



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-11-5) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (7-15-3)

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST – MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY AT 11:00 PM PT)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are batting .317 (138 for 436) with 99 runs scored over the last 12 games (8.3 runs per game)...lead the majors in walks (116), rank second in runs (173) and on-base percentage (.364), tied for third in grounded into double plays (26) and fourth in batting (.287)...A's pitchers allowed eight home runs in the split squad yesterday, including six against the Cubs, and have yielded 29 in the last 14 games...have 41 for the spring, which is nine more than any other team...also rank second in the majors in strikeouts (219) and fourth in hits (264)...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 7-4-2 at Phoenix Muni and 5-7-3 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 were swept in a split squad, losing 8-6 to the Cubs in Phoenix and 6-4 to the Mariners in Peoria...in Phoenix, the A's scored twice in the first inning on RBI singles by Josh Reddick and Alberto Callaspo...Jesse Chavez (5.2 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 bb, 6 so) blanked the Cubs on two hits over the first five innings before allowing five runs in the sixth for the loss...Nate Freiman had a two-run single in the A's three-run seventh inning to complete the scoring...in Peoria, Oakland scored all four of its runs on home runs as Josh Donaldson hit a two-run home run in the fourth, Derek Norris a solo shot in the sixth and Yoenis Céspedes a solo blast in the eighth...Josh Lindblom started for the A's and had a no decision (4.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...Fernando Abad followed with 1.2 scoreless innings and Evan Scribner pitched a scoreless seventh and eighth innings before allowing four runs in the bottom of the ninth, including a three-run walk-off home run by Romero.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** is 4 for 18 (.222) with five walks and four RBI in six games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns (NR)** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 8) and is 11 for 26 (.423) over his last eight contests...has a Major League leading 10 stolen bases, which 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 hits (20) and tied for eighth in runs (12)...**Alberto Callaspo** had his fourth multiple hit game yesterday against the Cubs and is 9 for 25 (.360) over his last nine games...has appeared in 10 games at third base, three at first base and two at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday at Seattle...is 4 for 13 (.308) over his last four games to snap a 0 for 23 streak...**Coco Crisp** had his fourth multiple hit game yesterday against the Cubs and has now reached base safely via hit or walk in 12 of his 13 games...is 11 for 23 (.478) over his last seven games...leads the majors with 12 walks...**Josh Donaldson** is 9 for 30 (.300) with three home runs and nine RBI over his last 11 games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...**Jake Elmore** is 13 for 35 (.371) over his last 16 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 13 games at second base, eight at third base and five at shortstop...**Sam Fuld (NR)** is 7 for 20 (.350) with two triples over his last seven games...is tied for second in the CL in runs (14) and tied for fourth in triples (3)...has appeared in 12 games in left field, eight in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 2 for 6 (.333) over his last four games after going 1 for 15 over his previous 12 contests...has appeared in 20 games at catcher, one at third base, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** is 7 for 20 (.350) with seven RBI over his last seven games...**Jed Lowrie** is 1 for 7 (.143) over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous eight contests (9 for 25, .360) with four doubles, two home runs and nine RBI...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (12) and tied for 10th in doubles (5)...**Brandon Moss** is 5 for 18 (.278) over his last seven games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first six contests...**Derek Norris** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (11 for 24, .458) and has four multiple hit games over that stretch...has hit safely in 10 of 12 games overall...**Nick Punto** is 0 for 5 with a walk over his last two games after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 13 games...is 8 for 21 (.381) over his last seven games after going 4 for 18 (.222) over his previous seven contests...has appeared in eight games at shortstop and seven at second base...**Josh Reddick** is 6 for 27 (.222) over his last 10 games

after going 7 for 16 (.412) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 9 for 24 (.375) over his last nine games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 4 for 20 (.200) over his last seven games...is tied for eighth in the CL in total bases (33) and tied for 10th in doubles (5)...**Stephen Vogt** hit two home runs Saturday against Seattle and drove in four runs...now has 12 RBI for the spring, which is tied for sixth in the CL...is 4 for 18 (.222) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last seven games.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the first two games were in Phoenix, a 2-2 tie on March 1 and a 16-15 loss March 15...the A's lost both meetings last year, 4-3 at Surprise March 9 and 6-2 in Phoenix March 14.

IN CAMP: The A's have 31 active players in camp, including 29 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and two non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 13 pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and six outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty and Jarrod Parker, who are on the 60-day disabled list...it also does not include Ryan Cook, Craig Gentry, A.J. Griffin and Fernando Rodriguez, who are expected to open the season on the DL.

INSTANT REPLAY: Today marks the A's third instant replay game of the spring...the first was March 13 against Colorado and manager Bob Melvin was successful in one of two challenges...did not challenge a call in the second game March 18 against Chicago (AL)...all three games in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29) will also have instant replay.

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 Arizona portion of the schedule concluded yesterday...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, one remaining game from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network on tape delay: today 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)
March 23	Nate Freiman, Arnold Leon and Josh Lindblom optioned to Sacramento

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER SEAN MURPHY RHP (0-0, --- ERA)

Was brought over from the A's minor league camp today and will be making his first appearance in a Major League spring training game...was the A's 33rd round pick in the 2010 draft and is 26-24 with a 4.08 ERA in 85 games, 61 starts, in five seasons in the minors...made three starts with Single-A Stockton last year (2-1, 2.89 ERA) but spent most of the season at Double-A Midland, where he was 8-8 with a 4.08 ERA in 25 games, 24 starts...ranked second in the A's farm system in strikeouts (140), tied for fifth in wins (10) and innings pitched (155.1) and eighth in ERA (3.94).

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

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his seven appearances (7.2 ip, 2 r), including his last outing Saturday against Seattle (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb)...has 11 strikeouts in 7.2 innings (12.91 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 (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.

ADDITIONAL MINOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

Jesus Castillo has not pitched in a Major League spring training game...was pitching for Reynosa in the Mexican League last year before signing with the A's August 12, 2013...went 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA and a save in six games with Double-A Midland...**Jose Flores** was a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 9...has an 8.10 ERA and a save in four games with the A's...last pitched for Oakland March 19 at Cleveland (1.0 ip, 2 so)...**Blake Hassebrock** has appeared in one game for the A's on March 15 against Texas (0.1 ip, 1 so)...**Deryk Hooker** was a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 16...is 0-1 with a 9.53 ERA in six games...last pitched for Oakland March 15 against Texas when he took the loss (1.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so, 1 hr)...**Phillip Humber** was a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 16...is 0-1 with a 16.20 ERA in six games...last pitched for the A's March 15 against Texas (1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...**Paul Smyth** has appeared in three games with Oakland and has a 3.00 ERA...his last appearance with the A's was March 17 against Chicago-NL (1.0 ip)...**Jeff Urlaub** has appeared in two games with Oakland this spring, March 2 at Los Angeles-AL (0.1 ip) and March 4 against Milwaukee (1.0 ip).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 24 at Texas
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

March 26 vs. Los Angeles (AL)
A's: RHP Murphy Smith, LHP Fernando Abad
Angels: TBA

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	Santliago	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	Belsie	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
March 23	Chicago (NL)	L, 6-8		Russell	Chavez	6,511	68,296
	at Seattle	L, 4-6	12-11-5	Luetge	Scribner	9,512	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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							