton** is 1 for 4 with three walks in two games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns** stole his eighth base last Friday at Kansas City, which ranks third in the Cactus League...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 sixth in the CL in runs (10) and tied for sixth in walks (7)...**Alberto Callaspo** has hit safely in each of his last 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 20 with a walk over his last seven games...has appeared in eight 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 19 (.316) with seven RBI over his last eight games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs (2)...**Jake Elmore** is 8 for 21 (.381) with five walks over his last 10 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) with no walks over his first five contests...has appeared in 11 games at second base, six at third base and two at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** is 6 for 16 (.375) with four RBI over his last nine games after going 1 for 15 with no RBI over his first eight contests...**Sam Fuld** is tied for the CL lead in runs (10)...has appeared in 10 games in left field, six in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 1 for 14 over his last 11 games...has appeared in 15 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** had three hits, three runs and four RBI Saturday 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 seventh in the CL in RBI (9)...**Jed Lowrie** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (8 for 22, .364) with four doubles, a home run and six RBI...is tied for fourth in the CL in doubles (5) and tied for seventh in RBI (9)...**Brandon Moss** hit two home runs Saturday against Texas and is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (3)...is also tied for seventh 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 three straight multiple hit games (6 for 12, .500)...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (9) and tied for ninth 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 Saturday against Texas and is 3 for 9 (.333) with four RBI over his last three games...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (9)...**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 27 (.407) with four doubles and three home runs over his last 12 games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (3), tied for sixth in total bases (26) and ranks eighth in slugging

(.619)...**Stephen Vogt** hit his first home run Saturday at San Francisco...is 2 for 8 (.250) over his last four games after going 10 for 19 (.526) over his first eighth contests.

**A's vs. CUBS:** This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's lost the first game at Mesa on March 3, 503...meet again in Phoenix March 23...the two clubs split two games last spring, with the Cubs winning in Mesa 5-3 on February 28 and the A's winning in Phoenix 12-6 on March 17.

**IN CAMP:** The A's reassigned eight non-roster invitees to their minor league camp yesterday...now have 39 players in camp, including 37 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and two non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, four catchers, nine 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.

**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...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 next Friday, Saturday and Sunday...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 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
March 16	Matt Buschmann, Deryk Hooker, Philip Humber, Jose Martinez, Luke Montz, Fernando Nieve, Darwin Perez and Addison Russell reassigned to minor league camp

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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER #26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has not allowed a run over his first two starts (7.0 ip)...opponents are 3 for 23 (.130)...was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract, December 4, 2013...went from the independent Atlantic League in 2012 to a key member of the Cleveland Indians rotation in 2013, going 10-9 with a 4.04 ERA in 29 starts...it was his sixth 10-win season but his first since 2009...his 29 starts were his most since 2007, as were his 158.0 innings pitched...walked 47 batters for an average of 2.68 walks per nine innings, which was the lowest mark of his career...struck out 162, and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.45 was also a career best...averaged 9.23 strikeouts per nine innings...did not qualify for the league leaders but had the seventh best strikeout per nine inning ratio among AL pitchers with 150 or more innings pitched...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .226 against left-handed hitters compared to .275 against right-handers...went 7-5 with a 3.06 ERA and .239 opponents average over his final 18 starts.

#### KAZMIR'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 7	Arizona	2-0	--	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	0	2	0
March 12	Kansas City	1-3	--	0.00	4.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
<b>Totals (2 games, 2 starts)</b>				<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

### #56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 5.14 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...is tied for second in the Cactus League in appearances (7)...did not allow a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip) but has allowed at least one in three of his last four...including his last outing Saturday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 so)...has not walked a batter in 7.0 innings...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 (23-for-93) average to right-handed hitters compared to .306 (19-for-62) against left-handers...had a 1.83 ERA in 20 appearances before the All-Star Break but then posted a 5.00 ERA in 19 games after the break...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.

### #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.

### #45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his five outings, including his last appearance Wednesday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h)...was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles for Jemile Weeks and a player to be named later (minor leaguer David Freitas), December 2, 2013...led the American League and tied Atlanta's Craig Kimbrel for the Major League lead with 50 saves...also led the majors with 51 saves in 2012 and is the second pitcher in ML history to lead the majors in saves in back-to-back seasons (Rollie Fingers, 1977-78)...is the second reliever in ML history with back-to-back 50-save seasons (Eric Gagne, 2002-03)...his 50 saves in 2013 tied for sixth most in AL history and were second most in Baltimore history to his record of 51 in 2012...was 3-8 with a 2.94 ERA in career-high 74 appearances...the appearances ranked sixth in the AL...was charged with a career-high and ML leading nine blown saves and his save percentage of 84.7% ranked 10th in the AL...opponents grounded into 17 double plays, which were the most in the majors among relievers and a career high.

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

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his first five appearances (4.2 ip, 2 r), including his last outing Friday at Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 2 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 17 vs. Chicago (NL)**  
**Cubs:** RHP James McDonald, RHP Dallas Beeler, LHP Zac Rosscup

**March 18 at Chicago (AL)**  
**A's:** RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Evan Scribner  
**White Sox:** LHP Jose Quintana, RHP Nate Jones, RHP Ronald Belisario, LHP David Purcey, LHP Eric Surkamp, RHP Maikel Cleto, RHP Matt Lindstrom

**March 19 at Cleveland**  
**A's:** RHP Dan Straily, LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Joe Savery, LHP Fernando Abad  
**Indians:** RHP Carlos Carrasco, RHP Danny Salazar

**March 20 OFF DAY**

## 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	
March 16	at Cincinnati	L, 6-7	8-8-5	Wang	Lindblom	6,413	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				