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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-4-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (3-8-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. PT
NO BROADCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Were swept in a split squad yesterday and are now 3-4 over the last seven games after starting the spring 4-0-1...are 7-4-1 overall, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Kansas City (10-1) and the Dodgers (5-2-4)...are 5-1 at Hohokam, 2-2-1 on the road and 0-1 at Las Vegas...lead the CL in doubles (34) and strikeouts (96), rank second in on-base percentage (.352) and walks (43), tied for third in triples (5), fourth in slugging (.457) and runs (60) and fifth in batting (.285)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 94 strikeouts (Yankees, 104)...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 were swept in a split squad, losing 8-4 at Kansas City and 5-3 to Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas...in the Royals game, the A's scored twice in the top of the first on a two-run double by Billy Butler, but Kansas City came back with four runs in the bottom of the first and one more in the second off losing pitcher Chris Bassitt (3.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 so)...Kevin Whelan and Bobby Wahl tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's scored their final two runs in the fourth inning, highlighted by a RBI single by Eric Sogard...Billy Burns had three of the A's 11 hits...Max Muncy had a RBI single in the bottom of the first inning in the game against the Cubs but Chicago scored twice in the third inning off A's starter and losing pitcher Drew Pomeranz (3.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 6 so)...Arnold Leon followed with 2.0 scoreless innings, Ryan Cook allowed three unearned runs in the sixth and Eric O'Flaherty (1.0 ip) and Pat Venditte (2.0 ip) closed out the game with scoreless relief...Muncy hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the third of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first two games, 9-4 in Mesa and 9-2 at Scottsdale...square off again in Scottsdale March 26 and then play in San Francisco April 2 and 3 and Oakland April 4...the A's won five of six games last spring...went 2-0 in Scottsdale, 1-1 in Phoenix and 2-0 in San Francisco.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** had three hits yesterday against the Royals and is 6-for-11 (.545) over his last four games...leads the Cactus League in hits (10), is tied for the lead in stolen bases (3) and triples (2), tied for second in runs (6), tied for fourth in total bases (16) and ranks ninth in slugging (.593) and on-base percentage (.433)...is one of two Athletics to appear in all 11 possible games (Pridie)...has appeared in 10 games in center field and five in left field...**Billy Butler** has three hits this spring, all for extra bases (one double, two home runs)...is tied for third in the CL in home runs...has appeared in four games at designated hitter and three 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 seventh in runs (5)...has appeared in four games in left field, three in right 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...is tied for seventh in the CL in runs (5)...has made all eight of his appearances in center field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in four games in center field and three in right field...**Alex Hassan** has appeared in six games in left field and two in right field...**Tyler Ladendorf** has appeared in four games at second base, two in left field, two at third base and two at shortstop...**Max Muncy (NR)** went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI yesterday against the Cubs...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4), tied for fourth in hits (8), tied for sixth in walks (4) and tied for seventh in total bases (15)...has appeared in nine games at third base and one at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** hit his first home run Monday at Texas and is 4-for-11 (.364) with four walks over his last four games after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...is tied for the CL lead in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** went 2-for-4 yesterday against the Royals after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first nine games...is tied for sixth in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in seven games at shortstop, four at second base and one at third base...**Josh Phegley** is tied for third in the CL in doubles

(3)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is one of two Athletics to appear in all 11 possible games (Burns)...has appeared in 10 games in right field and three in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (7)...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2), tied for fourth in hits (8), ranks sixth in on-base percentage (.458), tied for sixth in slugging (.667), tied for seventh in runs (5) and ninth in batting (.381)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** went 2-for-3 yesterday against the Royals after going 0-for-12 over his previous five game...has appeared in five games at second base and three at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** is tied for third in the CL in doubles (3)...has appeared in five games at second base and the last two in right field.

AT LAS VEGAS: The A's will face the Chicago Cubs in split squad action at Cashman Field in Las Vegas today at 12:05 pm...the game will air on the A's Radio Network...these two games are 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.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have three players under contract beyond the 2015 season...Coco Crisp is signed through 2016 with a vesting option for 2017, Billy Butler is signed through 2017 and Sean Doolittle is signed through 2018 with club options for 2019 and 2020.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported...position players report yesterday, with the first workout scheduled for today...Triple-A and Double-A games begin today 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).

