



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-6-1) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (7-6)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 5-6 over the last 11 games after starting the spring 4-0-1...have a 9-6-1 record overall, which is the fourth best record in the Cactus League...are 6-1 at Hohokam, 3-3-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (40) and strikeouts (123)...rank second in the CL in walks (50), third in runs (76), tied for third in triples (6) and tied for fifth in on-base percentage (.333)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 119 strikeouts (Yankees, 132)...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 lost to Los Angeles (NL) at Glendale, 10-5...Josh Phegley homered to lead off the third inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead and Oakland scored three more runs in the fourth inning, highlighted by a two-run double by Phegley...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and tossed 4.2 scoreless innings (2 h, 2 bb, 1 so)...Dan Otero allowed two runs in 1.1 innings and Eric O'Flaherty pitched a scoreless seventh, giving the A's a 4-2 lead entering the bottom of the eighth...Ryan Cook then allowed six runs in 0.1 innings and Ryan Verdugo allowed two runs in 0.2 innings as the Dodgers had a grand slam, a three-run home run and a solo home run in an eight run eighth inning...Andy Parrino had a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring...Phegley had two of the A's six hits.

A's vs. PADRES: This is the only meeting between the A's and Padres this spring...last year, the two clubs also met just once, with the A's losing 6-5 at Peoria on March 11...the A's have won eight of their last 12 spring games against the Padres.

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), tied for second in total bases (23) and third in slugging (.676) and on-base percentage (.474)...has appeared in 12 games in center field and five in left field...**Billy Butler** has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for fifth in the CL in home runs...has appeared in five games at first base and four at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** hit his second home run a week ago today against Arizona, which is tied for fifth in the CL...has appeared in six games in left field, three in right field and two at first base...**Coco Crisp** has not played since March 8...**Ike Davis** had his second multiple hit game a week ago today 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 a week ago today 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 six games in center field and three in right field...**Alex Hassan** has not played since March 11...has appeared in six games in left field and two in right field...**Tyler Ladendorf** has hit safely in each of his last three games (4-for-8, .500)...has appeared in four games at second base, four in left field, three at shortstop, two at third base and two in center field...**Max Muncy (NR)** went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI Friday against the Cubs at Las Vegas...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4)...has appeared in 11 games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** popped out in his only at bat yesterday at Los Angeles (NL) after reaching base safely in seven consecutive games (6-for-19, four walks)...is tied for second in the CL in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** has appeared in nine games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Josh Phegley** doubled, homered and drove in three runs yesterday at Los Angeles (NL) for his second multiple hit game and second three-RBI game of the spring...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is the only Athletic to appear in all 14 possible games...has appeared in 13 games in right field and four in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for third in the CL in RBI (7), ranks fifth in on-base percentage (.419), tied for fifth in home runs (2), tied for eighth in on-base percentage (.556) and 10th in batting (.333)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 5-for-10 (.500) over his last three games after going 0-for-12 over his pre-

vious 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 yesterday 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 49 players in camp, which does not include two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...the total includes 34 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 15 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 24 pitchers, five catchers, 13 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 34 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)...four were claimed off waivers (Freiman, Hassan, Otero, Scribner) and four were signed as free agents (Butler, Crisp, Kazmir, O'Flaherty)...the other 24 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 weekend 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 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, 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 Numan Romero reassigned to minor league camp
March 16	Rangel Ravelo optioned to Nashville, Renato Nunez optioned to Midland

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...allowed two runs in 2.2 innings in a no decision in his first start last Thursday against Seattle...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 against right-handed hitters compared to .273 against left-handers.

