



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (0-0)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's open their 47th Spring Training in Arizona today, returning to Mesa for the first time since 1978...after training in Bradenton in Florida in 1968, the A's moved to Arizona in 1969 and trained in Mesa from 1969-78...moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and then spent 33 seasons at Phoenix Municipal Stadium from 1982-2014...are scheduled to play 35 games this spring, including 30 games in Arizona, two in Las Vegas against the Cubs (March 13-14) and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (April 2-4)...the A's went 15-13-5 last spring, which marked their third consecutive spring with a winning record (17-13-3 in 2013, 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 five tie games were 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 previous six springs...went 8-5-2 in the final spring at Phoenix Muni and 7-8-3 on the road...led the majors in walks (135), ranked second in runs (193) and on-base percentage (.358), tied for third in grounded into double plays (29), fourth in strikeouts (239) and tied for fourth in triples (11)...were fourth in most double plays turned (34) and most errors (33)...the A's pitching staff ranked fifth 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 in 2013...allowed a Major League leading 44 home runs.

**RETURN TO HOHOKAM:** Today marks the A's first home game at Hohokam Stadium since April 4, 1978, a 6-5 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers...the A's and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the team to return to Mesa in March of 2013...Oakland also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years...the deal includes \$26.9 million in renovations to Hohokam Stadium and Fitch Park...Hohokam Stadium will seat 10,000 fans, including approximately 7,500 seats and space for approximately 2,500 additional fans to sit on the grass berms surrounding the outfield...among Hohokam Stadium's many new amenities will be the largest HD scoreboard in the Cactus League (26 x 56 feet).

**A's vs. GIANTS:** This is the first of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the two clubs square off again in Mesa March 14, play in Scottsdale tomorrow and March 26, San Francisco April 2 and 3 and Oakland April 4...the A's won five of six games last spring...went 2-0 in Scottsdale, 1-1 in Phoenix and 2-0 in San Francisco.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 62 players in camp, which does not include two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...that includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 22 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 32 pitchers, six catchers, 17 infielders and seven outfielders.

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his fourth full season with the A's, welcomes back four returning members of last year's coaching staff in pitching coach Curt Young (10th season), first base coach Tye Waller (9th season), third base coach Mike Gallego (7th season) and Darren Bush (3rd season), who moves from bullpen coach to hitting coach...Melvin has added three new faces to his 2015 staff, including bench coach Mike Aldrete, bullpen coach Scott Emerson and assistant hitting/catching coach Marcus Jensen...Aldrete, a native of Carmel who attended Stanford University, was on Melvin's staff as first base coach for Seattle in 2004 and hitting coach for Arizona from 2005-06...Emerson is in his 13th season in the A's organization, including the last two as minor league roving pitching instructor...Jensen, an Oakland native and graduate of Skyline HS, is in his ninth season in the A's organization and most recently served as minor league hitting instructor in 2014.

**HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT:** Of the 40 active players on the 40-man roster, only two were drafted by the A's (Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007, and Gray, 1st in 2011)...one other (Nuñez) was signed as a non-drafted free agent...five were claimed off waivers (Freiman, Hassan, Otero, Scribner, Smith) and four were signed as free agents (Butler, Crisp, Kazmir, O'Flaherty)...the other 28 were all acquired in trades.

**OFF SEASON MOVES:** The A's made nine trades this offseason involving 27 players...15 of the 17 players the A's acquired in those trades are in camp...the two exceptions are Yunel Escobar, who was traded four days after being acquired, and Franklin Barreto, who is in the A's minor league camp...in addition to the players acquired in trades, the A's also signed free agent Billy Butler to a three-year contract and claimed Alex Hassan, Chad Smith and Taylor Thompson off waivers.

