



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-9-5) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (11-15)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY AT 12:00 AM PT ON MARCH 24)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 6-3-1 over the last 10 games after going 1-4-3 over the previous eight contests...are batting .319 (116 for 364) with 89 runs scored over the last 10 games...lead the majors in walks (109), rank second in runs (163) and on-base percentage (.363), tied for third in grounded into double plays (24) and fourth in batting (.286)...A's pitchers have allowed 21 home run in the last 13 games and a Major League leading 33 for the spring...also rank second in the majors in strikeouts (203)...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 7-3-2 at Phoenix Muni and 5-6-3 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 Mariners, 6-5 in Phoenix...Seattle scored twice in the first inning but the A's came back with two runs in the second on a RBI single by Eric Sogard and a bases loaded walk to Daric Barton...Stephen Vogt then hit a two-run home run in the third inning to give the A's the lead...the Mariners scored three times in the fifth to take a 5-4 lead but Vogt hit his second home run of the game in the bottom of the fifth, another two-run shot...Scott Kazmir started for the A's and had a no decision (4.1 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 5 so)...Dan Otero allowed two runs in the fifth (0.2 ip) but picked up the win...Joe Savery tossed a scoreless sixth inning and Arnold Leon shutout the Mariners over the final three innings for the save...Vogt, Billy Burns and Derek Norris had two hits each.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** is 4 for 16 (.250) with four walks and four RBI in five games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns (NR)** stole his Major League leading 10th base yesterday against Seattle...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 fifth in the Cactus League in runs (12) and tied for 10th in hits (18)...is 9 for 22 (.409) over his last seven games...**Alberto Callaspo** is 0 for 7 with four walks over his last three games after hitting safely in each of his previous five contests (7 for 15, .467)...has appeared in nine 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 last Monday against the Cubs...is now 2 for 30 (.067) over his last 10 games...has appeared in nine games in left field, including six of his last seven, and eight at designated hitter...**Coco Crisp** went 0 for 3 Friday night at San Francisco after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 11 games...is 9 for 19 (.474) over his last six games...is tied for the ML lead in walks (11)...**Josh Donaldson** is 8 for 26 (.308) with seven RBI over his last 10 games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...**Jake Elmore** is 12 for 33 (.364) over his last 15 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 12 games at second base, eight at third base and four at shortstop...**Nate Freiman** had his second multiple hit game Wednesday at Cleveland, including his first home run...is 8 for 23 (.348) with eight RBI over his last 14 games after going 1 for 15 with no RBI over his first eight contests...**Sam Fuld (NR)** ranks second in the CL in runs (14) and tied for fourth in triples (3)...has appeared in 11 games in left field, eight in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 2 for 4 (.500) over his last three games after going 1 for 15 over his previous 12 contests...has appeared in 19 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** is 6 for 16 (.375) with seven RBI over his last six games...is tied for ninth in the CL in RBI (11)...**Jed Lowrie** went 0 for 3 Friday night at San Francisco after hitting safely in each of his previous 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) and tied for ninth in doubles (5)...**Brandon Moss** is 4 for 15 (.267) over his last six games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first six contests...is tied for ninth in the CL in RBI (11)...**Derek Norris** has hit safely in each of his last six games (10 for 20, .500) and has four multiple hit games over that stretch...**Nick Punto** went 0 for 2 Friday night at San Francisco after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 13 games...is 8 for 18 (.444) over his last six games after going 4 for 18 (.222) over his previous seven contests...has appeared in seven games at shortstop and seven at second base...**Josh Reddick** is 5 for 24 (.208) over his last nine games after going 7 for 16 (.412) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 8 for 22 (.364) over his last eight

games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 3 for 16 (.188) over his last six games...is tied for eighth in the CL in total bases (32), tied for ninth in doubles (5) and ranks 10th in slugging (.615)...**Stephen Vogt** hit two home runs yesterday against Seattle and drove in four runs...now has 12 RBI for the spring, which is tied for third in the CL...is 4 for 14 (.286) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last six games.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's lost the first game at Mesa on March 4, 6-4 and then won in Phoenix on March 17, 6-2...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 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.

PHOENIX MUNI FAREWELL: The A's have three games remaining in Phoenix Muni, including today's game against Chicago (NL)...face Cincinnati on Tuesday and Los Angeles (AL) on Wednesday...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 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 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 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: today vs. CHI (12:00 am PT on March 24) and 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
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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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (4-0, 1 SV, 1.04 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and fourth start of the spring...began the spring with a 13.2-inning scoreless streak before allowing his first run in the second inning of his last start Tuesday at Chicago (AL)...picked up his fourth win in that start, which is the most in the majors...it matches the most by an A's pitcher since spring stats are available beginning in 1991 (sixth time, last: Justin Duchschere, 2004)...ranks fourth in the Cactus League in ERA (1.04)...spent most of the 2013 season with the A's and was 2-4 with a save and a career-low 3.92 ERA in 35 games over two stints...also went 2-2 with a 2.70 ERA and .285 opponents batting average in five starts with Triple-A Sacramento...the save was the first of his career and he also struck out a career-high 55 batters...also had career lows in opponents batting average (.230), on-base percentage (.302) and slugging percentage (.318)...surrendered just three home runs in 57.1 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...entered the season with 34 home runs in 177.1 career innings (1.73 per nine innings)...had a 2.97 ERA and .210 opponents batting average in 18 games before the All-Star Break...then compiled a 5.25 ERA and .258 opponents average in 17 games after the break.

