



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-8-1) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (8-11-1)

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M. MT  
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Live)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Had their three-game winning streak snapped yesterday and have now won five of the last eight games...are 13-8-1 (.614), which is the second best record in the majors to the Royals (13-7, .650)...are 9-1 at Hohokam, 4-5-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (58)...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (66) and strikeouts (165), tied for second in sacrifice flies (9), fourth in runs (106) and tied for fourth in triples (8)...the A's pitching staff has allowed 15 runs in the last six games (52.2 ip, 2.56 ERA) and has a 3.69 ERA for the spring, which is third lowest in the CL...are tied with the Dodgers for the CL lead in strikeouts (174)...have committed 12 errors, which is the fewest in the CL...have turned 22 double plays, which is tied for fourth most...have drawn 80,327 fans in 10 home dates, which surpasses last years season total of 78,011 at Phoenix Muni...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 Cincinnati at Goodyear, 4-3...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and pitched 5.1 scoreless innings...he allowed just one hit and one walk while striking out five...Oakland was held scoreless until Mark Canha doubled home Marcus Semien in the fourth inning...the A's added two more runs in the seventh inning on back-to-back RBI singles by Tyler Ladendorf and Billy Burns...Tyler Clippard pitched a scoreless bottom of the seventh and the A's had a 3-0 lead when Brock Huntzinger allowed three runs in the bottom of the eighth...Fernando Rodriguez then surrendered the winning run in the ninth inning for the loss...Semien and Ladendorf had two hits each.

**A's vs. INDIANS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Indians this spring...the A's the first game in Mesa on March 11, 3-2...last spring, the A's won the only game between the two clubs, a 13-3 decision at Goodyear March 19.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 2-for-11 (.182) over his last five games...**Billy Burns** had his fifth multiple hit game Friday at Colorado and is now 14-for-29 (.483) with eight runs scored over his last 10 games...leads the majors in hits (18) and is tied for the lead in runs (12) and triples (3)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (4), tied for fifth in batting (.400), ranks eighth in on-base percentage (.451) and tied for ninth in total bases (26)...has appeared in 13 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** is 5-for-12 (.417) with four doubles over his last four games...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (6)...has appeared in seven games in left field, four at first base and four in right field...**Luke Carlin (NR)** is 1-for-6 (.167) over his last four games after going 5-for-14 (.357) over his first seven contests...**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** is 2-for-6 (.333) over his last two games after being out from March 11 to 19...has hit safely in five of his six games overall (7-for-16, .438)...**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 8-for-20 (.400) with seven RBI over his last eight games...is tied for fifth in the CL in RBI (10)...has appeared in six games in center field, six in left field, four at second base, four at third base, three at shortstop 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 10th in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in 16 games at third base and two at first base...**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 fourth in the CL in doubles...**Jason Pridie (NR)** has appeared in 16 games in right field, four in center field and one in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 3-for-6 (.500) with two doubles over his last two games after going 1-for-17 over

his previous six contests...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 Saturday, his only strikeout in 34 at bats this spring...has appeared in 10 games at second base and four at shortstop...**Stephen Vogt** has appeared in six games at catcher and two at designated hitter...**Ben Zobrist** had his second two-hit game last Tuesday against the Padres...is tied for 10th 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 42 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 eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 20 pitchers, four catchers, 11 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 six remaining broadcasts this spring, which the night game on Thursday, March 26 against San Francisco, both games next weekend 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 Nuñez optioned to Midland
March 22	Carson Blair, Brad Mills, Matt Olson, Fernando Rodriguez, Ryan Verdugo, Joey Wendle and Kevin Whelan reassigned to minor league camp

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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER #40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-1, 7.88 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring... pitched in relief of Pomeranz in his last outing last Wednesday at Seattle after starting in his first two appearances...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)...surrendered just two home runs.