**A's TOP PROSPECTS:** Seven of the A's top 10 prospects according to Baseball America are in major league camp this spring: Matt Olson (#2), Renato Nuñez (#4), Chris Bassitt (#5), Kendall Graveman (#6), Sean Nolin

(#7), Rangel Ravelo (#8) and Raul Alcantara (#10)...the other three are Franklin Barreto (#1), Matt Chapman (#3) and Dillon Overton (#9)...five of the top 10 were acquired in trades this offseason.

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report March 7 with the first workout scheduled for March 8...position players report March 13 with the first workout scheduled for March 14...Triple-A and Double-A games begin March 14 and Single-A games start March 21.

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** The A's clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may close for team meetings, etc. at certain times...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once games begin, the clubhouse will also open to 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 in the first base dugout at approximately 9:15 am...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout immediately following the game...media are permitted 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 which point media will need to leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...TV camera crews and still photographers with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...TV camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse pregame, or in the training room or weight room at any time...still photographers are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room at any time...lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials at the patio area in the right field corner of Hohokam Stadium...the A's provide complimentary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate.

**A's MEDIA ALERTS:** The A's Media Relations Department will provide as up-to-date information as possible through its media-only Twitter account...for clubhouse hours, interview times and various media alerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts...player transactions and other relevant game information will continue to be posted at @Athletics.

**A's ON THE AIR:** The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 12 games this spring, including nine from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games and the night game against the Giants on March 26...Ken Korach returns for his 20th year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (10th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 30th season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including March 7 against the Angels (1:05 pm) and April 2 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, 15 games will be televised by MLB Network...12 of those will air in the Bay Area, including five live broadcasts and six tape delayed.

**SPRING TRAINING TICKETS:** Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Hohokam Stadium are currently on sale at athletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255)...the Hohokam Stadium box office hours of operation on non-game days are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, closed Sundays...during all home games, the box office is open from 10 a.m. until a half hour after the game ends...for Spring Training season tickets, call A's Tickets Services at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday...single game ticket pricing is based on current market value...pricing will fluctuate based on factors affecting supply and demand...base prices are: Infield Box \$30, Terrace Box \$26, Field Level \$22, Terrace Reserved \$16, Lawn (general admission) \$9...group discount tickets are available for groups of 20 or more in Field Level (\$18) and Terrace Reserved sections (\$10) for select games...the Terrace Patio is a reserved, covered area above Terrace Box sections 209 and 210/212 for 30 to 90 guests to enjoy a catered meal and watch the game.

#### TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 26	Chad Smith claimed off waivers from Detroit; Taylor Thompson placed on the 60-day disabled list (right shoulder strain).
Feb. 27	Alex Hassan claimed off waivers from Baltimore; A.J. Griffin placed on the 60-day disabled list (Tommy John surgery recovery).

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at <http://pressbox.athletics.com>

WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

#### #49 BRAD MILLS LHP (1-1, 9.15 ERA with A's and Blue Jays in 2014)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...pitched for three different organizations in 2014, including three stints in the majors with Oakland and Toronto...started the year at Triple-A Nashville in the Milwaukee organization before he was traded to the A's for cash considerations in a minor league deal June 17...was selected by Oakland June 20 and went 1-1 with a 4.41 ERA in three starts before he was designated for assignment July 7...was claimed off waivers by Toronto July 17 and posted a 27.00 ERA in two relief appearances with the Blue Jays...combined for a 1-1 record and a 9.15 ERA in five games overall...allowed a .333 opponents batting average, including .267 (16-for-60) against right-handed hitters compared to .481 (13-for-27) against left-handers...combined for a 6-3 record and a 2.01 ERA in 20 games, including 18 starts, with Nashville and Buffalo...struck out 103 batters and walked 23 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.48...allowed a .202 opponents batting average, including .198 (59-for-298) against right-handed hitters compared to .214 (18-for-84) against left-handers...surrendered six of his seven home runs to righties...yielded a .178 batting average and .231 on-base percentage to batters leading off an inning.

