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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-0) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (0-1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 47th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with a 9-4 win over San Francisco...it marked the second consecutive spring the A's opened with a win...have not won their first two spring games since 2003...the A's return to Mesa for Spring Training 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.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the Giants 9-4 in Mesa...Marcus Semien homered twice and drove in a four runs on a two-run home run in the first inning, a RBI single in the second and a lead off home run in the fifth...Billy Butler added a sacrifice fly in the A's three-run first inning and Ben Zobrist scored on a wild pitch in the third inning, giving the A's a 6-2 lead after five innings...Brad Mills started for the A's and pitched a scoreless first inning for the win...Ryan Verdugo, R.J. Alvarez and Matt Buschmann tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's scored their final three runs in the eighth inning on a two-run home run by Jason Pridie and a RBI single by Luke Carlin...Semien had three hits and Zobrist and Craig Gentry added two each.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the second of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's won the first game in Mesa yesterday, 9-4...square off again in Mesa March 14, return to Scottsdale March 26 and then play in 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.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have three players under contract beyond the 2015 season...Coco Crisp is signed through 2016 with a vesting option for 2017, Billy Butler is signed through 2017 and Sean Doolittle is signed through 2018 with club options for 2019 and 2020.

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.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: 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).

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

#30 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (8-8, 3.45 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...began the 2014 season in the A's starting rotation but was moved to the bullpen following the acquisition of Jon Lester at the trading deadline...went 8-7 with a 3.44 ERA in his 21 starts and 0-1 with a 3.54 ERA in 11 relief appearances...combined for an 8-8 record and a 3.45 ERA in 32 games, 21 starts...had career highs in every category except games pitched and his ERA was a career low...had just nine wins in 191 career appearances entering the season...his 146.0 innings were more than double his previous high (67.1 in 2009) as were his 136 strikeouts (55 in 2013)...was 4-1 with a 2.54 ERA and a .216 opponents batting average over his first nine starts through May 18...then went 4-6 with a 4.17 ERA and .280 opponents batting average over his final 12 starts...had made just two career starts entering the season and is now 8-8 with a 3.89 ERA (58 er in 134.1 ip) in 23 career starts, 9-15 with a 5.15 ERA (141 er in 246.1 ip) in 200 relief appearances...allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .247 (78-for-316) against left-handed hitters compared to .260 (64-for-246) against right-handers...was 5-2 with a 2.67 ERA in 15 games in Oakland compared to 3-6 with a 4.12 ERA in 17 games on the road.

#44 EURY DE LA ROSA LHP (2-0, 2.95 ERA with Arizona in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from Arizona for cash considerations, Dec. 18...began the 2014 season at Triple-A Reno and was 2-4 with two saves and a 2.52 ERA in 36 relief appearances when he was promoted to Arizona July 5...spent the remainder of the season with the Diamondbacks and went 2-0 with a 2.95 ERA in 25 games...surrendered just two home runs in 36.2 innings, an average of 0.49 per nine innings...however, allowed 10-of-13 (76.9%) inherited runners to score, which was the highest percentage in the majors among relievers with 10 or more inherited runners...first batters faced went 8-for-23 (.348) with two walks (.400 on-base percentage)...allowed a .262 batting average, including .233 (20-for-86) against right-handed hitters compared to .309 (17-for-55) against left-handers...yielded a .224 opponents batting average with Reno...that included .150 (9-for-60) against left-handed hitters compared to .276 (24-for-87) against right-handers...opponents were 3-for-34 (.088) with four walks (.184 on-base percentage) when leading off an inning...pitched for Oriente in the Dominican Winter League following the season and went 2-1 with a 4.22 ERA in 13 relief appearances.

#32 JESSE HAHN RHP (7-4, 3.07 ERA with San Diego in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with R.J. Alvarez for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money...made his Major League debut with San Diego in 2014 and went 7-4 with a 3.07 ERA in 14 games, including 12 starts, over four stints with the Padres...tied for third among National League rookies in wins, ranked sixth in strikeouts (70), tied for ninth in games started and 10th in innings pitched (73.1)...surrendered just four home runs in 73.1 innings, an average of 0.49 per nine innings...allowed a .214 opponents batting average, which included a .200 (25-for-125) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .227 (32-for-141) against left-handers...opponents hit .211 with runners in scoring position, including .185 with RISP and two outs...went 7-2 with a 2.01 ERA over his first nine starts, 0-2 with a 5.95 ERA over his final five games, including three starts...spent the balance of the season pitching for Double-A San Antonio where he was 2-1 with a 1.91 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts...yielded just one home run in 42.1 innings...allowed a .221 opponents batting average, including .169 (13-for-77) against right-handed hitters compared to .273 (21-for-77) against left-handers.

