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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-1-1) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (3-3)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's lost their first game of the spring yesterday and are now 4-1-1...also went 4-1-1 over the first six games last year...are tied for the third best record in the Cactus League...the A's lead the majors in batting (.327), hits (71) and doubles (18) and top the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.389)...are tied for the CL lead in runs (39), rank second in slugging (.507) and tied for second in triples (3) and walks (22)...the A's pitching staff has allowed 17 runs on 23 hits over the last two games after yielding 10 runs on 26 hits over the first four contests...played their first tie game of the spring last 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 lost to Chicago (AL) in Mesa, 10-4...Drew Pomeranz started for the A's and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings...Ryan Verdugo retired the White Sox in order in the third inning and the A's scored twice in the bottom of the third on an Alex Hassan RBI single and a Craig Gentry RBI double...the White Sox then scored six times in the fourth inning, plating four runs against Tyler Clippard and two off Pat Venditte...Fernando Abad, Arnold Leon and Brock Huntzinger tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...Billy Butler hit a solo home run in the sixth inning and Renato Nuñez scored on a Niumann Romero ground out in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring...Nunez had two of the A's 11 hits.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...meet again in Mesa March 27...went 0-2-1 last spring...had a 2-2 tie and a 16-15 loss in Phoenix and also lost in Surprise 6-2...are 0-4-1 against the Rangers over the previous two springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** is tied for the Cactus League lead in runs scored (4)...is one of four players to appear in all six games (Canha, Pridie, Wendle)...**Mark Canha** scored three runs Friday at Arizona and is tied for the CL lead in runs (4)...is one of four players to appear in all six games (Burns, Pridie, Wendle)...has appeared in two games at first base, one in left field and one in right field...**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 four games (5-for-11, .455) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...**Tyler Ladendorf** had two hits and two RBI Saturday against Los Angeles (AL) and has hit safely in four of five games (5-for-15, .333)...has appeared in two games in left field, two at third base and one at second base...**Renato Nuñez** had two hits yesterday against Chicago (AL) and is 3-for-4 (.750) over his last two games after going 0-for-4 over his first two contests...**Josh Phegley** was 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI Friday at Arizona...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (3)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is tied for the CL lead in runs (4)...is one of four players to appear in all six games (Burns, Canha, Wendle)...**Marcus Semien** is tied for the ML lead in RBI (7) and is tied for the CL lead in runs (4)...ranks second in the CL in on-base percentage (.583), tied for second in hits (6), home runs (2) and total bases (12) and third in batting (.545) and slugging (1.091)...had three hits, two home runs and four RBI in the CL opener last Tuesday against San Francisco...**Joey Wendle (NR)** is one of four players to appear in all six games (Burns, Canha, Pridie)...**Ben Zobrist** has doubled in three of his four games and is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4).

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.

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 have reported...position players report this Friday, 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 has one remaining telecast on April 2 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth...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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#32 JESSE HAHN RHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring... allowed two runs in the third inning of his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)... 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 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .227 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 against right-handed hitters.

HAHN'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	--	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	0
Totals (1 game, 0 starts)			0-0	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	0

*indicates relief appearance

#37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring... tossed the fourth inning in his last appearance Friday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so) after tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his first outing last Tuesday against San Francisco... 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... did not surrender a home run in 43.1 minor league innings.

#30 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring... was the winning pitcher in his first outing, a start last Wednesday at San Francisco (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so)... 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 in 23 career starts, 9-15 with a 5.15 ERA in 200 relief appearances... allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .247 against left-handed hitters compared to .260 against right-handers.

#44 EURY DE LA ROSA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring... has not allowed a run in his first two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Arizona when he struck out the side in the seventh inning (1.0 ip, 3 so)...

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... allowed a .224 opponents batting average with Reno... pitched for Oriente in the Dominican Winter League following the season and went 2-1 with a 4.22 ERA in 13 relief appearances.

#72 JIM FULLER LHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring... has allowed one run in each of his first two outings, including his last appearance Friday at Arizona (0.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)... spent the entire 2014 season with Double-A New Britain after being selected by Minnesota in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft... went 3-1 with a save and a 2.41 ERA in a career-high 38 games for the Rock Cats... yielded just two home runs in 56.0 innings, an average of 0.32 per nine innings.

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (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 Friday at Arizona when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning (1.0 ip)... 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... went 3-0 with a 1.97 ERA in 38 relief appearances with Sacramento.

#63 CHAD SMITH RHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA with Detroit in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring... was claimed off waivers from Detroit Feb. 26... made his Major League debut with the Tigers last year and was 0-0 with a 5.40 ERA in 10 relief appearances... allowed a .319 batting average, including .217 (5-for-23) against right-handed hitters compared to .417 (10-for-24) against left-handers... was selected from Triple-A Toledo June 18 and made his debut June 22 at Cleveland (1.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 so)... was optioned back to Toledo July 18... combined for a 5-3 record, one save and a 3.45 ERA in 34 relief appearances with Toledo and Double-A Erie... yielded a .291 batting average, including .257 (18-for-70) against left-handed pitchers compared to .313 (35-for-112) against right-handers... began the year at Erie and logged a 2.08 ERA in seven games before he was promoted to Toledo April 28... compiled a 1.64 ERA over his first 15 games with the Mud Hens and had a 1.80 ERA in 22 games overall when Detroit called on June 18... pitched for Glendale in the Arizona Fall League following the season and went 0-1 with a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 9 at Texas

Rangers: RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez, RHP Keone Kela, RHP Roman Mendez, RHP Neftali Feliz

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

March 11 vs. Cleveland

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Angel Castro, RHP Tyler Clippard, LHP Fernando Abad, LHP Ryan Verdugo

Indians: RHP Danny Salazar, RHP Cody Allen

2015 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.	HOME
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	
March 8	Chicago (AL)	L, 4-10	4-1-1	Samardzija	Clippard	6,639	24,501	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV					
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