#### #37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 1.13 ERA with San Diego in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with Jesse Hahn for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money...began the 2014 season at Double-A Arkansas in the Los Angeles (AL) organization but was traded to the San Diego organization July 18 as part of the Huston Street trade...was assigned to Double-A San Antonio and combined for an 0-1 record, seven saves and a 1.25 ERA in 38 relief appearances before he was selected by the Padres Sept. 2...had no decisions, a 1.13 ERA and .115 opponents batting average in 10 relief appearances in his Major League debut...did not allow an extra base hit but issued five walks in 8.0 innings for a .273 on-base percentage...struck out nine...allowed a .111 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .125 against left-handers...opponents hit .154 with runners in scoring position...first batters faced were 1-for-8 (.125) with two walks...had a save and a 0.33 ERA in 21 relief appearances with Arkansas and was 0-1 with six saves and a 2.76 ERA in 17 outings for San Antonio...did not surrender a home run in 43.1 minor league innings...struck out 61 (12.67 per nine innings) and walked just 13 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.69...allowed a .192 opponents batting average.

#### #55 MATT BUSCHMANN RHP (10-7, 4.40 ERA in minors in 2014)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was 9-7 with a 4.52 ERA in 23 games, 22 starts, with Triple-A Sacramento last year...also went 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA in two starts with Single-A Stockton after an early season stint on the disabled list...combined for a 10-7 record and a 4.40 ERA overall...surrendered a career-high tying 17 home runs (also 2009)...struck out 134 batters, which tied Chris Lamb for the most in the A's farm system...also tied for third among A's minor leaguers in wins, ranked sixth in innings pitched (143.1) and eighth in ERA...allowed a .266 opponents batting average, including .225 (52-for-231) against left-handed hitters compared to .295 (95-for-322) against right-handers...opponents hit .213 with a .282 on-base percentage when leading off an inning...yielded a .221 batting average with the bases empty, .333 with runners on...allowed a .292 average with runners in scoring position but opponents were 12-for-55 (.218) with RISP and two outs...went 5-0 with a 3.92 ERA over his first eight starts through May 31, 2-5 with a 5.86 ERA over a 10-game stretch from June 6 to July 23 and 3-2 with a 3.31 ERA over his final seven starts.

#### #76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (4-3, 3.00 ERA in minors in 2014)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent the entire 2014 season with Triple-A Norfolk in the Baltimore organization and was 4-3 with a save and a 3.00 ERA in 47 relief appearances...led the Tides in games pitched, ranked third in strikeouts (76) and was fourth in innings pitched (81.0)...walked 25 batters and his average of 2.68 walks per nine innings ranked fourth lowest among International League relievers...allowed a .237 opponents batting average, which included .202 (24-for-119) against left-handed hitters compared to .261 (46-

for-176) against right-handers...yielded a .176 average with runners in scoring position...six of the eight home runs he allowed were solo shots...allowed 13-of-40 (32.5%) inherited runners to score...had a 3.72 ERA in 33 appearances before the All-Star Break, a 1.42 ERA in 14 games after the break...was 3-1 with a 1.83 ERA and .183 opponents batting average in 22 games at home compared to 1-2 with a save, a 3.86 ERA and .274 opponents average in 25 contests on the road...logged a 2.66 ERA in 34 night games, a 4.32 ERA in 13 day games...tossed two or more innings in 24 of his 47 games...made one relief appearance for Oriente in the Dominican Winter League following the season (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so).