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #30 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (1-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring... pitched in relief in his last outing Monday at Texas after tossing two scoreless innings for the win in a start at San Francisco March 4... 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 (58 er in 134.1 ip) in 23 career starts, 9-15 with a 5.15 ERA (141 er in 246.1 ip) in 200 relief appearances... allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .247 against left-handed hitters compared to .260 against right-handers... was 5-2 with a 2.67 ERA in 15 games in Oakland compared to 3-6 with a 4.12 ERA in 17 games on the road.

CHAVEZ' 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	W	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0
*March 9	at Texas	1-4	--	4.50	2.0	4	2	2	1	1	0
Totals (2 games, 1 start)				1-0	4.50	4.0	6	2	2	2	0

*indicates relief appearance

#55 MATT BUSCHMANN RHP (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 (3.1 ip), including his last appearance Thursday against Seattle (1.1 ip, 2 bb, 1 so)... 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 after an early season stint on the disabled list... combined for a 10-7 record and a 4.40 ERA overall... surrendered a career-high tying 17 home runs (also 2009)... struck out 134 batters, which tied Chris Lamb for the most in the A's farm system... also tied for third among A's minor leaguers in wins, ranked sixth in innings pitched (143.1) and eighth in ERA... allowed a .266 opponents batting average, including .225 (52-for-231) against left-handed hitters compared to .295 (95-for-322) against right-handers... opponents hit .213 with a .282 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... yielded a .221 batting average with the bases empty, .333 with runners on... opponents were 12-for-55 (.218) with RISP and two outs.

#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)... 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... was 7-7 with a 4.27 ERA in 18 starts overall... 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.

#72 JIM FULLER LHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring... retired the side in order in the seventh inning of his last outing Thursday against Seattle (1.0 ip) after allowing one run in each of his first

two appearances... 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... struck out 68 batters (10.93 per nine innings), but also issued 30 walks (4.82 per nine innings)... allowed a .227 opponents batting average, which included a .214 (12-for-56) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .232 (36-for-155) against right-handers... surrendered both of his home runs to righties with runners on base... opponents hit .186 with runners in scoring position... yielded a .279 batting average and a .426 on-base percentage to batters leading off an inning... had a 2.84 ERA in 25 appearances before the All-Star Break, a 1.85 ERA in 13 games after the break.

#76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring... has not allowed a run in his last three outings (3.0 ip), including his last appearance Wednesday against Cleveland when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning (1.0 ip)... 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... led the Tides in games pitched, ranked third in strikeouts (76) and was fourth in innings pitched (81.0)... walked 25 batters and his average of 2.68 walks per nine innings ranked fourth lowest among International League relievers... allowed a .237 opponents batting average, which included .202 against left-handed hitters compared to .261 against right-handers... yielded a .176 average with runners in scoring position... six of the eight home runs he allowed were solo shots... allowed 13-of-40 (32.5%) inherited runners to score... had a 3.72 ERA in 33 appearances before the All-Star Break, a 1.42 ERA in 14 games after the break... made one relief appearance for Oriente in the Dominican Winter League following the season (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so).

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 1 save, 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 Wednesday against Cleveland when he recorded the save (1.0 ip, 2 so)... 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... left-handed hitters were 1-for-11 (.091) with his only extra base hit (double) and both of his walks... righties went 3-for-20 (.150)... allowed 1-of-4 (25.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 2-for-7 (.286)... did not allow a run in four games in Oakland (4.0 ip) or five outings at night (6.1 ip)... went 3-0 with a 1.97 ERA in 38 relief appearances with Sacramento... struck out 53 in 45.2 innings, an average of 10.45 per nine innings... walked just 16 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.31... surrendered two home runs, an average of 0.39 per nine innings... allowed a .235 opponents batting average, which included a .189 (14-for-74) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .271 (26-for-96) against right-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 14 vs. San Francisco

Giants: RHP Matt Cain, LHP Adalberto Mejia, RHP Santiago Casilla, LHP Jeremy Affeldt

March 14 vs. Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, RHP CJ 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, RHP Kevin Whelan, LHP Eury De La Rosa
Brewers: RHP Kyle Lohse

March 16 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Ryan Cook, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, RHP Dan Otero, SHP Pat Venditte
Dodgers: RHP Zack Greinke

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
March 13	at Kansas City	L, 4-8		Volquez	Bassitt	7,954	
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 3-5	7-4-1	Arrieta	Pomeranz	8,007	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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					
March 18	at Seattle	1:05	MLBN (Live)				

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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

*indicates at Las Vegas