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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-2-1) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (9-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three straight to improve to 7-2-1, which is the second best record in the Cactus League behind Kansas City (9-1)... are 5-1 at Hohokam and 2-1-1 on the road...rank second in the CL in batting (.292), slugging (.477) and on-base percentage (.367) to the Royals (.316/.508/.369)...are tied for the CL lead in doubles (29) and triples (5) and rank second in walks (41)...the pitching staff is tied for third in the CL in strikeouts (74)...have one tie game this spring after tallying five last year, which were the most by an Oakland team since moving to Arizona for Spring Training in 1969...now have 17 tie games over the last seven springs...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 recorded their second walk-off win of the spring with a 4-3 victory over Seattle...Billy Burns tripled to lead off the game and scored one batter later on a Sam Fuld sacrifice fly but the A's would not get another hit until the seventh inning...Scott Kazmir started for the A's and allowed two runs in 2.2 innings and Chad Smith allowed a run in the sixth to give the Mariners a 3-1 lead...the A's then scored three times in the ninth inning for the win...Mark Canha doubled and scored on a Jordy Lara error, Bryan Anderson tied the game with a RBI double and Kent Matthes drove in pinch runner Chad Pinder with a single for the win...Rudy Owens retired the side in order in the eighth and ninth innings for the win and Matt Buschmann (1.1 ip), Dan Otero (1.0) and Jim Fuller (1.0) tossed scoreless relief.

A's vs. ROYALS: This is the only meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's had a loss and a tie last spring, losing in Phoenix 3-1 and tying at Surprise 9-9...over the previous seven springs, the A's are 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 0-6-1 at Surprise...have not defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10).

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** leads the Cactus League in triples (2) and is tied for fourth in hits (7)...is one of two Athletics to appear in all 10 games (Pridie)...has appeared in nine games in center field and four in left field...**Billy Butler** has two hits this spring, both home runs...is tied for third in the CL 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 third in the Cactus League...is tied for fourth in runs (5)...has appeared in three games in right field, three in left field and two at first base...**Luke Carlin (NR)** has hit safely in four of his five games (4-for-11, .364)...**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 fourth in the CL in runs (5)...has made all seven 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 tied for second in the CL in doubles (3)...**Renato Nuñez** had two hits last Sunday against Chicago (AL) and is 3-for-6 (.500) over his last three 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 fifth in the CL in walks (4)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is tied for fifth in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, four at second base and one at third base...**Josh Phegley** was 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI a week ago today at Arizona...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (3)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is one of two Athletics to appear in all 10 games (Burns)...has appeared in nine games in right field and two in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (7)...is tied for second in the CL in hits (8), tied for third in home runs (2), ranks fourth in batting (.444), tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.524) and runs (5), tied for fifth in total bases (14) and tied for seventh in slugging (.778)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in four games at second base and three at shortstop...**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.

AT LAS VEGAS: The A's will face the Chicago Cubs in split squad action at Las Vegas' Cashman Field today at 5:05 pm and Saturday at 12:05 pm...today's game will be tape delayed on MLB Network at 9:00 pm and tomorrow'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.

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.

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 today, 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

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA with Chicago-AL in 2014)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...had a no decision in his first outing, a start last Saturday against Los Angeles (AL)...was acquired from the Chicago White Sox Dec. 9 with Josh Phegley, Rangel Ravelo and Marcus Semien from Jeff Samardzija and Michael Ynoa...made his Major League debut with the White Sox in 2014, going 1-1 with a 3.94 ERA in six games, five starts...did not allow a home run in 29.2 innings...allowed just eight extra base hits, all doubles, for a .353 opponents slugging percentage...opponents hit .286, including .250 by right-handed hitters compared to .317 by left-handers...was selected from Double-A Birmingham Aug. 30 and made his debut with a start that day in the second game of a doubleheader against Detroit...was the losing pitcher in the White Sox 8-4 loss (6.1 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 4 bb, 4 so)...began the season on the minor league disabled list with a broken right finger and missed the first three and one-half months of the season...began a three-game rehab assignment with the White Sox affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League July 12 and was reinstated from the DL and sent to Double-A Birmingham July 26...combined for a 3-1 record, a 2.08 ERA and .217 opponents batting average in nine games, eight starts...struck out 49 in 43.1 innings (10.18 per nine innings)...surrendered just two home runs.

BASSITT' 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	8-7	--	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)											

#71 ANGEL CASTRO 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 two of his three appearances, including his last outing Wednesday against Cleveland when he pitched a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...began the 2014 season at Triple-A Memphis in the St. Louis organization and was 9-6 with a save and a 4.01 ERA in 26 games, 14 starts, when he was traded to the Oakland organization Aug. 8 for cash considerations...went 0-3 with a 7.78 ERA in four starts for Sacramento...combined for a 9-9 record and a 4.66 ERA in 30 games, including 18 starts, overall...had career highs in games, losses and runs (71)...the nine wins were his most since 2007 (11)...began the season in the starting rotation at Memphis and went 7-4 with a 3.38 ERA in 14 starts...his final 12 appearances with the Redbirds came in relief...logged a 2-2 record and a 6.88 ERA out of the bullpen...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score...was 7-7 with a 4.27 ERA in 18 starts overall...allowed a .289 opponents batting average, including .270 (55-for-204) against left-handed hitters compared to .304 (75-for-247) against right-handers...surrendered 10 of his 14 home runs to righties...yielded a .309 average with runners in scoring position...pitched for Aguilas in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 3-4 with a 7.32 ERA in 10 games, eight starts.

#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.

#49 BRAD MILLS LHP (1-0, 13.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the eighth inning of his last outing Sunday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 2 so) after tossing a scoreless inning in his first outing...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...surrendered six of his seven home runs to righties.

#73 KEVIN WHELAN RHP (1-0, 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 (2.2 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Arizona (0.2 ip, 1 so)...spent all but a week of the 2014 season with Triple-A Toledo...was selected by Detroit Aug. 11 and pitched that day at Pittsburgh (1.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so, 2 hr, 13.50 ERA)...that was his only appearance with the Tigers as he was optioned to Toledo Aug. 13...went 2-3 with 20 saves and a 2.70 ERA in 41 relief appearances with the Mud Hens...did not allow a home run in 43.1 innings...struck out 54, an average of 11.22 strikeouts per nine innings...his 20 saves tied for the most in the Tigers farm system and ranked third in the International League...converted 20-of-24 (83.3%) save opportunities and stranded his only inherited runner...allowed a .190 opponents batting average, including .167 (12-for-72) against left-handed hitters compared to .209 (18-for-86) against right-handers...issued 14 of his 21 walks to righties...held the opposition to a .184 batting average when leading off an inning...yielded a .190 average with runners in scoring position...was 2-1 with 16 saves and a 2.32 ERA in 28 games before the All-Star Break...then went 0-2 with four saves and a 3.65 ERA in 13 games after the break.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 13 at Kansas City

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

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, RHP Brock Huntzinger, RHP Matt Buschmann

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 C.J. Edwards, LHP Joseph Ortiz, LHP Drake Britton, RHP Armando Rivero

March 15 at Milwaukee

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Barry Zito, RHP Chad Smith

Brewers: TBA

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
March 12	Seattle	W, 4-3	7-2-1	Owens	Lowe	9,033	44,985
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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