



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-2-1) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (3-4-1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Improved to 5-2-1 with the win yesterday and are tied for the third best record in the Cactus League...are 3-1 at Hohokam and 2-1-1 on the road...lead the majors in batting (.311), on-base percentage (.390) and doubles (24)...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (36), tied for second in triples (3), third in slugging (.493) and tied for third in runs (46)...the A's pitching staff has allowed 26 runs on 43 hits over the last four 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...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 defeated Arizona 6-5 here at Hohokam...Ben Zobrist had a RBI single in the first inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead but Sonny Gray allowed two runs in the second...those were the only runs he would allow in 2.1 innings (5 h, 2 so)...the A's then scored twice in the third on a Zobrist sacrifice fly and an Ike Davis RBI double, and two more in the fourth on a Mark Canha home run and a Sam Fuld RBI double...Barry Zito allowed two runs in 2.2 innings of relief and Evan Scribner retired all four batters he faced before Eric O'Flaherty allowed the tying run to score in the eighth inning...Billy Burns had a RBI double in the bottom of the eighth to make O'Flaherty the winner and Ryan Cook retired the side in order in the ninth for the A's first save of the spring...Fuld had three of the A's 11 hits and Davis added two hits.

**A's vs. INDIANS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Indians this spring...meet again in Goodyear March 23...last spring, the A's won the only game between the two clubs, a 13-3 decision at Goodyear March 19.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Billy Burns** is one of three players to appear in all eight games (Canha, Pridie)...**Mark Canha** hit his second home run yesterday against Arizona, which is tied for second in the Cactus League...is also tied for second in runs (5) and ranks ninth in slugging (.632)...is one of three players to appear in all eight games (Burns, Pridie)...has appeared in two games at first base, two in right field and two in left field...**Ike Davis** had his second multiple hit game yesterday against Arizona and has hit safely in three of his four games (5-for-10, .500)...**Sam Fuld** went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles yesterday against the Diamondbacks after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five games...is tied for second in the CL in runs (5)...has made all six of his appearances in center field...**Craig Gentry** ranks seventh in the CL in on-base percentage (.467)...has appeared in three games in right field and two in center field...**Tyler Ladendorf** has appeared in three games at second base, two in left field, two at third base and one at shortstop...**Max Muncy (NR)** is 4-for-8 (.500) with two walks over his last six games after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...**Renato Nunez** 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 Monday at Texas and is 2-for-5 (.400) with three walks over his last three games after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...ranks second in the CL in walks (4)...**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 one of three players to appear in all eight games (Burns, Canha)...**Marcus Semien** is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (7) and is tied for the CL lead in hits (7)...is tied for second in the CL in batting (.500), on-base percentage (.563) and home runs (2), tied for fourth in slugging percentage (.929) and tied for fifth in total bases (12)...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in three games at shortstop and two at second base...**Ben Zobrist** has hit safely in four of his five games...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (3).

**AT LAS VEGAS:** The A's will travel to Las Vegas on Friday for a two-game series with the Chicago Cubs at Cashman Field...the two clubs will square off Friday at 5:05 pm and Saturday at 12:05 pm and the A's will return to Arizona following the Saturday game...Friday's game will be tape delayed on MLB Network at 9:00 pm and Saturday's will air on the A's Radio Network...these will be the A's first Spring Training games in Las Vegas since 2000...Oakland also played the first six games of the 1996 season

at Cashman Field as the Coliseum was still undergoing renovations for the return of the Raiders.

