



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-2-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (5-1-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have lost each of their last two games after starting the spring 4-0-1...have the fourth best record in the Cactus League...lead the majors in doubles (19)...rank second in the CL in batting (.305), slugging (.478), on-base percentage (.382) and walks (31) and tied for second in triples (3)...the A's pitching staff has allowed 21 runs on 33 hits over the last three games after yielding 10 runs on 26 hits over the first four contests...have allowed just four home runs, which is tied for second fewest in the CL...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...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)...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...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 at Texas, 4-1...were shutout on three hits and seven walks over the first seven innings before Matt Olson homered with one out in the eighth inning for the A's only run...Jesse Hahn started for the A's and took the loss, allowing a run on three hits and a walk in three innings...Jesse Chavez yielded two runs in two innings and Eury De La Rosa allowed a run in the sixth inning before R.J. Alvarez and Chad Smith closed out the game with a scoreless inning of relief each...Joey Wendle had two of the A's five hits and Oakland drew nine walks, including two by Andy Parrino.

**A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's won the first game last Friday at Salt River Fields, 7-2...the two clubs also met twice last spring, with the A's winning 2-0 at Phoenix on March 7 after playing to an 8-8 tie at Salt River Fields a day earlier...the A's are now 5-1-3 against the Diamondbacks over the last five 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 seven games (Canha, Pridie, Wendle)...*Mark Canha* scored three runs last Friday at Arizona and is tied for the CL lead in runs (4)...is one of four players to appear in all seven games (Burns, Pridie, Wendle)...has appeared in two games at first base, two in right field and one in left field...*Tyler Ladendorf* has appeared in two games in left field, two at third base, two at second base and one at shortstop...*Max Muncy (NR)* is 4-for-7 (.571) with two walks over his last five games after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...*Renato Nuñez* had two hits Sunday against Chicago (AL) and is 3-for-4 (.750) over his last two games after going 0-for-4 over his first two contests...*Matt Olson (NR)* hit his first home run yesterday at Texas and is 2-for-5 (.400) over his last two games after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...*Josh Phegley* was 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI last Friday at Arizona...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (3)...*Jason Pridie (NR)* is tied for the CL lead in runs (4) and tied for seventh in slugging (.615)...is one of four players to appear in all seven games (Burns, Canha, Wendle)...*Marcus Semien* is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (7) and is tied for the CL lead in runs (4) and hits (7)...is tied for second in the CL in batting (.500), home runs (2) and total bases (12) and ranks third in on-base percentage (.563) and slugging percentage (.563)...had three hits, two home runs and four RBI in the CL opener a week ago today against San Francisco...*Joey Wendle (NR)* had two hits and a walk yesterday at Texas and ranks second in the CL with a .575 on-base percentage...is also sixth in batting (.455)...is one of four players to appear in all seven games (Burns, Canha, Pridie)...*Ben Zobrist* has doubled in three of his four games and is tied for the CL lead in doubles (3).

**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 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 complementary 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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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

#### #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (14-10, 3.08 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...spent the entire 2014 season in the starting rotation in his first full season with the A's and went 14-10 with a 3.08 ERA in 33 starts...tied for second in the American League in shutouts (2), ranked fifth in opponents batting average (.232) and slugging percentage (.327), tied for sixth in complete games (2), seventh in innings pitched (219.0), eighth in ERA, tied for eighth in games started and ninth in strikeouts (183)...led the A's in strikeouts, games started, innings pitched, losses, hits (187), runs (84) and walks (74) and tied for the lead in earned runs (75)...his 183 strikeouts were the 10th highest single season total in Oakland history...they were third most in Oakland history by a pitcher 24-years old or younger...his 219.0 innings pitched were the most by any A's pitcher since Joe Blanton tossed 230.0 innings in 2007...was 10-3 with a 2.79 ERA in 19 starts before the All-Star Break...ranked seventh in the AL in ERA and tied for seventh in wins at the break...then went 4-7 with a 3.47 ERA in 14 starts after the break...tied for third in the AL in post-break losses...his .232 opponents batting average included a .221 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .245 against right-handers...allowed 10 of his 15 home runs to left-handers.

#### #55 MATT BUSCHMANN 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 either of his first two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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 and combined for a 10-7 record and a 4.40 ERA overall.

#### #48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the fourth inning of his first appearance Saturday against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...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...allowed 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.

#### #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 and went 3-1 with a save and a 2.41 ERA in a career-high 38 games for the Rock Cats.

#### #39 ERIC O'FLAHERTY LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed an unearned run in the third inning of his first appearance Saturday against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 bb, 1 so)...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 against right-handed hitters compared to .233 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...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.

#### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the fifth inning of his last outing Saturday against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so) after retiring the side in order in the sixth inning in his first outing last Wednesday at San Francisco...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.

#### #73 KEVIN WHELAN RHP (1-0, 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 (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Saturday against Los Angeles-AL when he picked up the win (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...went 2-3 with 20 saves and a 2.70 ERA in 41 relief appearances with Triple-A Toledo last year...also allowed two runs in 1.1 innings in one appearance with Detroit.

#### #75 BARRY ZITO LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...started and had a no decision in his first outing last Thursday at Chicago-NL (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 so, 1 hr)...became a free agent following the 2013 season and did not pitch in 2014...went 5-11 with a 5.74 ERA in 30 games, including 25 starts, in his final season with San Francisco in 2013...struck out 86 batters while walking 54 in 133.1 innings...yielded a .318 opponents batting average...was 3-1 with a 2.75 ERA over his first seven starts through May 8...then went 2-10 with a 6.99 ERA over his final 23 appearances...was originally drafted by the A's in the 1st round of the June, 1999 draft and spent seven seasons with Oakland from 2000-06...ranks fourth on the Oakland career list in wins (102), strikeouts (1096) and games started (222), fifth in innings pitched (1430.1) and sixth in winning percentage (102-63, .618)...was 102-63 with a 3.55 ERA in 222 starts in seven seasons with Oakland before signing a seven-year contract with San Francisco Dec. 29, 2006...compiled a 63-80 record and a 4.62 ERA in 208 games, including 197 starts, in seven seasons with the Giants.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 10 vs. Arizona

**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, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP Brock Huntzinger, SHP Pat Venditte  
**Indians:** RHP Danny Salazar, RHP Cody Allen

#### March 12 vs. Seattle

**A's:** LHP Scott Kazmir, LHP Rudy Owens, RHP Chad Smith, LHP Eury De La Rosa  
**Mariners:** RHP Jordan Pries

## 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
March 8	Chicago (AL)	L, 4-10	4-1-1	Samardzija	Clippard	6,639	24,501
March 9	at Texas	L, 1-4	4-2-1	Gonzalez	Hahn	5,480	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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