CHAVEZ' 2014 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
February 26	San Francisco	10-5	W	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
March 2	at Los Angeles (AL)	3-2	W	0.00	2.2	1	0	0	1	2	0
*March 7	Arizona	2-0	W	0.00	4.0	1	0	0	0	5	0
*March 13	Colorado	10-5	S	0.00	4.0	5	0	0	1	4	0
March 18	at Chicago (AL)	16-6	W	1.04	4.2	6	2	2	2	2	2
Totals (6 games, 3 starts)		4-0	1.04	17.1	14	2	2	4	14	2	2

*indicates relief appearance

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (1-0, 5.06 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not walked a batter in 10.2 innings, including his last appearance yesterday against the Mariners when he picked up the win (0.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so)...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Sacramento where he went 1-0 with 15 saves and a 0.99 ERA in 23 relief appearances...was promoted to Oakland June 14 and finished the season with the A's, going 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in 33 games...also worked in four of the A's five ALDS games against Detroit and did not allow a run in 5.2 innings...his 1.38 ERA was the third lowest mark in Oakland history by a rookie with 30 or more innings pitched...did not allow a home run in 39.0 innings...has not allowed a home run in 51.1 career innings...walked just six batters, an average of 1.38 per nine innings, which ranked third lowest among AL relievers...is just the

second Oakland A's reliever to average fewer than 1.46 walks per nine innings (Dennis Eckersley did it six times)...has walked eight batters in his career (1.40 per nine innings)...allowed a .276 batting average, including .269 against left-handed hitters compared to .284 against right-handers.

#13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (1-1, 2.89 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has retired 15 of the 16 batters he has faced over his last two appearances (5.0 ip, 1 h, 8 so)...has 14 strikeouts in 9.1 innings (13.50 per nine innings)...his last outing was Wednesday at Cleveland (3.0 ip, 1 h, 3 so)...was acquired from the Colorado Rockies with Chris Jensen for Brett Anderson and cash considerations, December 10, 2013...was 0-4 with a 6.23 ERA in eight games, including four starts, over two stints with Colorado last year...walked 19 and struck out 19 in 21.2 innings...allowed a .301 opponents batting average, including .130 (3-for-23) against left-handed hitters compared to .367 (22-for-60) against right-handers...held opponents to a .190 average with runners in scoring position, including .091 with RISP and two outs...began the season at Triple-A Colorado Springs and went 8-1 with a 4.20 ERA in 15 starts before the Rockies called June 30...struck out 96 batters in 85.2 innings, an average of 10.1 per nine innings...yielded just six home runs, an average of 0.63 per nine innings...allowed a .256 opponents batting average, including .180 against left-handed hitters.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 23 vs. Chicago (NL)

Cubs: RHP Jason Hammel, RHP Blake Parker, LHP James Russell, RHP Arodys Vizcaino, RHP Alberto Cabrera, LHP Wesley Wright

March 23 at Seattle

Mariners: LHP Randy Wolf, RHP Fernando Rodney, RHP Yoervis Medina, LHP Joe Beimel

March 24 at Texas

A's: RHP Murphy Smith

Rangers: LHP Ryan Feirabend, RHP Shawn Tolleson, LHP Aaron Poreda, RHP Jason Frasor, LHP Michael Kirkman, RHP Alexi Ogando

March 25 vs. Cincinnati

A's: LHP Tommy Milone, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Luke Gregerson

Reds: LHP Jeff Francis, LHP Manny Parra, RHP Logan Ondrusek

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	
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						
March 21	at San Francisco	L, 0-3	11-9-5	Petit	Gray	12,148	
March 22	Seattle	W, 6-5	12-9-5	Otero	Baker	7,250	61,785
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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...dropped an 8-5 decision in 1983 and lost 9-7 in 1997...are 1-4 all-time against the Indians to start the season...the only win came on April 15, 1958, a 5-0 win by the Kansas City A's at Cleveland...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.

STARTING ROTATION: The A's starting rotation will feature, in order, RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Dan Straily and LHP Tommy Milone...Gray will become the fifth youngest Opening Day starting pitcher in Oakland history behind Vida Blue (1971), Catfish Hunter (1968), Trevor Cahill (2011) and Blue Moon Odom (1969)...Gray will be the A's ninth different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last nine years and the 19th different in the last 22.

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							