



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-0-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (2-0)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT

A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) — MLB NETWORK (Tape delay – 7:00 am PT on March 8)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have started the spring 3-0-1, marking the first time they have been undefeated after four games since 1998 when they opened 4-0...since 1986, which is the first year spring training results are available, no A's team has been undefeated after five games...the pitching staff has allowed just 10 runs (2.25 ERA) and 26 hits (.198 opponents batting average) over the first four games...the offense has scored 27 runs and is batting .322...played their first tie game of the spring Thursday and now have 17 tie games over the last seven springs...had five tie games last year, which 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...this is the A's 47th Spring Training in Arizona...return 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...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), and tied for fourth in triples (11)...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.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated Arizona at Salt River Fields, 7-2...Josh Phegley went 3-for-4 with three doubles and three RBI...he had a RBI double in the A's two-run second inning, which also featured a RBI single by Tyler Ladendorf...the A's added two more runs in the sixth inning on a Phegley RBI double and an Andy Parrino sacrifice fly...Phegley's third RBI double came in the seventh inning...the A's scored their final two runs in the eighth inning on a Jason Pridie RBI double and an Alex Hassan RBI single...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and picked up the win (2.0 ip, 2 h)...Paul Smyth tossed 1.1 scoreless innings and Matt Buschmann, Fernando Rodriguez, Brock Huntzinger and Eury De La Rosa chipped in a scoreless inning of relief each...Mark Canha and Billy Burns each had two hits.

A's vs. ANGELS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...meet in Tempe March 31 and host the Angels in the Cactus League finale April 1...the two clubs split two meetings last spring with the A's winning at Tempe on March 2, 3-2 and the Angels winning in Phoenix on March 26, 6-2.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** has stolen a base in each of his last two games and is tied for the Cactus League lead in steals (2)...**Mark Cahna** scored three runs yesterday at Arizona and is tied for the Major League lead in runs scored (4)...**Luke Carlin (NR)** has hit safely and driven in a run in each of his two games (2-for-3, two RBI)...**Josh Phegley** was 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI yesterday at Arizona...is tied for the ML in doubles (3)...**Marcus Semien** has hit safely in each of his three games (6-for-9, .667)...leads the majors in RBI (7) and hits (6) and is tied for the lead in home runs (2) and runs (4)...ranks second in the CL in slugging (1.333) and total bases (12), tied for third in batting (.667) and fourth in on-base percentage (.700)...**Ben Zobrist** has doubled and hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 4, two doubles).

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.

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 today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...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 8 against the White Sox (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>

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (1-1, 3.94 ERA with Chicago-AL in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...was acquired from the Chicago White Sox Dec. 9 with Josh Phegley, Rangel Ravelo and Marcus Semien from Jeff Samardzija and Michael Ynoa...made his Major League debut with the White Sox in 2014, going 1-1 with a 3.94 ERA in six games, five starts...did not allow a home run in 29.2 innings...allowed just eight extra base hits, all doubles, for a .353 opponents slugging percentage...opponents hit .286, including .250 by right-handed hitters compared to .317 by left-handers...was selected from Double-A Birmingham Aug. 30 and made his debut with a start that day in the second game of a doubleheader against Detroit...was the losing pitcher in the White Sox 8-4 loss (6.1 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 4 bb, 4 so)...began the season on the minor league disabled list with a broken right finger and missed the first three and one-half months of the season...began a three-game rehab assignment with the White Sox affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League July 12 and was reinstated from the DL and sent to Double-A Birmingham July 26...combined for a 3-1 record and a 2.08 ERA in nine games, eight starts...struck out 49 in 43.1 innings, an average of 10.18 per nine innings...surrendered just two home runs...allowed a .217 opponents batting average.