KAZMIR'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
March 12	Seattle	4-3	--	3.38	2.2	3	2	1	2	4	0	
Totals (1 game, 1 start)				0-0	3.38	2.2	3	2	1	2	4	0

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...allowed his first run in his last outing last Wednesday against Cleveland (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) after retiring all six batters that he faced over his first two outings...posted a 1.57 ERA and allowed just 13.2% (5-of-38) of inherited runners to score in a career-high 69 appearances in his first full season in the majors last year with Oakland...the percentage of inherited runners scored was fourth lowest by an A's reliever since 1974 and the ERA was second lowest over the last 24 years (Brad Ziegler, 1.06 in 2008)...ranked third among American League relievers in percentage of inherited runners scored, fifth in ERA and seventh in opponents slugging percentage (.253)...in addition to games pitched, he also had career highs in wins (2), innings pitched (57.1) and strikeouts (51)...had career lows in ERA, opponents batting average (.175), on-base percentage (.247) and slugging percentage...walked just 15 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.40...had four losses and two blown saves...his opponents batting average included a .162 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .191 against left-handers...yielded a .100 average with runners in scoring position.

#37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

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 Saturday against Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas when he struck out the side in the ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 3 so)...was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with Jesse Hahn for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money...began the 2014 season at Double-A Arkansas in the Los Angeles (AL) organization but was traded to the San Diego organization July 18 as part of the Huston Street trade...was assigned to Double-A San Antonio and combined for an 0-1 record, seven saves and a 1.25 ERA in 38 relief appearances before he was selected by the Padres Sept. 2...had no decisions, a 1.13 ERA and .115 opponents batting average in 10 relief appearances in his Major League debut...did not allow an extra base hit but issued five walks in 8.0 innings for a .273 on-base percentage...struck out nine...allowed a .111 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .125 against left-handers...opponents hit .154 with runners in scoring position...first batters faced were 1-for-8 (.125) with two walks...had a save and a 0.33 ERA in 21 relief appearances with Arkansas and was 0-1 with six saves and a 2.76 ERA in 17 outings for San Antonio...did not surrender a home run in 43.1 minor league innings.

#36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (0-1, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance last Wednesday against Cleveland when he pitched a scoreless fifth inning

(1.0 ip, 2 h)...was acquired from Washington Jan. 14 for Yunel Escobar...was named to his second National League All-Star team in 2014 with the Nationals...went 7-4 with a save and a 2.18 ERA in 75 relief appearances...it was his fifth consecutive season with 70 or more games pitched and his 371 appearances since 2010 are the most in the majors...is the only pitcher to appear in 70 or more games in each of the last five seasons...since 2010, he also leads Major League relievers in innings pitched (393.1), is tied with Matt Belisle for the lead in wins (29), ranks second to Craig Kimbrel (476) with 455 strikeouts and is sixth in opponents batting average (.185)...his 75 games pitched in 2014 were the second most of his career (78 in 2010) but he tossed just 70.1 innings, which were his fewest since 2009 (60.1)...surrendered just five home runs and his average of 0.64 home runs per nine innings was the best mark of his career...tied for fourth among National League relievers in games pitched, tied for fifth in wins, tied for eighth in innings pitched and ranked ninth in strikeouts (82)...allowed a .188 opponents batting average, which included a .130 mark against right-handers.

#76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 1.80 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Saturday against San Francisco when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning for his first save (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 1 save, 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 Saturday against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 3 bb)...has walked four batters in 3.2 innings but has held the opposition to a .167 (2-for-12) batting average...was 1-0 with a 1.00 ERA and .129 opponents average in seven games with the A's last year and 3-0 with a 1.97 ERA in 38 relief appearances with Sacramento.

#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...combined for a 2-6 record, one save and a 2.64 ERA in 41 games with Double-A Trenton and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre last year.

#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 where he 2-3 with 20 saves and a 2.70 ERA in 41 relief appearances...also pitched in one game for Detroit on Aug. 11 at Pittsburgh (1.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so, 2 hr, 13.50).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 17 vs. San Diego

Padres: RHP Odrisamer Despaigne, RHP Matt Wisler, RHP Tayron Guerrero, RHP Leonel Campos, LHP Scott Elbert

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

March 20 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Barry Zito

Dodgers: TBA

March 20 at Colorado

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez

Rockies: 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
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	
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 5-10	9-6-1	Huff	Cook	8,421	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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

&indicates at Las Vegas