



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-5-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (7-2-4)

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Tape delay at 6:00 pm PT)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 9-5-1 (.633), which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind the Royals (10-3, .769) and Dodgers (7-2-4, .692)...are 5-5 over the last 10 games after starting the spring 4-0-1...are 6-1 at Hohokam, 3-2-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (39) and top the CL in strikeouts (115)...rank second in the CL in walks (46), third in runs (71), tied for third in triples (6) and fifth in batting (.277), slugging (.430) and on-base percentage (.336)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 118 strikeouts (Yankees, 132)...are fifth in ERA (3.68)...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 defeated Milwaukee at Maryvale, 5-2...Sonny Gray started for the A's and picked up the win (4.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 so)...he allowed single runs in the second and third innings but the A's scored three times in the fifth to take the lead...Tyler Ladendorf opened the scoring with a RBI single, Billy Burns tied the game with a sacrifice fly and Ladendorf scored the go-ahead run on an error on a pickoff attempt...Chad Smith pitched a scoreless fifth inning and Barry Zito closed out the game with 4.0 scoreless innings for the save (1 h, 1 so)...Luke Carlin had a RBI single in the eighth inning and Ladendorf added a RBI single in the ninth to complete the A's scoring...Burns and Ladendorf had two hits each.

A's vs. DODGERS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Dodgers this spring...meet again in Mesa, March 20...the A's had a win and a tie in two meetings last spring, winning in Phoenix 7-3 on March 3 and tying in Glendale 8-8 on March 10.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** has three straight multiple hit games (8-for-11) and has hit safely in each of his last six contests (11-for-18, .611) with six runs, a double and two triples...leads the majors in hits (15) and runs (10) and is tied for the lead in triples (3)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (3) and ranks second in batting (.441), slugging (.676), on-base percentage (.474) and total bases (23)...is one of two Athletics to appear in all 13 possible games (Pridie)...has appeared in 12 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 last Tuesday against Arizona, which is tied for fourth in the Cactus League...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 last Tuesday against Arizona but has not played since then...has hit safely in three of his four games (5-for-10, .500)...**Sam Fuld** went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles last Tuesday against the Diamondbacks...is 5-for-12 (.417) over his last four games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...has made eight appearances in center field and one in right 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** had his second two-hit game and second two-RBI game yesterday at Milwaukee...has appeared in four games at second base, three at shortstop, two at third base and three in left field and one in center 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 ninth in walks (4)...has appeared in 10 games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** has reached base safely in each of his last seven games (6-for-19, four walks) after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...is tied for the CL lead in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last three games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first nine contests...is tied for ninth in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, four at second base and two at third base...**Josh Phegley** is tied for seventh in the CL in doubles (3)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is one of two Athletics to appear in all 13 possible games (Burns)...has appeared in 12 games in right field and four in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for third in the CL in RBI (7) and tied for fourth in home runs (2)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 5-for-10 (.500) over

his last three games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in seven 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).

OPENING DAY STARTER: A's manager Bob Melvin today named Sonny Gray as the A's Opening Day starter...Gray also started the opener last year against Cleveland and tossed 6.0 shutout innings (5 h, 3 bb, 7 so)...had a no decision in the A's 2-0 loss...the last A's pitcher to start consecutive openers is Barry Zito in 2005 and 2006.

IN CAMP: The A's have 51 players in camp, which does not include two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...the total includes 36 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 15 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 24 pitchers, five catchers, 15 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 began the spring in camp...the two exceptions were 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 36 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...four were claimed off waivers (Freiman, Hassan, Otero, Scribner) and four were signed as free agents (Butler, Crisp, Kazmir, O'Flaherty)...the other 25 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 eight 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, eight 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	Eury De La Rosa, Arnold Leon and Chad Smith optioned to Nashville; Raul Alcantara optioned to Midland; Matt Buschmann, Alden Carrithers, Angel Castro, Jim Fuller, Bruce Maxwell, Rudy Owens and Niuman Romero reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#31 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (2-0, 1.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has picked up the win in each of his two starts and the two wins are tied for the most in the majors...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 left-handers...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...allowed a .232 opponents batting average, including .196 against right-handed hitters...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	1	0
March 11	Cleveland	3-2	W	1.80	3.0	2	1	1	1	1	0
Totals (2 game, 2 starts)				2-0	1.80	5.0	4	1	1	2	0

