



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-13-5) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (17-10-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M.
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost five of the last seven games and are 13-13-5 this spring with three 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...the A's lead the majors in walks (126), rank second in runs (185) and third in on-base percentage (.359)...are fourth in most errors (33)...the A's pitching staff is tied for second in the majors with 232 strikeouts...those are the most strikeouts by an A's team during the spring since statistics are available beginning in 1991...the previous high was 228 last year...has allowed 32 home runs in the last 17 games and has a Major League leading 44 for the spring...went 8-5-2 in the final spring at Phoenix Muni and are 5-8-3 on the road...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 was 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).

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to the Angels in the Phoenix Muni finale, 6-2...Los Angeles scored a run in the third but the A's came back to tie the game with a run in the bottom of the third on a Billy Burns sacrifice fly...Sonny Gray started for the A's and allowed just the one run in 5.0 innings (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...Jeff Urlaub then allowed three runs in the sixth inning for the loss...the A's were trailing 5-1 when Dusty Coleman led off the bottom of the eighth with a home run for the A's final run.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** is 4 for 22 (.182) with six walks and four RBI in eight games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns (NR)** is 13 for 33 (.394) over his last 11 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 fourth in the Cactus League in hits (22)...**Alberto Callaspo** is 6 for 9 (.667) over his last three games and 13 for 31 (.419) over his last 11 contests...has appeared in 10 games at third base, five at first base and two at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** 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** is tied for the Major League lead 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 15 for 40 (.375) over his last 18 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 13 games at second base, 10 at third base and five at shortstop...**Sam Fuld (NR)** is 1 for 10 over his last five games...is tied for second in the CL in runs (14) and tied for fifth in triples (3)...has appeared in 15 games in left field, eight in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last seven games after going 1 for 15 over his previous 12 contests...has appeared in 22 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 20 (.350) with seven RBI over his last seven 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...**Jose Martinez (minors)** was with the A's as a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 16...is 1 for 7 over his last eight games...**Brandon Moss** hit his fourth home run Tuesday against Cincinnati, which is tied for ninth in the CL...had three RBI and now has 14 for the spring, which is tied for sixth 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** struck out in his only at bat yesterday against the Angels to snap his eight-game hitting streak...is now 14 for 29 (.483) with four doubles, two home runs, eight RBI and five multiple hit games over his last nine games...**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 contests...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 eighth 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 26 (.154) over his last 10 games after going 13 for 36 (.361) over his first 16 contests...**Stephen Vogt** hit two home runs last Saturday against Seattle and drove in four

runs...is 4 for 19 (.211) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last nine games.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fifth of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won three of the first four games, going 1-0 in Phoenix and 2-1 in Scottsdale...the clubs meet again tomorrow night in San Francisco and Saturday afternoon 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 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: The A's had three instant replay games in Arizona this spring and manager Bob Melvin was successful in one of three challenges...all three of these games against San Francisco will also have instant replay.

PHOENIX MUNI FAREWELL: The A's completed their final spring in Phoenix this year 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.

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...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: tomorrow 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.

A's vs. INDIANS: The A's open the regular season Monday, March 31 against Cleveland at 7:05...RHP Sonny Gray will face RHP Justin Masterson...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)...he will be the A's ninth different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last nine years and the 19th different in the last 22...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.

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.

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 #26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (0-0, 2.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and start of the spring...did not allow a run in his first two starts (7.0 ip) before allowing three runs in his last start...was scratched from his start March 17 against Chicago (NL) with left triceps stiffness...opponents are 7 for 40 (.175)...was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract, December 4, 2013...went from the independent Atlantic League in 2012 to a key member of the Cleveland Indians rotation in 2013, going 10-9 with a 4.04 ERA in 29 starts...it was his sixth 10-win season but his first since 2009...his 29 starts were his most since 2007, as were his 158.0 innings pitched...walked 47 batters for an average of 2.68 walks per nine innings, which was the lowest mark of his career...struck out 162, and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.45 was also a career best...averaged 9.23 strikeouts per nine innings...did not qualify for the league leaders but had the seventh best strikeout per nine inning ratio among AL pitchers with 150 or more innings pitched...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .226 against left-handed hitters compared to .275 against right-handers.

KAZMIR'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 7	Arizona	2-0	--	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	0	2	0
March 12	Kansas City	1-3	--	0.00	4.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
March 22	Seattle	6-5	--	2.38	4.1	4	3	3	3	5	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				0-0	2.38	11.1	7	3	3	4	0

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 3.48 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 11th appearance of the spring...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in appearances (10)...has not allowed a run in seven of his 10 outings, including his last appearance Sunday at Seattle (1.1 ip, 1 so)...has not walked a batter in 10.1 innings and opponents are batting .216 (8 for 37)...was acquired from the Washington Nationals for minor league infielder John Wooten, November 25, 2013...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Syracuse and was 1-0 with a 1.06 ERA in 17 relief appearances when he was promoted to Washington May 21...spent the remainder of the season with the Nationals, going 0-3 with a 3.35 ERA in a career-high 39 relief appearances...allowed a .271 opponents batting average but surrendered just nine extra base hits for a career-low .368 slugging percentage...yielded a .247 (23-for-93) average to right-handed hitters compared to .306 (19-for-62) against left-handers...had a 1.83 ERA in 20 appearances before the All-Star Break...pitched for Toros del Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 0-1 with a 4.70 ERA in eight relief appearances.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (1-0, 4.76 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not walked a batter in 11.1 innings, including his last appearance Sunday against Chicago-NL (0.2 ip)...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, 3.27 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has allowed just one earned run and has not walked a batter over his last four appearances (7.2 ip, 1.17 ERA)...has 14 strikeouts over that span

and 18 in 11.0 innings for the spring (14.73 per nine innings)...his last outing was Sunday against Chicago-NL (1.2 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 1 er, 4 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.

#50 JOE SAVERY LHP (1-0, 2.08 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...allowed his first earned runs of the spring in his last outing Monday at Texas (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...did not allow an earned run over his first seven appearances (7.2 ip, 2 r)...has 12 strikeouts in 8.2 innings (12.46 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.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-1, 5.91 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first five outings (5.1 ip) but has allowed at least three runs in two of his last three appearances, including his last outing Sunday at Seattle when he took the loss (2.0 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...spent most of the 2013 season with Triple-A Sacramento but appeared in 18 games over five stints with the A's...had no decisions, a 4.39 ERA and .243 opponents batting average...allowed a .220 (11-for-50) opponents average against left-handed hitters compared to .263 (15-for-57) with all three of his home runs against right-handers...was 3-1 with a save, a 2.22 ERA and .192 opponents batting average in 31 relief appearances with the River Cats...yielded just two home runs in 44.2 innings...walked just nine batters while striking out 58 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 6.44...averaged 1.81 walks per nine innings and 11.69 strikeouts...allowed just 3-of-20 (15.0%) inherited runners to score...his opponents batting average included a .164 (12-for-73) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .213 (20-for-94) against right-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 27 at San Francisco
Giants: RHP Tim Hudson

March 28 at San Francisco
A's: RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Luke Gregerson
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.
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
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	
March 24	at Texas	L, 2-6	12-12-5	Frasor	Hooker	5,221	
March 25	Cincinnati	W, 8-4	13-12-5	Milone	Francis	4,682	72,978
March 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 2-6	13-13-5	Wilson	Urlaub	5,033	78,011
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				