



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (15-13-5) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (17-12-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014 – O.CO COLISEUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have clinched a winning record for the third consecutive spring as they are 15-13-5 entering the final game today...went 17-13-3 last year and 15-7-2 in 2012...the last time A's had three straight winning springs was from 2000-04 when they had five straight...lead the majors in walks (135), rank second in runs (193) and third in on-base percentage (.358)...are fourth in most errors (33)...the A's pitching staff ranks fourth in the majors with 247 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 5-10-3 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 4-1 at San Francisco...John Jaso homered to lead off the third inning to give Oakland a 1-0 lead...Jesse Chavez blanked San Francisco on one hit and one walk over 5.1 innings while striking out five for his fifth win of the spring...those are the most wins by an Athletic during the spring since spring win totals are first available in 1990...Chavez did not allow a hit until Angel Pagan had a one out double in the sixth...Fernando Abad (0.2 ip), Sean Doolittle (1.0 ip) and Luke Gregerson (1.0 ip) pitched scoreless relief before Jim Johnson allowed a run in the ninth inning...Sam Fuld had a three-run triple in the sixth inning to complete the A's scoring...Jaso and Josh Reddick had two hits each.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** walked twice last night and is tied for the Major League lead with 12 walks this spring...is 5 for 24 (.208) with eight walks and four RBI over his last 10 games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...has struck out just twice in 46 plate appearances...**Billy Burns (NR)** is 13 for 34 (.382) over his last 12 games...is tied for the ML lead with 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 seventh in the CL in hits (22)...**Alberto Callaspo** is 7 for 14 (.500) over his last five games and 14 for 35 (.400) over his last 12 contests...has appeared in 11 games at third base, five at first base, two at designated hitter and one as a pinch hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 6 for 24 (.250) over his last seven games after batting .111 over his first 13 contests...hit his first home run of the spring last Sunday at Seattle...**Dusty Coleman (minors)** was added to the Bay Bridge series roster yesterday...has appeared in six 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 18 (.111) over his last five games after hitting safely in each of his previous five contests (9 for 16, .563)...is tied for the ML lead with 12 walks...**Josh Donaldson** is 12 for 35 (.343) with three home runs and 11 RBI over his last 12 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)** had a three-run triple in the sixth inning last night...it was his fourth of the spring, which is tied for third in the CL...it also matches the most by an Athletic during the spring since 1991, the first year spring stats are available (Davis, 2009; Clark, 2005; Spiezio, 1997)...is also tied for sixth in runs (14)...is 2 for 13 (.154) over his last six games...has appeared in 15 games in left field, nine in center field and one in right field...**John Jaso** is 9 for 23 (.391) with eight RBI over his last eight games...is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (13)...**Jed Lowrie** is 1 for 17 over his last five 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 9 over his last nine games...**Brandon Moss** hit his fourth home run Tuesday against Cincinnati, which is tied for 10th in the CL...had three RBI and now has 14 for the spring, which is tied for seventh in the CL...is 7 for 26 (.269) over his last 10 games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first six contests...is a .361 (44 for 122) hitter with six home runs and 29 RBI in 50 games over three springs with the A's...**Derek Norris** is 0 for 6 over his last three 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 .365 (31 for 85) average with eight home runs and 24 RBI in 35 games over the last two springs...**Nick Punto** is 2 for 9

(.222) with two walks over his last four games after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 13 contests...is 10 for 25 (.400) over his last nine games after going 4 for 18 (.222) over his previous seven contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop and nine at second base...**Josh Reddick** is 6 for 14 (.429) with two home runs and five RBI over his last four games after going 5 for 24 (.208) over his previous nine contests...ranks sixth in the CL in RBI (15)...**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 11 games after going 13 for 36 (.361) over his first 16 contests...**Stephen Vogt** hit two home runs a week ago today against Seattle and drove in four runs...is 6 for 21 (.286) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last 11 games.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the seventh and final meeting between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won five of the first six games, going 1-0 in Phoenix, 2-1 in Scottsdale and 2-0 in San Francisco...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 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 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 #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (0-0, 4.73 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game March 24 (5.2 ip, 10 h, 7 r, 7 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 2 hr)...has allowed three runs in two of his four starts...has issued 10 walks in 13.1 innings...had five stints with Oakland in 2013 and was 10-8 with a 3.96 ERA in 27 starts...led American League rookies in games started, innings pitched (152.1) and strikeouts (124) and tied for the lead in wins (Perez, TEX)...is the 11th rookie in Oakland history to win 10 or more games, the fifth in the last five years (Anderson, Cahill, Milone, Parker)...had the sixth most strikeouts by an Oakland rookie...allowed a .233 opponents batting average...did not have enough innings pitched to qualify for the league leaders, but his opponents average was ninth lowest among AL pitchers with 150 or more innings pitched...his .358 slugging percentage was eighth best...surrendered 16 home runs in 152.1 innings (0.95 per nine innings) after allowing 11 in 39.1 innings in 2012 (2.52 per nine innings)...his opponents batting average included a .221 (60-for-272) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .244 (72-for-295) against left-handers.

STRAILY'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 4	Milwaukee	6-4	--	13.50	2.0	4	3	3	2	1	0
March 9	Chicago (AL)	2-2	--	5.06	3.1	2	0	0	3	2	0
March 14	at Kansas City	9-9	--	3.86	4.0	3	1	1	2	2	1
March 19	at Cleveland	13-3	--	4.73	4.0	5	3	3	3	3	0
Totals (4 games, 4 starts)				0-0	4.73	13.1	14	7	7	10	8

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (2-1, 4.26 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game March 20 (6.0 ip, 7 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...is scheduled to pitch on three days rest as his regular turn is on tomorrow's off day...spent the first four months of the 2013 season in the starting rotation but split the final two months of the year between the bullpen, rotation and minor leagues...was 12-9 with a 4.14 ERA in 28 games, 26 starts...had a .258 opponents batting average and .301 on-base percentage, which were the lowest marks of his career...had career highs in ERA (4.14), walks (39) and home runs (25) and matched his high in extra base hits (59)...his opponents batting average included a .247 (121-for-489) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .298 (39-for-131) against left-handers...surrendered 21 of his 25 home runs to righties, which tied for fourth most in the American League...allowed a .216 batting average with runners in scoring position, which ranked eighth in the AL...received just 10 runs of support in his nine losses (1.78 RSA)...the A's were 16-10 (.615) in his 26 starting assignments and are 36-21 (.632) in his career.

MILONE'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
February 27	Milwaukee	3-11	L	13.50	2.0	4	3	3	2	1	2
March 4	at Chicago (NL)	4-6	--	10.80	3.0	5	3	3	0	1	1
*March 9	Chicago (AL)	2-2	--	6.00	4.0	1	2	0	0	2	0
March 15	at San Francisco	8-1	W	3.86	5.0	3	0	0	2	2	0
March 25	Cincinnati	8-4	W	4.26	5.0	5	4	3	1	2	1
Totals (5 games, 4 starts)				2-1	4.26	19.0	18	12	9	5	8

*indicates relief appearance

#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 29 vs. San Francisco
Giants: LHP Edwin Escobar

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	
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	W, 4-1	15-13-5	Chavez	Lincecum	42,725	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 29	San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				