#### #99 RUDY OWENS LHP (0-1, 7.94 ERA with Houston in 2014)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut with Houston in 2014 and made one start...was recalled May 23 to start that day at Seattle and was the losing pitcher in a 6-1 decision (5.2 ip, 9 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 1 so, 1 hr)...was optioned back to Oklahoma City following the game...was recalled a second time June 8 but did not appear in a game before he was optioned again June 12...spent the balance of the season with the RedHawks and went 8-5 with his first professional save and a 4.33 ERA in 25 games, including 21 starts...led the club in games started and innings pitched (135.0) and ranked second in wins and strikeouts (104)...his 1.25 WHIP was fifth lowest in the Pacific Coast League...allowed a .263 opponents batting average, which included .244 (84-for-344) against right-handed hitters compared to .299 (52-for-174) against left-handers...surrendered five home runs to both lefties and righties...yielded a .262 average with runners in scoring position, including .182 with RISP and two outs...opponents hit .321 when leading off an inning...was 5-4 with a 5.16 ERA in 17 games before the All-Star Break...then went 3-1 with a 3.06 ERA in eight starts after the break.

#### #33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (1-0, 1.00 ERA with A's in 2014)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...appeared in seven games over two stints with the A's last year after missing the 2013 season following Tommy John surgery...had a win, a 1.00 ERA and .129 opponents batting average...left-handed hitters were 1-for-11 (.091) with his only extra base hit (double) and both of his walks...righties went 3-for-20 (.150)...allowed 1-of-4 (25.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 2-for-7 (.286)...did not allow a run in four games in Oakland (4.0 ip) or five outings at night (6.1 ip)...went 3-0 with a 1.97 ERA in 38 relief appearances with Sacramento...struck out 53 in 45.2 innings, an average of 10.45 per nine innings...walked just 16 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.31...surrendered two home runs, an average of 0.39 per nine innings...allowed a .235 opponents batting average, which included a .189 (14-for-74) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .271 (26-for-96) against right-handers...both of his home runs were solo shots against righties...opponents hit .154 when leading of an inning...allowed 6-of-8 (75.0%) inherited runners to score...compiled a 1.33 ERA in 17 games at home, a 2.49 ERA with both of his home runs in 21 outings on the road.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 3 vs. San Francisco

**Giants:** RHP Madison Bumgarner, LHP Jeremy Affeldt, RHP Erik Cordier, RHP Hunter Strickland, RHP Jean Machi, RHP Cody Hall, RHP Curtis Paruch, LHP Braulio Lara, RHP Brett Bochy, RHP Joan Gregorio

#### March 4 at San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Kevin Whelan, LHP Eury De La Rosa, RHP Arnold Leon  
**Giants:** RHP Jake Peavy, LHP Ty Blach, RHP George Kontos, RHP Santiago Casilla, RHP Juan Gutierrez, LHP Adalberto Mejia

#### March 5 at Chicago (NL)

**A's:** LHP Barry Zito, RHP Chris Bassitt, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Tyler Clippard  
**Cubs:** LHP Travis Wood

## 2015 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 3	San Francisco	1:05	
March 4	at San Francisco	1:05	
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 6	at Arizona	1:05	
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (7:00 AM PT on 3/8)
March 8	Chicago (AL)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 9	at Texas	1:05	
March 10	Arizona	1:05	
March 11	Cleveland	1:05	
March 12	Seattle	1:05	
March 13	at Kansas City	1:05	
	at Chicago (NL) (at L.V.)	5:05	MLBN (9:00 PM)
March 14	San Francisco	1:05	
	at Chicago (NL) (at L.V.)	12:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 15	at Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (11:00 PM PT)
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	MLBN (6:00 PM)
March 17	San Diego	1:05	
March 18	at Seattle	1:05	MLBN (Live)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 19	OFF DAY		
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
	at Colorado	1:05	MLBN (6:00 AM on 3/21)
March 21	Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 22	at Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 23	at Cleveland	1:05	MLBN (Live)
March 24	Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 25	at Milwaukee	1:05	MLBN (Live)
March 26	at San Francisco	7:05	95.7 FM The Game/CSNBA
March 27	Texas	1:05	
March 28	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (Live)
March 29	Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 30	Colorado	1:05	
March 31	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (Live)
April 1	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	MLBN (6:00 AM on 4/2)
April 2	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 3	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA
April 4	San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA