



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-12-5) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (16-10-2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 13-12-5 with four games remaining...need two more wins to post a winning record for the third consecutive spring (17-13-3 last year, 15-7-2 in 2012)...the last time A's had three straight winning springs was from 2000-04 when they had five straight...are 8-4-2 at Phoenix Muni and 5-8-3 on the road...the A's lead the majors in walks (122) and on-base percentage (.362), rank second in runs (183) and fourth in batting (.286)...are fourth in most errors (32)...the A's pitching staff ranks second in the majors with 228 strikeouts...that matches the total from last spring, which is the most by an A's team during the spring since statistics are available beginning in 1991...has allowed 30 home runs in the last 16 games and has a Major League leading 42 for the spring...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...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).

**PHOENIX MUNI FINALE:** Phoenix Muni will host its final Cactus League game today when the A's host the Angels...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.

**YESTERDAY:** The A's defeated the Reds, 8-4...Cincinnati scored a run in the first off Tommy Milone but Brandon Moss hit a three-run home run in the second inning to give the A's a 3-1 lead...Milone allowed two runs in the third but Derek Norris had a RBI single in the bottom of the inning to make the score 4-3...after Milone allowed an unearned run in the fourth, the A's took the lead for good on a Josh Donaldson RBI double in the bottom of the fourth...Josh Reddick hit a solo home run in the fifth inning and Oakland added two more runs in the seventh on a Norris RBI double and a Reddick RBI single...Milone picked up the win (5.0 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 2 so, 1 hr) and Jim Johnson, Luke Gregerson, Sean Doolittle and Andrew Werner tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...Norris had three hits and Donaldson and Reddick had two each.

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Daric Barton* is 4 for 22 (.182) with five walks and four RBI in seven games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...*Billy Burns (NR)* is 12 for 30 (.400) over his last 10 games...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 sixth in the Cactus League in hits (21) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in runs (12)...*Alberto Callaspo* has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 6), including a 3-for-3 performance Monday at Texas...is now 12 for 28 (.429) over his last 10 games...has appeared in 10 games at third base, four at first base and two at designated hitter...*Yoenis Cespedes* hit his first home run of the spring Sunday at Seattle...is 4 for 16 (.250) over his last five games to snap a 0 for 23 streak...*Coco Crisp* leads the majors with 12 walks...is 11 for 27 (.407) over his last eight games...had his fourth multiple hit game Sunday against the Cubs...*Josh Donaldson* is 10 for 29 (.345) with three home runs and nine RBI over his last 10 games after going 2 for 16 (.1251) with one RBI over his first seven contests...*Jake Elmore* is 14 for 37 (.378) over his last 17 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 13 games at second base, nine at third base and five at shortstop...*Sam Fuld (NR)* is 7 for 23 (.304) with two triples over his last eight games...is tied for second in the CL in runs (14) and tied for fifth in triples (3)...has appeared in 14 games in left field, eight in center field and one in right field...*Chris Gimenez* is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last six games after going 1 for 15 over his previous 12 contests...has appeared in 21 games at catcher, one at third base, one at first base, one in left field and one at designated hitter...*John Jaso* is 7 for 18 (.389) with seven RBI over his last six games...*Jed Lowrie* is 1 for 10 (.100) over his last three games after hitting safely in each of his previous eight contests (9 for 25, .360) with four doubles, two home runs and nine RBI...*Brandon Moss* hit his fourth home run yesterday against Cincinnati, which is tied for eighth in the CL...had three RBI and now has 14 for the spring, which is tied for fifth in the CL...is 6 for 22 (.273) over his last eight games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first six contests...*Derek Norris* had three hits yesterday against the Reds to extend his hitting streak to eight games...is 14 for 28 (.500) with four doubles, two home runs, eight

RBI and five multiple hit games during the streak...has hit safely in 11 of 13 games overall...*Nick Punto* is 1 for 6 with a walk over his last three games after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 13 games...is 9 for 22 (.409) over his last eight games after going 4 for 18 (.222) over his previous seven contests...has appeared in eight games at shortstop and eight at second base...*Josh Reddick* is 8 for 31 (.258) over his last 11 games after going 7 for 16 (.412) over his first six contests...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (13)...*Eric Sogard* is 10 for 26 (.385) over his last 10 games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...*Michael Taylor* is 4 for 23 (.174) over his last nine games after going 13 for 36 (.361) over his first 16 contests...*Stephen Vogt* hit two home runs Saturday against Seattle and drove in four runs...is 4 for 18 (.222) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last eight games.

**A's vs. ANGELS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's won the first game at Tempe on March 2, 3-2...had two wins and a tie in three games last spring...won 7-5 in Tempe February 24 and 13-5 in Phoenix March 4 and played to a 13-13 tie in Phoenix March 16.

**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.

**A's vs. INDIANS:** The A's open the regular season next Monday, March 31 against Cleveland at 7:05...RHP Sonny Gray will face RHP Justin Masterson...LHP Scott Kazmir takes on RHP Corey Kluber on Tuesday at 7:05 and RHP Jesse Chavez squares off against RHP Zach McAllister on Wednesday at 12:35.

