



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-8-5) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (7-8-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST – MLB NETWORK (LIVE)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 4-6-4 over the last 14 games after going 5-2-1 over the first eight games this spring...the A's are batting .321 (67 for 209) with 54 runs scored over the last six games...lead the majors in walks (89), rank second in runs (128), on-base percentage (.357) and grounded into double plays (23) and fourth in doubles (46)...A's pitchers have allowed at least one home run in each of the last nine games (16 total)...have allowed 28 home runs for the spring, which is eight more than any other team...also rank third in the majors in strikeouts (17) and fourth in hits (209)...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 6-3-2 at Phoenix Muni and 3-5-3 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 defeated the Cubs in Phoenix, 6-2...Oakland scored twice in the second inning to take a 2-0 lead, highlighted by Nick Punto's RBI single...Coco Crisp added a RBI single in the fifth to make the score 3-0...the A's added two more runs in the sixth inning on a Brandon Moss RBI double and a Punto RBI single, and Josh Reddick completed the A's scoring with a RBI single in the seventh...Joe Savery started for the A's and picked up the win (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 5 so)...Paul Smyth (1.0 ip), Jim Johnson (1.0 ip), Sean Doolittle (1.0 ip), Fernando Abad (1.0 ip) and Zach Neal (2.0 ip) all tossed scoreless relief for Oakland before Frank Gailey allowed two runs in the ninth inning...Moss and Punto had two hits each.

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 the CL lead in runs (10), tied for seventh in walks (7) and tied for eighth in hits (14)...**Alberto Callaspo** went 0 for 3 yesterday against the Cubs after hitting safely in each of his previous five games (7 for 15, .467)...has appeared in eight games at third base, two at first base and two at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** snapped a 0 for 23 streak with his sixth inning single yesterday against the Cubs...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter and seven in left field...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 10 games and leads the majors in walks (10)...is 7 for 17 (.412) over his last six 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 9 for 22 (.409) 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, seven at third base and two at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** is 6 for 17 (.353) with four RBI over his last 10 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 15 over his last 12 games...has appeared in 16 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** is 4 for 11 (.364) with five RBI over his last four games...had three hits, three runs and four RBI Saturday against Texas...is tied for ninth 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 ninth in RBI (9)...**Brandon Moss** had his sixth multiple hit game of the spring yesterday against the Cubs in his 10th game...hit two home runs Saturday against Texas and is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (3)...is also tied for sixth in RBI (10)...has reached base safely via hit or walk in nine of his 10 games...**Derek Norris** has three straight multiple hit games (6 for 12, .500)...is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs (2) and RBI (9)...**Nick Punto** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 12 games...has hit safely in each of his last four games (6 for 12, .500)...has appeared in seven games at shortstop and five at second base...**Josh Reddick** hit his first home run Saturday against Texas and is 4 for 13 (.308) with five RBI over his last four games...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (10)...**Eric Sogard** is 6 for 17 (.353) over his last six games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 11 for 28 (.393) with four doubles and three home runs over his last 13 games after going 0 for 10 over

his previous four contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (3) and tied for eighth in total bases (26) and slugging (.605)...**Stephen Vogt** is 2 for 10 (.200) over his last four games after going 10 for 19 (.526) over his first eight contests...hit his first home run Saturday at San Francisco

A's vs. WHITE SOX: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and White Sox this spring...the two teams played to a 2-2 tie in Phoenix March 9...had a loss and a tie in two meetings last spring...lost at Glendale 11-5 and tied in Phoenix 4-4.

INSTANT REPLAY: Today marks the A's second instant replay game of the spring...the first was last Thursday night against Colorado and manager Bob Melvin was successful in one of two challenges...have one other game in Arizona with instant replay: March 24 at Texas...in addition, all three games in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29) will have instant replay.

IN CAMP: The A's reassigned eight non-roster invitees to their minor league camp Sunday...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...it does include Jarrod Parker, who will undergo Tommy John surgery and miss the season, and A.J. Griffin, who has a flexor muscle strain.

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 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 today (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, Phillip Humber, Jose Martinez, Luke Montz, Fernando Nieve, Darwin Perez and Addison Russell reassigned to minor league camp

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