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 1 save, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his last two outings, including his last appearance Friday against Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas (1.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r)...appeared in 54 games with the A's in 2014 despite two stints on the disabled list and was 1-3 with a save and a 3.42 ERA...the games pitched were his fewest in his three seasons with the A's and his ERA was his highest...struck out 50 batters in 50.0 innings...has 204 strikeouts in 198.1 career innings, an average of 9.26 per nine innings...allowed three home runs and has surrendered just nine in 198.1 career innings, an average of 0.41 per nine innings...allowed a .184 opponents batting average, which included a .138 (15-for-109) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .262 (17-for-65) against left-handers...had 13 walks and 13 strikeouts against lefties, nine walks and 37 strikeouts against righties...has a .180 (74-for-412) career average against right-handers, .236 (73-for-309) against left-handers...opponents hit .181 with the bases empty, .188 with runners on...allowed 12-of-29 (41.4%) inherited runners to score...has allowed 36-of-86 (41.9%) inherited runners to score in his career, which is the highest mark in the majors since 2011 when he made his Major League debut.

#39 ERIC O'FLAHERTY LHP (1-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing Friday against Chicago (NL) in Las Vegas (1.0 ip, 2 so) after allowing one run in each of his first two appearances...was 1-0 with a save and a 2.25 ERA in 21 games with the A's last year in his comeback from May 21, 2013 Tommy John surgery...struck out 15 and walked just four for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.75...surrendered a career-high tying three home runs (also 2012)...allowed a .205 opponents batting average, including .186 (8-for-43) against right-handed hitters compared to .233 (7-for-30) against left-handers...did not allow an extra-base hit to a left-hander...righties slugged .419...has not allowed a home run to a left-handed hitter since Aug. 14, 2011 against Chicago-NL (Carlos Pena)...issued three of his four walks to lefties...yielded a .107 batting average with runners on base compared to .267 with the bases empty...all three of the home runs he allowed were solo shots...opponents batted .067 with runners in scoring position...began the season on the 60-day disabled list as he continued his recovery from Tommy John surgery...started his rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton June 6 against High Desert (1.0 ip, 3 so)...was transferred to Triple-A Sacramento June 11 and had a loss and a 4.32 ERA in seven games with the River Cats.

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Thursday against Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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)...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.

#74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings, including his last appearance Friday against Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas (2.0 ip, 2 so)...has held the opposition to a .143 (2-for-14) batting average...began the 2014 season at Double-A Trenton and went 0-1 with a save and a 0.82 ERA in 15 relief appearances before he was promoted to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre May 17...went 2-5 with a 3.36 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, with the Yankees Triple-A affiliate...combined for a 2-6 record and a 2.64 ERA in 41 games overall.

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

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first five outings (5.0 ip), including his last appearance Saturday against Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...opponents are batting .188 (3-for-16)...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.

#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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 16 at Los Angeles (NL)

Dodgers: RHP Zack Greinke, LHP David Huff, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Chad Gaudin, RHP Chris Hatcher, RHP Yimi Garcia, RHP Joel Peralta

March 17 vs. San Diego

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Tyler Clippard, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Brock Huntzinger, RHP Fernando Rodriguez
Padres: RHP Odrisamer Despaigne, RHP Matt Wisler

March 18 at Seattle

A's: LHP Drew Pomeranz, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Evan Scribner, LHP Brad Mills
Mariners: RHP Erasmo Ramirez, RHP Jordan Pries

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	
March 15	at Milwaukee	W, 5-2	9-5-1	Gray	Cotts	5,614	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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)				
March 19	OFF DAY						

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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	vs. San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 3	vs. San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA
April 4	vs. San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA

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