**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...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.

**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 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.

#### 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
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 MURPHY SMITH 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 13<sup>th</sup> round pick in the 2009 draft and is 34-38 with a 4.20 ERA in 119 games, 110 starts, in five seasons in the A's farm system...spent the entire 2013 season at Double-A Midland where he went 9-8 with a 3.48 ERA in 26 games, 25 starts...ranked fifth in the A's farm system in ERA, eighth in innings pitched (150.0), tied for ninth in wins and 10<sup>th</sup> in strikeouts (98).

### ADDITIONAL MINOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

**Trey Barham** has not appeared in a Major League spring training game...appeared in 16 games with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League and Single-A Stockton last year in his comeback from Tommy John surgery and was a combined 0-0 with a 3.79 ERA...struck out 30 in 21.1 innings...**Ryan Dull** has appeared in two games with the A's this spring: February 28 against San Francisco (0.2 ip, 1 h, 1 so) and March 15 against Texas (0.0 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 hr)...**Kris Hall** has not appeared in a Major League spring training game...went 4-2 with a 4.92 ERA in 30 games, including two starts, for Single-A Beloit last year...**Austin House** has not appeared in a Major League spring training game...spent the entire 2013 season at Single-A Beloit where he was 3-4 with a 3.97 ERA in 36 games, including nine starts...**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 three games with Oakland this spring and has not allowed a run in 2.1 innings...his last appearance was Monday at Texas (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...**Andrew Werner** was a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 9...has not allowed a run in seven games (5.2 ip), including his last outing yesterday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so).

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 26 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

**Angels:** LHP CJ Wilson, RHP Joe Smith, RHP Kevin Jepsen

#### March 27 at San Francisco

**A's:** LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Evan Scribner, LHP Drew Pomeranz

**Giants:** RHP Tim Hudson

#### March 28 at San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Jesse Chavez

**Giants:** RHP Tim Lincecum

#### March 29 vs. San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Dan Straily, LHP Tommy Milone

**Giants:** RHP Ryan Vogelsong

## 2014 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 26	at San Francisco	W, 10-5	1-0	Chavez	Petit	6,498		March 15	Texas	L, 15-16		Tolleson	Hooker	7,752	48,436
Feb. 27	Milwaukee	L, 3-11	1-1	Estrada	Milone	3,649	3,649		at San Francisco	W, 8-1	8-7-5	Milone	Cain	12,258	
Feb. 28	San Francisco	W, 7-6	2-1	Neal	Hembree	4,285	7,934	March 16	at Cincinnati	L, 6-7	8-8-5	Wang	Lindblom	6,413	
March 1	Texas	T, 2-2	2-1-1	--	--	4,232	12,166	March 17	Chicago (NL)	W, 6-2	9-8-5	Savery	Wang	6,099	54,535
March 2	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 3-2	3-1-1	Chavez	Santiago	4,777		March 18	at Chicago (AL)	W, 16-6	10-8-5	Chavez	Quintana	7,179	
March 3	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 7-3	4-1-1	Doolittle	Kershaw	3,862	16,028	March 19	at Cleveland	W, 13-3	11-8-5	Pomeranz	Carrasco	4,758	
March 4	Milwaukee	W, 6-4		Urlaub	Hellweg	2,209	18,237	March 20	OFF DAY						
	at Chicago (NL)	L, 4-6	5-2-1	Rosscup	Ynoa	10,049		March 21	at San Francisco	L, 0-3	11-9-5	Petit	Gray	12,148	
March 5	at Milwaukee	L, 2-7	5-3-1	Duke	Pomeranz	2,408		March 22	Seattle	W, 6-5	12-9-5	Otero	Baker	7,250	61,785
March 6	at Arizona	T, 8-8 (10)	5-3-2	--	--	8,185		March 23	Chicago (NL)	L, 6-8		Russell	Chavez	6,511	68,296
March 7	Arizona	W, 2-0	6-3-2	Chavez	Miley	5,686	23,923		at Seattle	L, 4-6	12-11-5	Luetge	Scribner	9,512	
March 8	at Colorado	L, 4-5	6-4-2	Bettis	Lindblom	11,193		March 24	at Texas	L, 2-6	12-12-5	Frasor	Hooker	5,221	
March 9	Chicago (AL)	T, 2-2	6-4-3	--	--	5,500	29,423	March 25	Cincinnati	W, 8-4	13-12-5	Milone	Francis	4,682	72,978
March 10	at Los Angeles (NL)	T, 8-8	6-4-4	--	--	7,556		<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>				
March 11	at San Diego	L, 5-6	6-5-4	Sampson	Humber	3,750		March 26	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05					
March 12	Kansas City	L, 1-3	6-6-4	Joseph	Doolittle	4,183	33,606	March 27	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM	The Game/A's Radio Network			
March 13	Colorado	W, 10-5	7-6-4	Hooker	Belsie	7,078	40,684	March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM	The Game/A's Radio Network			
March 14	at Kansas City	T, 9-9	7-6-5	--	--	6,486		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 47<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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					