#71 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing Wednesday at San Francisco (1 h, 1 so)...began the 2014 season at Triple-A Memphis in the St. Louis organization and was 9-6 with a save and a 4.01 ERA in 26 games, 14 starts, when he was traded to the Oakland organization Aug. 8 for cash considerations...went 0-3 with a 7.78 ERA in four starts for Sacramento...combined for a 9-9 record and a 4.66 ERA in 30 games, including 18 starts, overall...had career highs in games, losses and runs (71)...the nine wins were his most since 2007 (11)...began the season in the starting rotation at Memphis and went 7-4 with a 3.38 ERA in 14 starts...his final 12 appearances with the Redbirds came in relief...logged a 2-2 record and a 6.88 ERA out of the bullpen...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score...was 7-7 with a 4.27 ERA in 18 starts overall...allowed a .289 opponents batting average, including .270 (55-for-204) against left-handed hitters compared to .304 (75-for-247) against right-handers...pitched for Aguilas in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 3-4 with a 7.32 ERA in 10 games, eight starts.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-3, 1 save, 3.42 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...appeared in 54 games with the A's in 2014 despite two stints on the disabled list and was 1-3 with a save and a 3.42 ERA...the games pitched were his fewest in his three seasons with the A's and his ERA was his highest...struck out 50 batters in 50.0 innings...has 204 strikeouts in 198.1 career innings, an average of 9.26 per nine innings...yielded three home runs and has surrendered just nine in 198.1 career innings, an average of 0.41 per nine innings...allowed a .184 opponents batting average, which included a .138 (15-for-109) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .262 (17-for-65) against left-handers...had 13 walks and 13 strikeouts against lefties, nine walks and 37 strikeouts against righties...has a .180 (74-for-412) career average against right-handers, .236 (73-for-309) against left-handers...opponents hit .181 with the bases empty, .188 with runners on...allowed 12-of-29 (41.4%) inherited runners to score...has allowed 36-of-86 (41.9%) inherited runners to score in his career, which is the highest mark in the majors since 2011 when he made his Major League debut...yielded a .265 batting average against first batters faced...had two blown saves and now has 16 over the last three years, which are the most in the AL.

#39 ERIC O'FLAHERTY LHP (1-0, 1.25 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was 1-0 with a save and a 2.25 ERA in 21 games with the A's last year in his comeback from May 21, 2013 Tommy John surgery...struck out 15 and walked just four for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.75...surrendered a career-high tying three home runs (also 2012)...allowed a .205 opponents batting average, including .186 (8-for-43) against right-handed hitters compared to .233 (7-for-30) against left-handers...did not allow an extra-base hit to a

left-hander...righties slugged .419...has not allowed a home run to a left-handed hitter since Aug. 14, 2011 against Chicago-NL (Carlos Pena)...issued three of his four walks to lefties...yielded a .107 batting average with runners on base compared to .267 with the bases empty...all three of the home runs he allowed were solo shots...opponents batted .067 with runners in scoring position and were 0-for-8 with RISP and two outs...began the season on the 60-day disabled list as he continued his recovery from Tommy John surgery...started his rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton June 6 against High Desert (1.0 ip, 3 so)...was transferred to Triple-A Sacramento June 11 and had a loss and a 4.32 ERA in seven games with the River Cats...was reinstated from the DL July 3.

#99 RUDY OWENS LHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his first outing last Tuesday against San Francisco (1.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 hr)...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.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the sixth inning in his first outing Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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 against right-handed hitters.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 7 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

Angels: LHP C.J. Wilson, RHP Fernando Salas, RHP Michael Morin, RHP Vinnie Pestano, LHP Scott Snodgrass, RHP Cam Bedrosian, RHP Nate Smith

March 8 vs. Chicago (AL)

A's: LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Brad Mills, RHP Tyler Clippard, LHP Fernando Abad, LHP Ryan Verdugo, SHP Pat Venditte, RHP Arnold Leon, RHP Brock Huntzinger

White Sox: RHP Jeff Samardzija, RHP Javy Guerra, RHP Chris Beck, RHP J.D. Martin, LHP Joe Savery, LHP Onelki Garcia

March 9 at Texas

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Jesse Chavez, LHP Eury De La Rosa, LHP Jim Fuller, RHP Chad Smith

Rangers: RHP Colby Lewis, RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez

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
March 4	at San Francisco	W, 9-2	2-0	Chavez	Peavy	8,868	
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	T, 2-2	2-0-1			11,132	
March 6	at Arizona	W, 7-2	3-0-1	Graveman	Ray	10,726	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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	12:05					
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