



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-2-1) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (4-5)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won two straight to improve to 6-2-1, which is tied with Arizona for the second best record in the Cactus League (Kansas City, 8-1)...are 4-1 at Hohokam and 2-1-1 on the road...lead the majors in on-base percentage (.376) and doubles (26)...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (38) and third in batting (.300) and slugging (.481)...have committed just five errors, which is tied for second fewest in the CL...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (67)...played their first tie game of the spring a week ago today 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 Cleveland here at Hohokam, 3-2...Oakland scored all three of its runs in the second inning, beginning with a leadoff home run by Billy Butler...Billy Burns added a RBI single and Craig Gentry closed out the scoring with a sacrifice fly...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and picked up his second win of the spring (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...Fernando Abad allowed a run in the fourth inning before Tyler Clippard, Ryan Verdugo, Angel Castro, Brock Huntzinger and Fernando Rodriguez tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...six different players had one hit each for the A's.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...meet again in Peoria March 18...last spring, the two clubs split two games, with the A's winning in Phoenix 6-5 and the Mariners winning in Peoria 6-4.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** is one of two Athletics to appear in all nine games (Pridie)...has appeared in eight games in center field and three in left field...**Billy Butler** has two hits this spring, both home runs...is tied for second in the Cactus League in home runs...has appeared in four games at designated hitter and two at first base...**Mark Canha** hit his second home run Tuesday against Arizona, which is tied for second in the Cactus League...is tied for third in runs (5)...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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday against the Diamondbacks after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five games...is tied for third in the CL in runs (5)...has made all six of his appearances in center field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in three games in right field and three in center field...**Alex Hassan** has appeared in six games in left field and two in right 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 5-for-10 (.500) with three doubles and two walks over his last seven games after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (3)...**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 Monday at Texas and is 3-for-8 (.375) with three walks over his last three games after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...is tied for second in the CL in walks (4)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is tied for second in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three at second base and one at third base...**Josh Phegley** was 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI last Friday at Arizona...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (3)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is one of two Athletics to appear in all nine games (Burns)...has appeared in eight games in right field and one in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (7) and leads the CL in batting (.500), on-base percentage (.579) and hits (8)...is tied for second in the CL in home runs (2) and total bases (14), ranks third in slugging (.875) and tied for third in runs (5)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in three games at shortstop and three at second base...**Ben Zobrist** is tied for second in the CL in doubles (3)...has appeared in five games at second base and one in right field.

FERRELL FACTS: Will Ferrell is scheduled to play 10 positions today for 10 Cactus League teams as part of a special from Funny Or Die, in partnership with Major League Baseball, to air exclusively on HBO later

this year...dedicating the project to the fight against cancer, Ferrell is also honoring the historic feat of A's great Bert Campaneris, who played all nine positions in one game for the Kansas City A's Sept. 8, 1965 against the California Angels...Ferrell is scheduled to start at shortstop for the A's and play second base for the Mariners in the second inning before moving on to Tempe for the Cubs vs. Angels game.

AT LAS VEGAS: The A's will travel to Las Vegas tomorrow 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) and Will Ferrell...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.

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.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported...position players report tomorrow, with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...Triple-A and Double-A games begin March 14 and Single-A games start March 21.

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

#26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (15-9, 3.55 ERA with Oakland in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...won a career-high and team-leading 15 games last year in his 10th Major League season, his first with the A's...was named an American League All-Star for the third time in his career (2006, 2008)...went 15-9 with a 3.55 ERA in 32 starts...had career highs in winning percentage (.625) and career lows in opponents on-base percentage (.291), slugging percentage (.357) and walks per nine innings (2.36)...had two complete games after tallying just one in 208 starts over his first nine seasons...his starts and innings pitched (190.1) were second most in his career to his 34 starts and 206.2 innings with Tampa Bay in 2007...tied for eighth in the AL in wins...also had the sixth highest run support (5.58), tied for sixth in complete games, ranked 10th in opponents on-base percentage (.291) and slugging percentage (.357) and tied for 10th in games started...allowed a .238 opponents batting average, including .227 (123-for-541) against right-handed hitters compared to .273 (48-for-176) against left-handers...held the opposition to a .081 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs, which was the lowest mark by a Major Leaguer with 162 or more innings pitched since Bobby Bolin had a .079 average with San Francisco in 1965.

#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.

#44 EURY DE LA ROSA LHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the sixth inning of his last outing Monday at Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er) after not allowing a run over his first two appearances (2.0 ip, 4 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...that included .150 (9-for-60) against left-handed hitters compared to .276 (24-for-87) against right-handers...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 and went 3-1 with a save and a 2.41 ERA in a career-high 38 games for the Rock Cats.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his first outing March 4 at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h)...spent nearly the entire 2014 season with the A's and compiled an 8-2 record with a save and a 2.28 ERA in 72 relief appearances...had a three-day stay at Sacramento from Aug. 21-23 but did not pitch...the games pitched tied for the team lead and tied for 10th in the American League...led AL relievers in batters faced (349), ranked second in innings pitched (86.2) and eighth in fewest walks per nine innings (1.56)...the batters faced and innings pitched were the most by an A's reliever since Justin Duchscherer in 2004 (398 bfp, 96.1 ip)...also led AL relievers in most hits (80), tied for second in wins, ranked fifth in fewest pitches per inning (14.0) and tied for sixth in opponents grounded into double plays (10)...the wins

were the most by an A's reliever since 2003 (Foulke 9, Rincon 8)...walked 15 batters, but seven of those were intentional...the intentional walks tied for the most among all AL pitchers...struck out just 45 batters and his average of 4.67 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest among AL relievers and second lowest in the majors...surrendered four home runs, the first home runs he allowed in his career...allowed a .247 opponents batting average.

#99 RUDY OWENS LHP (0-0, 15.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his first two outings, including his last appearance Saturday against Los Angeles-AL (1.1 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 so)...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 also 8-5 with his first professional save and a 4.33 ERA in 25 games, including 21 starts with Oklahoma City.

#63 CHAD SMITH 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 of his first outing on Monday at Texas (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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...then posted a 19.80 ERA in seven games with Toledo after his option and was moved back to Erie Aug. 16...then 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 12 vs. Seattle

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 Brad Mills, RHP Angel Castro
Royals: RHP Edinson Volquez, RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Jason Frasor, RHP Chris Young, LHP Brian Flynn, RHP Louis Coleman

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

March 14 vs. San Francisco

A's: LHP Jesse Chavez, LHP Jim Fuller, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, LHP Eury De La Rosa, RHP Brock Huntzinger
Giants: RHP Matt Cain, LHP Adalberto Mejia

March 14 vs. Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP R.J. Alvarez, LHP Ryan Verdugo
Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, RHP CJ Edwards, LHP Joseph Ortiz, LHP Drake Britton, RHP Armando Rivero

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
March 11	Cleveland	W, 3-2	6-2-1	Graveman	Salazar	5,017	35,952
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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