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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-7-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (8-8-2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Swept a split squad yesterday and are now 12-7-1 (.625), which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind the Royals (12-6, .667) and the Dodgers (9-4-6, .632)...are 8-1 at Hohokam, 4-4-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (49) and are tied for the lead in sacrifice flies (9)...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (71) and strikeouts (148), tied for third in triples (8) and tied for fourth in runs (95)...have hit the third fewest home runs (12)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 159 strikeouts (Yankees, 162)...also rank third in the CL in ERA (3.81)...have committed 11 errors, which is tied with Colorado for the fewest in the CL...have turned 19 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 swept a split squad, defeating Los Angeles (NL) 3-2 in Mesa and Colorado 3-2 at Salt River Fields...in Mesa, the A's rallied for their third walk-off win of the spring (also March 7 and 12)...Craig Gentry had a RBI single in the first inning, but that was the A's only run over the first eight innings...in the ninth, Kent Matthes scored the tying run when pinch hitter Anthony Aliotti grounded into a double play with the bases loaded, and Luke Carlin followed with a RBI single for the win...Sonny Gray started for the A's (5.1 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 3 so) and Barry Zito closed out the game with 3.0 perfect innings for the win (5 so)...in the game against the Rockies, the A's scored single runs in the second and third innings on a RBI double by Joey Wendle and a RBI triple by Sam Fuld...A's starter Jesse Chavez (4.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 5 so) allowed two runs in the bottom of the third but Tyler Clippard (1.0 ip), Pat Venditte (Win, 2.0 ip), R.J. Alvarez (1.0 ip) and Fernando Rodriguez (Save, 1.0 ip) pitched scoreless relief...Oakland scored the winning run in the seventh inning when Eric Sogard scored on a Fuld fielders choice.

A's vs. REDS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...meet again tomorrow at Goodyear...last spring, the two clubs split two games, with the A's losing at Goodyear 6-5 and winning in Phoenix 8-4.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** had his fifth multiple hit game yesterday and is now 13-for-25 (.520) with eight runs scored over his last nine games...leads the majors in hits (17) and is tied for the lead in runs (12) and triples (3)...tops the Cactus League in stolen bases (4), ranks fifth in batting (.415), seventh in on-base percentage (.468) and total bases (25) and eighth in slugging percentage (.610)...has appeared in 12 games in center field and eight in left field...**Billy Butler** has five hits this spring, four of which are for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and five at first base...**Mark Canha** has appeared in six games in left field, four at first base and three in right field...**Coco Crisp** is 2-for-5 over his last two games after being out from March 9 to 16 (elbow)...has appeared exclusively in left field...**Ike Davis** went 1-for-3 yesterday at Colorado in his first action since March 10...has hit safely in four of his five games (6-for-13, .462)...**Sam Fuld** is 7-for-21 (.333) over his last seven games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...is tied for second in the CL in triples (2) and tied for 10th in runs (7)...has made 11 appearances in center field and one in right field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in seven 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-15 (.400) with six RBI over his last six games...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (9)...has appeared in five games in center field, four at second base, four in left field, three at shortstop, three at third base and one in right field...**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)** is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in 14 games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** is tied for eighth in the CL in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** has appeared in 12 games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Josh Phegley** has seven hits, six of which are for extra bases (five doubles, one home run)...is tied for the CL lead in doubles...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...**Jason Pridie (NR)** has appeared in 15 games in right field and four in center field...**Marcus Semien** has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 6-for-16 (.375) over his last six games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...has not struck out in 31 at bats this spring...has appeared in nine games at second base and four at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** had his second two-hit game Tuesday against the Padres...is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (4)...has not struck out in 25 at bats this spring...has appeared in six games at second base, three in right field and 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, five 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 Nunez optioned to Midland

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #32 JESSE HAHN RHP (0-2, 6.14 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring... pitched in relief in his first outing before starting and taking the loss in his last two contests... was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with R.J. Alvarez for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money... made his Major League debut with San Diego in 2014 and went 7-4 with a 3.07 ERA in 14 games, including 12 starts, over four stints with the Padres... tied for third among National League rookies in wins, ranked sixth in strikeouts (70), tied for ninth in games started and 10th in innings pitched (73.1)... surrendered just four home runs in 73.1 innings, an average of 0.49 per nine innings... allowed a .214 opponents batting average, which included a .200 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .227 against left-handers... opponents hit .211 with runners in scoring position, including .185 with RISP and two outs... went 7-2 with a 2.01 ERA over his first nine starts, 0-2 with a 5.95 ERA over his final five games, including three starts... spent the balance of the season pitching for Double-A San Antonio where he was 2-1 with a 1.91 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts... yielded just one home run in 42.1 innings... allowed a .221 opponents batting average.

HAHN'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	--	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	0
March 9	at Texas	1-4	L	6.75	3.0	3	1	1	1	2	1
March 14	vs. Chicago (NL) at LV	1-3	L	6.14	3.1	5	2	2	0	3	1
Totals (3 games, 2 starts)				0-2	6.14	7.1	11	5	5	2	6

*indicates relief appearance

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Has appeared in four games this spring... has allowed at least one run in each of his last two outings, including his last appearance Tuesday against San Diego (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so)... 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 (17-for-105) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .191 (17-for-89) against left-handers... struck out 35 of the 100 lefties he faced (35.0%), 16 of the 116 righties (13.8%).

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

The non-roster invitee has made three appearances this spring... has allowed at least two runs in each of his last two outings, including his last appearance March 13 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 against right-handed hitters compared to .481 against left-handers... combined for a 6-3 record and a 2.01 ERA in 20 games, including 18 starts, with Nashville and Buffalo... struck out 103 batters and walked 23 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.48.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 4.26 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring... opponents are 4-for-22 (.182) with one walk... however, has allowed a run in three of his five appear-

ances, including his last outing Wednesday at Seattle (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 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 (3-for-19) against left-handed hitters compared to .296 (8-for-27) 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.

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

The non-roster invitee has made six appearances this spring, which is tied for seventh in Cactus League... 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.

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

The non-roster invitee has made five appearances this 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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 21 vs. Cincinnati

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, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP Brock Huntzinger
Reds: RHP Mike Leake, LHP Jose Mijares, LHP Tony Cingrani, RHP Pedro Villarreal

March 23 at Cleveland

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Ryan Cook, RHP Dan Otero, SHP Pat Venditte
Indians: RHP Zach McAllister, RHP Scott Atchison, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, RHP C.C. Lee, RHP Dustin Molleken, RHP Bryan Shaw

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						
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 3-2		Zito	Smith	10,324*	71,270
	at Colorado	W, 3-2	12-7-1	Venditte	Butler	11,557	

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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