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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-6-1) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (6-7-1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 – PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Live)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 6-6 over the last 12 games after starting the spring 4-0-1...have a 10-6-1 (.618) record overall, which is the third best mark in the Cactus League behind the Royals (11-4, .733) and the Dodgers (8-2-5, .700)...are 7-1 at Hohokam, 3-3-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (43) and sacrifice flies (9) and are tied for the CL lead in runs scored (89)...rank second in the CL in walks (55) and strikeouts (125), third in triples (7) and on-base percentage (.345) and fourth in batting (.281) and slugging (.441)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 131 strikeouts (Yankees, 139)...have committed 11 errors, which is tied for third fewest in the CL...have turned 17 double plays, which is tied for third most...have one tie game 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 San Diego in Mesa, 13-2...Scott Kazmir started for the A's and tossed 4.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 6 so)...Matt Olson had a two-run double in the fourth inning to open the scoring and Ben Zobrist hit a three-run home run in the fifth inning to give the A's a 5-0 lead...Oakland then sent 10 men to the plate in the sixth inning and scored five times, highlighted by RBI singles from Joey Wendle and Tyler Ladendorf and a RBI triple by Sam Fuld...Ladendorf added a three-run home run in the seventh inning to complete the A's scoring...Oakland collected 15 hits, including two each by Zobrist, Ladendorf, Wendle and Brett Lawrie...Tyler Clippard, R.J. Alvarez, Pat Venditte and Kevin Whelan all tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Mariners this spring...the A's won the first game 4-3 in Mesa on March 12...last spring, the two clubs split two games, with the A's winning in Phoenix 6-5 and the Mariners winning in Peoria 6-4.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** is 11-for-20 (.550) with seven runs, a double and two triples over his last seven games...leads the majors in hits (15) and runs (11) and is tied for the lead in triples (3)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (3), tied for third in total bases (23), ranks fourth in batting (.417) and sixth in slugging (.639) and on-base percentage (.450)...has appeared in 12 games in center field and six in left field...**Billy Butler** has five hits this spring, four of which are for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for seventh in the CL in home runs...has appeared in five games at first base and five at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** is tied for seventh in the CL in home runs (2)...has appeared in six games in left field, three in right field and two at first base...**Coco Crisp** went 1-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base yesterday against the Padres in his first action since March 8...**Ike Davis** had his second multiple hit game March 10 against Arizona but has not played since then...has hit safely in three of his four games (5-for-10, .500)...**Sam Fuld** is 6-for-15 (.400) over his last five games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...is tied for seventh in the CL in runs (7)...has made nine 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 four games and is 6-for-10 (.600) with six RBI over that stretch...is tied for second in the CL in RBI (9) and tied for fifth in hits (11)...has appeared in four games at second base, four in left field, three at shortstop, three at third base and three in center field...**Brett Lawrie** doubled twice yesterday against the Padres after going 2-for-20 (.100) over his first eight games...has appeared exclusively at third base...**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 12 games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** is tied for third in the CL in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** has appeared in 10 games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Josh Phegley** doubled, homered and drove in three runs Monday 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)** has appeared in 13 games in right field and four in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for seventh in the CL in

home runs (2) and RBI (7)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 5-for-12 (.417) over his last four games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...has not struck out in 27 at bats this spring...has appeared in eight games at second base and three at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** had his second two-hit game yesterday against the Padres...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4) and tied for seventh in RBI (7)...has not struck out in 22 at bats this spring...has appeared in five games at second base and the last four in the outfield (three in right field, one in left field).

OPENING DAY STARTER: A's manager Bob Melvin has named Sonny Gray as the A's Opening Day starter for April 6 against Texas...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.

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, seven 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
March 16	Rangel Ravelo optioned to Nashville, Renato Nuñez optioned to Midland

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (0-1, 1.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has 10 strikeouts in 5.0 innings over his first two starts, and is tied for the Cactus League lead in strikeouts...spent most of the 2014 season with the A's and split his time between the bullpen and the starting rotation...was 1-1 with a 1.62 ERA in 10 relief appearances and 4-3 with a 2.58 ERA in 10 starts...combined for a 5-4 record and a 2.35 ERA in 20 games overall...missed 24 games from June 17 to July 12 while on the disabled list and made eight starts with Sacramento from July 12 to Aug. 21...his five wins were a career high as he had just four victories in 34 games entering the season...the ERA was a career low as was his opponents batting average (.204), on-base percentage (.282) and slugging percentage (.304)...his opponents batting average included a .196 (38-for-194) mark by right-handed hitters compared to .232 (13-for-56) by left-handers...entered the season with a .298 career average against righties compared to .165 against lefties...has allowed 22 of his 25 career home runs against righties...five of the seven home runs he allowed in 2014 were solo shots and four came on the first pitch...yielded a .175 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .095 with RISP and two outs.

POMERANZ' 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 8	Chicago (AL)	4-10	--	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	4	0
March 13	vs. Chicago (NL) at LV	3-5	L	1.80	3.0	3	2	1	1	6	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				0-1	1.80	5.0	5	2	1	2	10

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...his first two appearances were starts...allowed five runs on seven hits in 3.0 innings at Kansas City last Friday for the loss after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings in his first outing March 7 against Los Angeles (AL)...was acquired from the Chicago White Sox Dec. 9 with Josh Phegley, Rangel Ravelo and Marcus Semien for 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).

#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...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 (24-for-119) against left-handed hitters compared to .261 (46-for-176) against right-handers...yielded a .176 average with runners in scoring position...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).

#49 BRAD MILLS LHP (1-0, 11.25 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his last two outings, in-

cluding his last appearance Friday at Kansas City (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...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.

#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...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.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...opponents are 1-for-16 (.063) with one walk...however, has allowed a run in two of his four appearances, including his last outing Saturday against Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 4 so)...spent most of the 2014 season with Triple-A Sacramento where he was 4-1 with 16 saves and a 3.06 ERA in 40 relief appearances...also went 1-0 with a 4.63 ERA in 13 games over four stints with Oakland...now has nine stints with the A's over the last two years...did not walk a batter in 11.2 innings with Oakland and struck out 11...however, allowed four home runs after yielding six in 76.0 innings over his first three seasons...his .255 opponents on-base percentage was a career low but his .522 slugging percentage was a career high...allowed a .239 opponents batting average, including .158 against left-handed hitters compared to .296 with all four of his home runs against right-handers...converted 16-of-20 (80.0%) save opportunities with the River Cats and tied for fifth in the Pacific Coast League in saves...however, was second on his team to Jeremy McBryde (17)...struck out 72 batters in 47.0 innings, an average of 13.79 per nine innings...walked just nine (1.72 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.00...allowed a .223 opponents batting average, including .218 against right-handed hitters.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 18 at Seattle

Mariners: RHP Erasmo Ramirez, RHP Carson Smith, RHP Justin Germano, RHP Dominic Leone, RHP Mark Lowe, LHP Tyler Olson, RHP Jordan Pries

March 20 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Barry Zito, LHP Ryan Verdugo, RHP Kevin Whelan

Dodgers: LHP Clayton Kershaw

March 20 at Colorado

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Tyler Clippard, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, SHP Pat Venditte, RHP R.J. Alvarez

Rockies: LHP Jorge De La Rosa, RHP Eddie Butler, RHP Tommy Kahnle, RHP Scott Oberg

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	
March 17	San Diego	W, 13-2	10-6-1	Kazmir	Despaigne	5,701	60,946
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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