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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-5-1) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (3-7)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) — MLB NETWORK (Tape delay at 11:00 pm PT)

ABOUT THE A'S: Split a split quad yesterday and are now 4-5 over the last seven games after starting the spring 4-0-1...are 8-5-1 overall, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Kansas City (10-2) and the Dodgers (6-2-4)...are 6-1 at Hohokam, 2-2-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (38) and top the CL in strikeouts (108)...rank second in the CL in walks (45), third in triples (6), fourth in runs (66) and fifth in slugging (.439) and on-base percentage (.340)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 111 strikeouts (Yankees, 124)...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 split a split squad, losing 3-1 to Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas and winning 5-2 over San Francisco in Mesa...in the game against the Cubs, the A's did not get a base runner until Matt Olson doubled to lead off the eighth inning...he would score the A's only run on a Max Muncy sacrifice fly...Jesse Hahn started for the A's and took the loss (3.1 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 so)...Ryan Verdugo and R.J. Alvarez tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...in Mesa, A's starter Jesse Chavez allowed the first two batters to reach base and score, but those were the only runs he would allow in 4.1 innings (5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 so)...he picked up the win as the A's scored a run in the bottom of the first inning, when Billy Burns scored on a Ben Zobrist fielders choice, and three more in the second...Niuman Romero tied the game with a RBI single, Eric Sogard put the A's ahead with a RBI single and Zobrist added a RBI double...Matt Angle added a RBI single in the seventh inning to complete the A's scoring...Fernando Rodriguez (1.0 ip), Jim Fuller (1.0 ip), Angel Castro (1.2 ip) and Brock Huntzinger (1.0 ip, save) all tossed scoreless relief...Burns had his second consecutive three-hit game and Sogard and Romero had two hits each.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...return to Maryvale March 25 and square off in Mesa March 29...the A's lost two of three games last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and losing the only meeting in Maryvale.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** has back-to-back three-hit games and is 9-for-15 (.600) with a double and two triples over his last five games...is tied for the Major League lead in hits (13), runs (9) and triples (3) and is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (3)...is also tied for second in the CL in total bases (21), ranks third in batting (.419) and on-base percentage (.471) and fifth in slugging (.677)...is one of two Athletics to appear in all 12 possible games (Pridie)...has appeared in 11 games in center field and five in left field...**Billy Butler** is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last three games after going 1-for-11 over his first five contests...has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs...has appeared in four games at designated hitter and four at first base...**Mark Canha** hit his second home run Tuesday against Arizona, which is tied for fourth in the Cactus League...also ranks ninth in slugging (.483)...has appeared in five games in left field, three in right field and two at first base...**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...has made all eight of his appearances in center field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in five 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, three at shortstop, two at third base and two in left field...**Max Muncy (NR)** went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI Friday against the Cubs...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4) and tied for eighth in walks (4)...has appeared in nine games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** has reached base safely in each of his last six games (5-for-15, four walks) after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...is tied for the CL lead in walks (5) and ranks ninth in on-base percentage (.357)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is 3-for-7 (.429) over his last two games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first nine contests...is tied for eighth in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in seven games at shortstop, four at second base and two at third base...**Josh Phegley** is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (3)...**Jason**

Pridie (NR) is one of two Athletics to appear in all 12 possible games (Burns)...has appeared in 11 games in right field and four in center field...**Niuman Romero (NR)** went 2-for-4 yesterday against San Francisco after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first six contests...has appeared exclusively at shortstop on defense...**Marcus Semien** is tied for second in the CL in RBI (7) and tied for fourth in home runs (2)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-7, 571) after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in six games at second base and three at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4)...has appeared in five games at second base and the last three in the outfield (two in right field, one in left field).

IN CAMP: After making five roster moves this morning, the A's now have 57 players in camp, which does not include two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...the total includes 38 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 27 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 38 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 26 were all acquired in trades.

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.

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 has nine remaining broadcasts this spring, which includes all week-end games, the night game on Thursday, March 26 against San Francisco and all three games against the Giants in the Bay Area in April...Ken Korchach 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, nine remaining games will be broadcast in the Bay Area on MLB Network.

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).
March 15	Arnold Leon optioned to Nashville; Raul Alcantara optioned to Midland; Angel Castro, Jim Fuller and Rudy Owens reassigned to minor league camp

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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 7.71 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring... had a no decision in his first start last Tuesday against Arizona... 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.

GRAY'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 10	Arizona	6-5	--	7.71	2.1	5	2	2	0	2	1
Totals (1 game, 1 start)		0-0		7.71	2.1	5	2	2	0	2	1

#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.

#44 EURY DE LA ROSA LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring... has allowed a run in each of his last two outings, including his last appearance Friday at Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so), 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 against right-handed hitters compared to .309 against left-handers... allowed a .224 opponents batting average with Reno... that included .150 against left-handed hitters compared to .276 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.

#63 CHAD SMITH RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring... allowed a run in the sixth inning of his last outing Thursday against Seattle (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er) after retiring the side in order in the eighth inning of his first outing on last Monday at Texas... 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.

#73 KEVIN WHELAN RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring... has not allowed a run in his first four outings (3.2 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 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.

#75 BARRY ZITO LHP (0-0, 7.71 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring... pitched in relief in his last outing Tuesday against Arizona (2.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so) after starting in his first outing March 5 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)... won the Cy Young Award in 2002 after going 23-5 with a 2.75 ERA in 35 starts... is a three-time All-Star, all with Oakland (2002-03, 06)... 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 15 at Milwaukee

Brewers: RHP Kyle Lohse, RHP Brandon Kintzler, RHP Rob Wooten, LHP Neal Cotts, RHP David Goforth, LHP Brent Leach

March 16 at Los Angeles (NL)

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

Dodgers: RHP Zack Greinke

March 17 vs. San Diego

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Tyler Clippard, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Brock Huntzinger, LHP Brad Mills, RHP Fernando Rodriguez

Padres: RHP Odrisamer Despaigne, RHP Matt Wisler

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	
March 14	San Francisco	W, 5-2		Chavez	Cain	10,260*	55,245
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 1-3	8-5-1	Hendricks	Hahn	10,375	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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

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