**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.

**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.

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported...position players report on Friday, with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...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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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

**#31 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...was the winning pitcher in his first start last Friday at Arizona (2.0 ip, 2 h)...was acquired from Toronto Nov. 28 with Brett Lawrie, Sean Nolin and Franklin Barreto for Josh Donaldson...was named a *Baseball America* Minor League Baseball First Team All-Star after combining for a 14-6 record and a 1.83 ERA in 27 starts with Single-A Lansing, Single-A Dunedin, Double-A New Hampshire and Triple-A Buffalo...then made his Major League debut with Toronto in September in just his second professional season...was recalled from Triple-A Buffalo Sept. 2 and had no decisions and a 3.86 ERA in five relief appearances...allowed a .222 batting average and did not walk a batter in 4.2 innings...yielded a .200 average against right-handed hitters, .250 against lefthanders...his 14 minor league wins tied for third most in the all of the minor leagues and his 1.83 ERA ranked fourth among full season minor leaguers...ranked seventh in the minors in innings pitched (167.1)...led the Blue Jays farm system in ERA and wins and ranked fourth in strikeouts (115)...surrendered just two home runs, an average of 0.11 per nine innings...was named the A's sixth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the trade.

#### GRAVEMAN'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 6	at Arizona	7-2	W	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals (1 game, 1 start)</b>		<b>1-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has retired all six batters he has faced over his first two outings...retired the side in order in the fifth inning of his last outing Sunday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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...yielded a .100 average with runners in scoring position.

### #71 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the sixth inning of his last outing Saturday against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb) after tossing a scoreless seventh inning in his first appearance last Wednesday at San Francisco...combined for a 9-9 record and a 4.66 ERA in 30 games, including 18 starts, with Triple-A Memphis in the St. Louis organization and Triple-A Sacramento in the A's farm system in 2014.

### #36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (0-1, 21.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...was charged with the loss in his last outing Sunday against Chicago-AL (0.2 ip, 2 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb) after pitching a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing last Thursday at Chicago-NL...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.

### #76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Sunday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 2 h)...spent the entire 2014 season with Triple-A Norfolk in the Baltimore organization and was 4-3 with a save and a 3.00 ERA in 47 relief appearances.

### #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.

### #74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Sunday against Chicago-NL (0.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so) after not allowing a run over his first two appearances (1.2 ip)...combined for a 2-6 record and a 2.64 ERA in 41 games with Double-A Trenton and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre in the New York Yankees organization in 2014.

### #53 RYAN VERDUGO LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip) and has retired eight of the nine batters he has faced...retired the side in order in the third inning of his last appearance Sunday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip)...began the 2014 season on the disabled list recovering from hernia surgery...was reinstated May 17 and went 5-2 with a 4.24 ERA in nine starts for Triple-A Omaha in the Kansas City organization before he was traded to the Boston organization July 16 for cash...was assigned to Triple-A Pawtucket where he went 2-1 with two saves and a 3.45 ERA in 10 games, including three starts...combined for a 7-3 record and a 3.48 ERA in 19 games overall.

#### UPCOMING PROBABLES

##### March 11 vs. Cleveland

**Indians:** RHP Danny Salazar, RHP Cody Allen, RHP Cody Anderson, LHP Ryan Merritt, LHP Nick Hagadone, RHP Dustin Molleken, RHP Bryan Price, LHP Michael Roth

##### March 12 vs. Seattle

**A's:** LHP Scott Kazmir, LHP Rudy Owens, RHP Chad Smith, LHP Eury De La Rosa, RHP Matt Buschmann, LHP Jim Fuller  
**Mariners:** RHP Jordan Pries, RHP Sam Gaviglio, LHP David Rollins, RHP Stephen Landazuri, RHP Mark Lowe, LHP Tyler Olson, LHP Rafael Perez

##### March 13 at Kansas City

**A's:** RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Kevin Whelan, LHP Fernando Abad, LHP Brad Mills  
**Royals:** TBA

##### March 13 vs. Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas

**A's:** LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, RHP Ryan Cook, RHP Arnold Leon, SHP Pat Venditte  
**Cubs:** RHP Jake Arrieta, LHP Eric Jokisch, RHP Blake Parker, RHP Donn Roach

## 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	
March 10	Arizona	W, 6-5	5-2-1	O'Flaherty	Bradley	6,434	30,935
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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