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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-7-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (8-3-6)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 6-7 over the last 13 games after starting the spring 4-0-1...have a 10-7-1 record overall, which is the fourth best mark in the Cactus League...are 7-1 at Hohokam, 3-4-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (46) and sacrifice flies (9)...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (57), third in strikeouts (131) and triples (7) and fourth in runs (89)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 140 strikeouts (Yankees, 159)...also rank fourth in ERA (4.01)...have committed 11 errors, which is tied with Colorado for the fewest in the CL...have turned 18 double plays, which is fifth 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 had their lone off day of the spring...on Wednesday, the A's were shutout by Seattle at Peoria, 4-0...Drew Pomeranz started for Oakland and allowed just one run in 4.0 innings, but took the loss (4 h, 1 bb, 5 so)...Chris Bassitt (3.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so) and Evan Scribner (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) also pitched for the A's...Oakland was held to three hits, all doubles by Craig Gentry, Mark Canha and Jason Pridie.

A's vs. DODGERS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the A's lost the first game on Monday at Camelback Ranch, 10-5...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** is 11-for-23 (.450) with seven runs, a double and two triples over his last eight games...leads the majors in runs (11) and is tied for the lead in hits (15) and triples (3)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (3), tied for sixth in total bases (23), ranks eighth in batting (.385) and ninth in slugging (.590)...has appeared in 12 games in center field and seven 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 10th in the CL in home runs...has appeared in six games at designated hitter and five at first base...**Mark Canha** is tied for 10th in the CL in home runs (2)...has appeared in six games in left field, three in right field and three at first base...**Coco Crisp** went 1-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base Tuesday against the Padres in his first action since March 8...has appeared exclusively in left field...**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-17 (.353) over his last six games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...is tied for eighth in the CL in runs (7)...has made 10 appearances in center field and one in right field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in six games in center field and four 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** is 6-for-12 (.500) with six RBI over his last five games...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (9)...has appeared in four games at second base, four in left field, four in center field, three at shortstop and three at third base...**Brett Lawrie** doubled twice Tuesday 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 a week ago today against the Cubs at Las Vegas...is tied for third in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in 13 games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** is tied for sixth in the CL in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** has appeared in 11 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 third in the CL in doubles (4)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** has appeared in 14 games in right field and four in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (7) and tied for 10th in home runs (2)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 5-for-14 (.357) over his last five games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...has not struck out in 29 at bats this spring...has appeared in nine games at second base and three at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** had his second two-hit game Tuesday against the Padres...is tied for third in the CL in doubles (4) and tied for eighth 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.

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 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 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, six 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 #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (1-0, 5.68 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has not walked a batter in his first two starts (6.1 ip)...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
March 15	at Milwaukee	5-2	W	5.68	4.0	6	2	2	0	4	1
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)			1-0	5.68	6.1	11	4	4	0	6	2

#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 last 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...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...was 3-1 with a 1.83 ERA and .183 opponents batting average in 22 games at home compared to 1-2 with a save, a 3.86 ERA and .274 opponents average in 25 contests on the road...logged a 2.66 ERA in 34 night games, a 4.32 ERA in 13 day games...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).

#53 RYAN VERDUGO LHP (0-0, 3.18 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...did not allow a run over his first five outings (5.0 ip), but allowed two in his last appearance at Los Angeles (NL) on Monday (0.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 hr)...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...allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .203 (13-for-64) against left-handed hitters compared to .242 (51-for-211) against right-handers...surrendered seven of his eight home runs to righties...yielded a .296 average with runners in scoring position...compiled a 2.25 ERA in the first inning but combined for a 7.33 ERA in the second and third inning...allowed 1-of-2 (50.0%) inherited runners to score.

#73 KEVIN WHELAN RHP (1-0, 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 (4.2 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are batting .188 (3-for-16)...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...issued 14 of his 21 walks to righties...held the opposition to a .184 batting average when leading off an inning...yielded a .190 average with runners in scoring position...was 2-1 with 16 saves and a 2.32 ERA in 28 games before the All-Star Break.

#75 BARRY ZITO LHP (0-0, 1 save, 4.15 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...opponents are 6-for-31 (.194) and he has walked just one batter in 8.2 innings...has pitched in relief in each of his last two outings, including his last appearance Sunday at Milwaukee when he pitched the final four innings for the save (1 h, 1 so)...started in his first outing March 5 at Chicago (NL)...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.

ZITO'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	2-2	--	9.00	2.0	2	2	2	0	2	1
*March 10	Arizona	6-5	--	7.71	2.2	3	2	2	1	1	1
*March 15	at Milwaukee	5-2	S	4.15	4.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals (3 games, 1 start)			0-0	4.15	8.2	6	4	4	1	4	2

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 20 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

Dodgers: LHP Clayton Kershaw, LHP JP Howell, RHP Dustin McGowan, RHP David Aardsma

March 20 at Colorado

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

March 21 vs. Cincinnati

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Evan Scribner
Reds: RHP Raisel Iglesias, LHP Aroldis Chapman, LHP Paul Maholm, RHP Nate Adcock

March 22 at Cincinnati

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Tyler Clippard, LHP Eric O'Flaherty
Reds: RHP Mike Leake, LHP Jose Mijares, LHP Tony Cingrani, RHP Pedro Villarreal

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
March 18	at Seattle	L, 0-4	10-7-1	Ramirez	Pomeranz	9,903	
March 19	OFF DAY						

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
	at Colorado	1:05	MLBN (Live)
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