



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-7-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (8-9-2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M. MT  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won three straight and five of the last seven and are now 13-7-1 (.643), which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Yankees (12-7-1, .625)...are 9-1 at Hohokam, 4-4-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...had six doubles yesterday against the Reds and lead the majors with 55 this spring...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (64) and strikeouts (156), tied for second in sacrifice flies (9), tied for third in triples (8) and tied for fourth in runs (103)...the A's pitching staff has allowed 11 runs in the last five games (44.0 ip, 2.25 ERA) and has a 3.67 ERA for the season, which is second lowest in the CL to the Reds (3.25)...are tied with the Dodgers for the CL lead in strikeouts (165)...have committed 12 errors, which is the fewest in the CL...have turned 21 double plays, which is tied for third...have drawn 80,327 fans in 10 home dates, which surpasses last years season total of 78,011 at Phoenix Muni...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 the Reds at Mesa, 8-1...Brett Lawrie hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the first to give the A's the lead and Jesse Hahn pitched 5.0 scoreless innings for his first win of the spring...Hahn allowed four hits and walked two while striking out two...Eric Sogard had a RBI double in the fourth inning to make the score 4-0 and Oakland scored three more times in the sixth on a Marcus Semien RBI double and a Josh Phegley two-run home run...Evan Scribner allowed a run in two innings of relief, Fernando Abad retired the side in order in the eighth inning and Kevin Whelan set down the Reds 1-2-3 in the ninth...Carson Blair added a RBI double in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Sogard and Mark Canha had two doubles each and Phegley added two hits.

**A's vs. REDS:** This is the second of two meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...the A's won the first game yesterday in Mesa, 8-1...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 Friday at Colorado and is now 13-for-25 (.520) with eight runs scored over his last nine games...is tied for the Major League lead in hits (17), runs (12) and triples (3)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (4), ranks fifth in batting (.415), sixth in slugging percentage (.610), seventh in on-base percentage (.468) and tied for ninth in total bases (25)...has appeared in 12 games in center field and eight in left field...**Billy Butler** has six hits this spring, four of which are for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and six at first base...**Mark Canha** had two doubles yesterday and is 4-for-8 (.500) with three doubles over his last three games...is tied for third in the CL in doubles (5)...has appeared in six games in left field, four at first base and three in right field...**Coco Crisp** is 2-for-8 (.250) over his last three games after being out from March 9 to 16 (elbow)...has appeared exclusively in left field...**Ike Davis** went 1-for-3 Friday 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)...has made 11 appearances in center field and one in right field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in eight 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-17 (.353) with six RBI over his last seven games...is tied for sixth in the CL in RBI (9)...has appeared in six games in center field, five in left field, four at second base, three at shortstop, three at third base and one in right field...**Brett Lawrie** is 3-for-8 (.375) with two doubles and a home run over his last three games after going 2-for-20 (.100) over his first eight contests...has appeared exclusively at third base...**Max Muncy (NR)** is tied for eighth in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in 15 games at third base and two at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** is tied for ninth in the CL in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** has appeared in 13 games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Josh Phegley** is 5-for-11 (.455) with two doubles, two home runs and five RBI over his last four games...has nine hits, seven of which are for extra bases (five doubles, two home runs)...is tied for third in the CL

in doubles and tied for 10th in RBI (8)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** has appeared in 16 games in right field, four in center field and one in left field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (8)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 8-for-19 (.421) with three doubles over his last seven games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...struck out yesterday, his only strikeout in 34 at bats this spring...has appeared in 10 games at second base and four at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** had his second two-hit game Tuesday against the Padres...is tied for eighth in the CL in doubles (4)...has not struck out in 29 at bats this spring...has appeared in six games at second base, four 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 seven 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

**#31 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (2-0, 0.93 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...picked up the win in each of his first two starts and the two wins are tied for the most in the Cactus League...opponents are hitting .188 (6-for-32)...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 lefthanders...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
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	5-10	--	0.93	4.2	2	0	0	2	1	0
<b>Totals (3 games, 3 starts)</b>				<b>2-0</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

## #36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (0-1, 7.71 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in four of those outings, including his last appearance Friday at Colorado when he pitched a scoreless fifth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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 (15-for-115) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .237 (32-for-135) against left-handers.

## #76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 1.59 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last five outings (4.2 ip), including his last appearance Friday against Los Angeles-NL (0.2 ip, 1 so)...opponents are batting .190 (4-for-21)...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).

## #33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 2 saves, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made five appearances this spring...has not allowed a run (4.2 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Colorado when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning for his second save (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...has walked five batters in 4.2 innings but has held the opposition to a .188 (3-for-16) 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...allowed a .235 opponents batting average, which included a .189 (14-for-74) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .271 (26-for-96) against right-handers...both of his home runs were solo shots against righties...opponents hit .154 when leading of an inning...allowed 6-of-8 (75.0%) inherited runners to score.

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

The non-roster invitee has made six appearances this 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) last 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.

## UPCOMING PROBABLES

### March 22 at Cincinnati

**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 Mollen, RHP Bryan Shaw

### March 24 vs. Chicago (NL)

**A's:** LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Barry Zito  
**Cubs:** 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	
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	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 21	Cincinnati	W, 8-1	13-7-1	Hahn	Iglesias	9,057	80,327
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME RADIO/TV					
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