



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-13-5) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (17-11-1)

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CSNCA – A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 14-13-5 and need to win one of the final two games 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 (129), rank second in runs (189) and tied for second in on-base percentage (.358)...are fourth in most errors (33)...the A's pitching staff ranks second in the majors with 240 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 18 games and has a Major League leading 44 for the spring...went 8-5-2 in the final spring at Phoenix Muni and are 5-9-3 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 defeated the Giants 4-0 at San Francisco...Scott Kazmir started for Oakland and picked up the win, tossing 5.1 scoreless innings (2 h, 3 bb, 4 so)...Dan Otero recorded the final two outs of the sixth inning and Drew Pomeranz (1.2 ip) and Evan Scribner (1.1 ip) also tossed scoreless relief...the A's scored their first run in the third inning on a Josh Donaldson RBI double and added another in the fifth on a Donaldson RBI triple...Josh Reddick added a two-run home run in the fifth inning to complete the A's scoring...Donaldson and Yoenis Cespedes had two hits each.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** is 4 for 22 (.182) with six walks and four RBI over his last nine games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (10)...has struck out just twice in 42 plate appearances...**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 fifth in the CL in hits (22)...**Alberto Callaspo** is 6 for 10 (.600) over his last four games and 13 for 31 (.419) over his last 11 contests...has appeared in 10 games at third base, five at first base, two at designated hitter and one as a pinch hitter...**Yoenis Cespedes** is 4 for 10 (.400) with two walks and his first home run of the spring over his last three games...hit .130 over his first 16 contests...**Dusty Coleman (minors)** was added to the Bay Bridge series roster today...appeared in five games for Oakland this spring, going 1 for 7 (.143)...the hit was a home run Wednesday against Los Angeles (AL)...**Coco Crisp** is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last four games after hitting safely in each of his previous five contests (9 for 16, .563)...is tied for the Major League lead with 12 walks...**Josh Donaldson** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 8) and is 12 for 33 (.364) with three home runs and 11 RBI over his last 11 games after going 2 for 16 (.1251) with one RBI over his first seven contests...**Jake Elmore** is 15 for 41 (.366) over his last 19 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 14 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 fourth 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...**John Jaso** is 7 for 20 (.350) with seven RBI over his last seven games...**Jed Lowrie** is 1 for 15 (.067) over his last four 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 seventh in the CL...is 7 for 25 (.280) over his last nine games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first six contests...is a .364 (44 for 121) hitter with six home runs and 29 RBI in 49 games over three springs with the A's...**Derek Norris** is 0 for 5 over his last two games to snap an eight-game hitting streak...went 14 for 28 (.500) with four doubles, two home runs, eight RBI and five multiple hit games during the hitting streak...has a .369 (31 for 84) average with eight home runs and 24 RBI in 34 games over the last two springs...**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**

has homered in back-to-back games (3 for 7, four RBI)...is tied for fifth in the CL in RBI (15)...is 9 for 34 (.265) over his last 12 games after going 7 for 16 (.412) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (8 for 19, .421) after batting .138 over his first 11 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 5 for 20 (.250) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last 10 games.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the sixth of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won four of the first five games, going 1-0 in Phoenix, 2-1 in Scottsdale and 1-0 in San Francisco...the clubs meet again tomorrow 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: Chris Gimenez was claimed off waivers today leaving the A's with 30 active players in camp...that includes 28 players on the 40-man roster, which has one open spot, and two non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 13 pitchers, three 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 of the games against San Francisco in the Bay Area 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 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 Odum (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
March 28	Chris Gimenez claimed off waivers by Texas

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (4-1, 1 SV, 2.74 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance and fifth start of the spring...is tied for the Major League lead with four wins, which match the most by an A's pitcher since spring win totals are available beginning in 1990 (sixth time, last: Justin Duchschere, 2004)...began the spring with a 13.2-inning scoreless streak but has allowed seven runs in 10.1 innings over his last two starts...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...his opponents batting average included a .212 (21-for-99) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .246 (29-for-118) against left-handers...allowed a .167 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs.

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	
March 23	Chicago (NL)	6-8	L	2.74	5.2	7	5	5	1	6	2	
Totals (6 games, 4 starts)				4-1	2.74	23.0	21	7	7	5	20	4

*indicates relief appearance

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

Is scheduled to make his 11th appearance of the spring...is tied for sixth 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.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-1, 3.68 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in seven of his eight appearances, including his last outing Tuesday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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)...allowed two first batter doubles for a .197 slugging percentage, which was third lowest in the AL.

#44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (0-0, 5.68 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in six of his seven outings, including his last appearance Tuesday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 2 so)...has nine strikeouts in 6.1 innings (12.79 per nine innings)...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, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his eight outings, including his last appearance Tuesday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 2 bb)...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.

#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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 28 at San Francisco
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
March 27	San Francisco (at S.F.)	W, 4-0	14-13-5	Kazmir	Hudson	35,688	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				