



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-8-5) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (12-9-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 6:35 P.M.
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have a spring-high three-game winning streak and are 5-2-1 over the last eight games...are batting .347 (105 for 303) with 83 runs scored over the last eight games...lead the majors in walks (103), rank second in runs (157), doubles (52), on-base percentage (.371), strikeouts (181) and grounded into double plays (24) and tied for second in batting (.293)...A's pitchers have allowed 20 home run in the last 11 games and 32 for the spring, which is eight more than any other team...also rank third in the majors in strikeouts (184) and fourth in hits (226)...the A's have five tie games, 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 5-5-3 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 had the day off...on Wednesday, Oakland defeated Cleveland at Goodyear, 13-3...Dan Straily (4.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 3 so) allowed a run in the third and two more in the fourth to give the Indians a 3-0 lead but those were the only runs the A's would allow...Yoenis Céspedes had a RBI single in the A's two-run fifth inning to pull Oakland to within one...the A's took the lead with three unearned runs in the sixth, highlighted by a pinch hit two-run single by John Jaso...Oakland added three more in the seventh on a Nate Freiman RBI single and a Tyler Ladendorf two-run single, and Freiman hit a three-run home run in the eighth...Chris Gimenez and Michael Taylor had RBI singles in the ninth...Drew Pomeranz pitched 3.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 3 so) and Fernando Abad and Jose Flores added a scoreless inning of relief each.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** is 4 for 13 (.308) with three walks and three RBI in four games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns (NR)** stole his ninth base last Wednesday at Cleveland, which is tied for the Major League lead...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 fourth in the CL in runs (12) and tied for 10th in hits (16)...**Alberto Callaspo** is 0 for 4 with three walks over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous five contests (7 for 15, .467)...has appeared in eight games at third base, three at first base and two at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** snapped a 0 for 23 streak with his sixth inning single Monday against the Cubs...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter and eight in left field...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 11 games and leads the majors in walks (11)...has hit safely in each of his last five games (9 for 16, .563)...is tied for 10th in the CL in runs (10)...**Josh Donaldson** is 7 for 23 (.304) with seven RBI over his last nine games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...**Jake Elmore** is 11 for 29 (.379) over his last 13 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 11 games at second base, eight at third base and three at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** had his second multiple hit game Wednesday at Cleveland, including his first home run...is 8 for 22 (.364) with eight RBI over his last 12 games after going 1 for 15 with no RBI over his first eight contests...**Sam Fuld (NR)** is tied for the CL lead in runs (13) and tied for fourth in triples (3)...has appeared in 11 games in left field, seven in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 2 for 3 over his last two games after going 1 for 15 over his previous 12 contests...has appeared in 18 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** is 5 for 13 (.385) with seven RBI over his last five games...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (11)...had three hits, three runs and four RBI last Saturday against Texas...**Jed Lowrie** has hit safely in each of his last eight games (9 for 25, .360) with four doubles, two home runs and nine RBI...is tied for third in the CL in RBI (12), tied for eighth in doubles (5) and tied for 10th in runs (10)...**Brandon Moss** has reached base safely via hit or walk in 10 of his 11 games and has six multiple hit games...hit two home runs last Saturday against Texas and is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs (3)...is also tied for sixth in RBI (11)...**Derek Norris** has hit safely in each of his last five games (8 for 16, .500)...**Nick Punto** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 13 games...has hit safely in each of his last five games (8 for 16, .500)...has appeared in seven games at shortstop and six at second base...**Josh Reddick** is 5 for 16 (.313) with five RBI over his last five games...hit his first home run last Saturday against Texas...**Eric Sogard** is 7 for 19 (.368) over

his last seven games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 14 for 35 (.400) over his last 15 games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for seventh in the CL in runs (11) and total bases (32), tied for eighth in doubles (5), ranks ninth in slugging (.640), tied for ninth in home runs (3) and tied for 10th in hits (16)...**Stephen Vogt** is 3 for 14 (.214) over his last five games after going 10 for 19 (.526) over his first eight contests...hit his first home run last Saturday at San Francisco.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fourth of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first three games: 10-5 in Scottsdale February 26, 7-6 in Phoenix February 28 and 8-1 in Scottsdale March 15-6...the clubs meet again in the Bay Area on March 27 and 28 in San Francisco and March 29 in Oakland...the A's won three of five games last spring...lost in Phoenix, won in Scottsdale, split two games in San Francisco and won in Oakland.

IN CAMP: The A's have 38 players in camp, including 36 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and two non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, four catchers, nine infielders and seven outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty and Jarrod Parker, who are 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...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 tonight against the Giants, tomorrow against the Mariners and Sunday against the Cubs...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, two remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network on tape delay: March 23 vs. CHI (12:00 am PT on March 24) and March 24 vs. TEX (11:00 pm PT).

TRANSACTIONS

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| 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 |
| March 20 | Kent Matthes claimed off waivers from Colorado; Jarrod Parker placed on the 60-day day disabled list (Tommy John surgery) |

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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 #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 6.30 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and start of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his four starts, but has allowed four runs and five runs in his other two...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 |
| March 16 | at Cincinnati | 6-7 | -- | 6.30 | 3.0 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Totals (4 games, 4 starts) | | | | 0-0 | 6.30 | 10.0 | 14 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 |

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-1, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his six appearances, including his last outing Monday against Chicago-NL (1.0 ip, 1 bb)...opponents are 4 for 21 (.190) with a walk...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).

#44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (0-0, 8.31 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 Sunday at Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 1 so)...was acquired from the San Diego Padres for 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.

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his six outings, including his last appearance Monday against Chicago-NL (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.

#68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 2.79 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first three outings (7.0 ip), all in relief, before allowing three runs in his first start last Saturday against Texas (2.2 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...opponents are 4 for 33 (.121)...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.

#50 JOE SAVERY LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...was the starting pitcher in his last outing Monday against Chicago (NL), replacing Scott Kazmir who was scratched before the game...picked up the win (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 5 so)...has not allowed an earned run in his first five six appearances (6.2 ip, 2 r)...has 11 strikeouts in 6.2 innings (14.85 strikeouts per nine innings)...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 by right-handed hitters and .409 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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 21 at San Francisco

Giants: RHP Yusmeiro Petit, LHP David Huff, RHP Kameron Loe, RHP Sergio Romo, RHP Derek Law

March 22 vs. Seattle

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Dan Otero
Mariners: RHP Scott Baker

March 23 vs. Chicago (NL)

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez, LHP Drew Pomeranz
Cubs: RHP Jason Hammel

March 23 at Seattle

A's: RHP Josh Lindblom, RHP Evan Scribner, LHP Fernando Abad
Mariners: LHP Randy Wolf, RHP Fernando Rodney, RHP Yoervis Medina, LHP Joe Beimel

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. |
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| 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 | |
| March 17 | Chicago (NL) | W, 6-2 | 9-8-5 | Savery | Wang | 6,099 | 54,535 |
| March 18 | at Chicago (AL) | W, 16-6 | 10-8-5 | Chavez | Quintana | 7,179 | |
| March 19 | at Cleveland | W, 13-3 | 11-8-5 | Pomeranz | Carrasco | 4,758 | |
| March 20 | OFF DAY | | | | | | |
| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | RADIO/TV | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |