



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-0-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (1-3)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT  
CSNCA — A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have started the spring 4-0-1, marking the first time they have been undefeated after five games since at least 1986 (first year spring training results are available)...are one of three undefeated teams in the majors (Kansas City, 4-0; Washington, 3-0)...the A's lead the majors in doubles (15) and are tied for the lead in triples (3)...top the Cactus League in batting average (.328), on-base percentage (.391) and runs scored (35)...the pitching staff has allowed just 17 runs (3.00 ERA) and 37 hits (.224 opponents batting average) over the first five games...rank second in the CL in ERA...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.

**YESTERDAY:** The A's defeated Los Angeles (AL) here in Mesa, 8-7...the Angels had a 6-1 lead entering the bottom of the seventh, but the A's scored three times in the seventh, twice in the eighth and twice in the ninth for the win...Luke Carlin and Tyler Ladendorf had RBI singles and Alden Carrithers had a RBI double in the seventh and Max Muncy delivered a two-run double in the eighth inning to cut the Angels lead to 7-6...Ladendorf tied the game with a RBI triple in the ninth inning and Renato Nuñez singled with the bases loaded to drive in the winning run...Chris Bassitt started for the A's and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings...Kevin Whelan pitched a scoreless top of the ninth inning for the win...the A's collected 12 hits, including two each from Ladendorf and Alex Hassan.

**A's vs. WHITE SOX:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...meet again in Glendale March 28...last spring, the two clubs played to a 2-2 in Phoenix on March 9 before the A's won 16-6 at Glendale March 18.

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Billy Burns* is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (2) and runs scored (4)...*Mark Canha* scored three runs Friday at Arizona and is tied for the CL lead in runs (4)...*Luke Carlin (NR)* has hit safely and driven in a run in each of his three games (3-for-6, three RBI)...*Alex Hassan* has hit safely in each of his last three games (4-for-7, .571) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...*Tyler Ladendorf* had two hits and two RBI yesterday against Los Angeles (AL) and has hit safely in four of five games (5-for-15, .333)...is tied for fifth in the CL in hits...*Josh Phegley* was 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI Friday at Arizona...is tied for the Major League lead in doubles (3)...*Marcus Semien* is tied for the ML lead in RBI (7) and is tied for the CL lead in hits (6) and runs (4)...ranks second in the CL in slugging (1.091) and total bases (12), tied for second in home runs (2) and fourth in batting (.545) and on-base percentage (.583)...had three hits, two home runs and four RBI in the CL opener last Tuesday against 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.

**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 yesterday with the first workout scheduled for today...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...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 clubhouse and 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 today 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

#### #13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (5-4, 2.35 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent most of the 2014 season with the A's and split his time between the bullpen and the starting rotation...was 1-1 with a 1.62 ERA in 10 relief appearances and 4-3 with a 2.58 ERA in 10 starts...combined for a 5-4 record and a 2.35 ERA in 20 games overall...missed 24 games from June 17 to July 12 while on the disabled list and made eight starts with Sacramento from July 12 to Aug. 21...his five wins were a career high as he had just four victories in 34 games entering the season...the ERA was a career low as was his opponents batting average (.204), on-base percentage (.282) and slugging percentage (.304)...his opponents batting average included a .196 (38-for-194) mark by right-handed hitters compared to .232 (13-for-56) by left-handers...entered the season with a .298 career average against righties compared to .165 against lefties...has allowed 22 of his 25 career home runs against righties...five of the seven home runs he allowed in 2014 were solo shots and four came on the first pitch...yielded a .175 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .095 with RISP and two outs...has a .150 (12-for-80) opponents average with RISP and two outs in his career.

#### #56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the fifth inning of his first outing Thursday at Chicago-NL (1.0 ip)...posted a 1.57 ERA and allowed just 13.2% (5-of-38) of inherited runners to score in a career-high 69 appearances in his first full season in the majors last year with Oakland...the percentage of inherited runners scored was fourth lowest by an A's reliever since 1974 and the ERA was second lowest over the last 24 years (Brad Ziegler, 1.06 in 2008)...ranked third among American League relievers in percentage of inherited runners scored, fifth in ERA and seventh in opponents slugging percentage (.253)...in addition to games pitched, he also had career highs in wins (2), innings pitched (57.1) and strikeouts (51)...had career lows in ERA, opponents batting average (.175), on-base percentage (.247) and slugging percentage...walked just 15 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.40...had four losses and two blown saves...his opponents batting average included a .162 (17-for-105) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .191 (17-for-89) against left-handers...struck out 35 of the 100 lefties he faced (35.0%), 16 of the 116 righties (13.8%).

#### #36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing Thursday at Chicago-NL (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 so)...was acquired from Washington Jan. 14 for Yunel Escobar...was named to his second National League All-Star team in 2014 with the Nationals...went 7-4 with a save and a 2.18 ERA in 75 relief appearances...it was his fifth consecutive season with 70 or more games pitched and his 371 appearances since 2010 are the most in the majors...is the only pitcher to appear in 70 or more games in each of the last five seasons...since 2010, he also leads Major League relievers in innings pitched (393.1), is tied with Matt Belisle for the lead in wins (29), ranks second to Craig Kimbrel (476) with 455 strikeouts and is sixth in opponents batting average (.185)...his 75 games pitched in 2014 were the second most of his career (78 in 2010) but he tossed just 70.1 innings, which were his fewest since 2009 (60.1)...surrendered just five home runs and his average of 0.64 home runs per nine innings was the best mark of his career...tied for fourth among National League relievers in games pitched, tied for fifth in wins, tied for eighth in innings pitched and ranked ninth in strikeouts (82)...allowed a .188 opponents batting average, which included a .130 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .237 against left-handers.

#### #68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

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

#### #49 BRAD MILLS LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...started and picked up the win in his first outing last Tuesday against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 bb)...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.

#### #74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first two outings (1.2 ip), including his last appearance Thursday at Chicago-NL when he retired the side in order in the third inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...began the 2014 season at Double-A Trenton and went 0-1 with a save and a 0.82 ERA in 15 relief appearances before he was promoted to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre May 17...went 2-5 with a 3.36 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, with the Yankees Triple-A affiliate...combined for a 2-6 record and a 2.64 ERA in 41 games overall...struck out 83 batters in 78.1 innings for an average of 9.54 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .222 opponents batting average, including .206 (20-for-97) against left-handed pitching compared to .230 (45-for-196) against right-handers...surrendered five of his six home runs to righties...left-handers had just three extra base hits (two doubles) for a .258 slugging percentage...opponents went 0-for-17 with runners in scoring position at Trenton and hit .186 overall in that situation...including .154 with RISP and two outs...yielded a .250 batting average and four of his six home runs with the bases empty, .188 with runners on base...allowed 3-of-19 (15.8%) inherited runners to score.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 8 vs. Chicago (AL)

**White Sox:** RHP Jeff Samardzija, RHP Javy Guerra, RHP Chris Beck, RHP J.D. Martin, LHP Joe Savery, LHP Dan Jennings, RHP Daniel Webb, RHP Jake Petricka

#### March 9 at Texas

**A's:** RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Jesse Chavez, LHP Eury De La Rosa, LHP Jim Fuller, RHP Chad Smith, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP R.J. Alvarez

**Rangers:** RHP Colby Lewis, RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez, RHP Keone Kela, RHP Roman Mendez, RHP Neftali Felix

#### March 10 vs. Arizona

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Barry Zito, RHP Matt Buschmann, RHP Ryan Cook, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Kevin Whelan

**Diamondbacks:** RHP Trevor Cahill, RHP Archie Bradley, LHP Vidal Nuño, 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
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	
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 8-7	4-0-1	Whelan	Ibarra	10,042*	17,862
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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