#68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (10-7, 4.97 ERA with Sacramento in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent the entire 2014 season at Triple-A Sacramento with the exception of a one day stay with Oakland...was recalled as the 26th man for the May 7 doubleheader against Seattle...did not pitch and was sent back to Sacramento following the game...went 10-7 with a 4.97 ERA in 27 starts with the River Cats...tied for fifth in the Pacific Coast League in wins and ranked seventh in strikeouts (128)...also tied for third in games started...ranked third in

the A's farm system in strikeouts, tied for third in wins and fifth in innings pitched (145.0)...led Sacramento in wins, starts, innings and strikeouts...had career highs in wins, starts, innings pitched, strikeouts, hits (170), runs (84), earned runs (80), walks (51), wild pitches (14) and balks (2)...allowed a .295 opponents batting average, including .290 (78-for-269) against left-handed hitters compared to .300 (92-for-307) against right-handers...surrendered nine of his 12 home runs to righties but issued 32 of his 51 walks to lefties...was 7-2 with a 4.07 ERA in 14 starts at home compared to 3-5 with a 6.06 ERA in 13 starts on the road...pitched for Culiacan in the Mexican Pacific Winter League following the season and went 4-2 with a 2.05 ERA and .179 opponents batting average in 10 starts.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (8-2, 1 save, 2.28 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent nearly the entire 2014 season with the A's and compiled an 8-2 record with a save and a 2.28 ERA in 72 relief appearances...had a three-day stay at Sacramento from Aug. 21-23 but did not pitch...the games pitched tied for the team lead and tied for 10th in the American League...led AL relievers in batters faced (349), ranked second in innings pitched (86.2) and eighth in fewest walks per nine innings (1.56)...the batters faced and innings pitched were the most by an A's reliever since Justin Duchscherer in 2004 (398 bfp, 96.1 ip)...also led AL relievers in most hits (80), tied for second in wins, ranked fifth in fewest pitches per inning (14.0) and tied for sixth in opponents grounded into double plays (10)...the wins were the most by an A's reliever since 2003 (Foulke 9, Rincon 8)...walked 15 batters, but seven of those were intentional...the intentional walks tied for the most among all AL pitchers...struck out just 45 batters and his average of 4.67 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest among AL relievers and second lowest in the majors...surrendered four home runs, the first home runs he allowed in his career...allowed a .247 opponents batting average, including .219 against right-handed hitters compared to .285 against left-handers.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (1-0, 4.63 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent most of the 2014 season with Triple-A Sacramento where he was 4-1 with 16 saves and a 3.06 ERA in 40 relief appearances...also went 1-0 with a 4.63 ERA in 13 games over four stints with Oakland...now has nine stints with the A's over the last two years...did not walk a batter in 11.2 innings with Oakland and struck out 11...however, allowed four home runs after yielding six in 76.0 innings over his first three seasons...his .255 opponents on-base percentage was a career low but his .522 slugging percentage was a career high...allowed a .239 opponents batting average, including .158 (3-for-19) against left-handed hitters compared to .296 (8-for-27) with all four of his home runs against right-handers...converted 16-of-20 (80.0%) save opportunities with the River Cats and tied for fifth in the Pacific Coast League in saves...however, was second on his team to Jeremy McBryde (17)...struck out 72 batters in 47.0 innings, an average of 13.79 per nine innings...walked just nine (1.72 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.00...allowed a .223 opponents batting average, including .218 (22-for-101) against right-handed hitters compared to .230 (17-for-74) against left-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 4 at San Francisco

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, LHP Ryan Verdugo, SHP Pat Venditte
Cubs: LHP Travis Wood

March 6 at Arizona

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Matt Buschmann, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Brock Huntzinger, LHP Jim Fuller
Diamondbacks: LHP Robbie Ray, RHP Randall Delgado, RHP Allen Webster, LHP Will Locante, RHP Jake Barrett, RHP Enrique Burgos

2015 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 3	San Francisco	W, 9-4	1-0	Mills	Bumgarner	7,820	7,820
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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					

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 18	at Seattle	1:05	MLBN (Live)
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