#### BASSITT' 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	8-7	--	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
March 13	at Kansas City	4-8	L	9.00	3.0	7	5	5	0	2	1
*March 18	at Seattle	0-4	--	7.88	3.0	2	2	2	2	2	0
<b>Totals (3 games, 2 starts)</b>				<b>0-1</b>	<b>7.88</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

\*Indicates relief appearance

### #48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-1, 1 save, 18.90 ERA)

Has made four appearances this spring...has allowed nine runs in 1.1 innings over his last two outings...his last appearance was a week ago today at Los Angeles (NL) when he took the loss (0.1 ip, 4 h, 6 r, 6 er, 1 bb, 1 hr)...appeared in 54 games with the A's in 2014 despite two stints on the disabled list and was 1-3 with a save and a 3.42 ERA...the games pitched were his fewest in his three seasons with the A's and his ERA was his highest...struck out 50 batters in 50.0 innings...has 204 strikeouts in 198.1 career innings, an average of 9.26 per nine innings...allowed three home runs and has surrendered just nine in 198.1 career innings, an average of 0.41 per nine innings...allowed a .184 opponents batting average, which included a .138 (15-for-109) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .262 (17-for-65) against left-handers...had 13 walks and 13 strikeouts against lefties, nine walks and 37 strikeouts against righties...has a .180 (74-for-412) career average against right-handers, .236 (73-for-309) against left-handers...opponents hit .181 with the bases empty, .188 with runners on...allowed 12-of-29 (41.4%) inherited runners to score...has allowed 36-of-86 (41.9%) inherited runners to score in his career, which is the highest mark in the majors since 2011 when he made his Major League debut...yielded a .265 batting average against first batters faced.

### #61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Has made three appearances this spring...allowed two runs in his last outing a week ago today at Los Angeles-NL (1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er) after not allowing a run over his first two outings (2.0 ip)...spent nearly the entire 2014 season with the A's and compiled an 8-2 record with a save and a 2.28 ERA in 72 relief appearances...had a three-day stay at Sacramento from Aug. 21-23 but did not pitch...the games pitched tied for the team lead and tied for 10th in the American League...led AL relievers in batters faced (349), ranked second in innings pitched (86.2) and eighth in fewest walks per nine innings (1.56)...the batters faced and innings pitched were the most by an A's reliever since Justin Duchscherer in 2004 (398 bfp, 96.1 ip)...also led AL relievers in most hits (80), tied for second in wins, ranked fifth in fewest pitches per inning (14.0) and tied for sixth in opponents grounded into double plays (10)...the wins were the most by an A's reliever since 2003 (Foulke 9, Rincon 8)...walked 15 batters, but seven of

those were intentional...the intentional walks tied for the most among all AL pitchers...struck out just 45 batters and his average of 4.67 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest among AL relievers and second lowest in the majors...surrendered four home runs, the first home runs he allowed in his career...allowed a .247 opponents batting average.

### #74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (1-0, 2.57 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in five of his outings, including his last appearance Friday at Colorado when he tossed 2.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 4-for-25 (.160) with two walks...began the 2014 season at Double-A Trenton and went 0-1 with a save and a 0.82 ERA in 15 relief appearances before he was promoted to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre May 17...went 2-5 with a 3.36 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, with the Yankees Triple-A affiliate...combined for a 2-6 record and a 2.64 ERA in 41 games overall...struck out 83 batters in 78.1 innings for an average of 9.54 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .222 opponents batting average, including .206 (20-for-97) against left-handed pitching compared to .230 (45-for-196) against right-handers...surrendered five of his six home runs to righties...left-handers had just three extra base hits (two doubles) for a .258 slugging percentage...opponents went 0-for-17 with runners in scoring position at Trenton and hit .186 overall in that situation...including .154 with RISP and two outs...yielded a .250 batting average and four of his six home runs with the bases empty, .188 with runners on base...allowed 3-of-19 (15.8%) inherited runners to score...compiled a 1.74 ERA in nine games during the day, 2.97 in 32 night games.

#### UPCOMING PROBABLES

##### March 23 at Cleveland

**Indians:** RHP Zach McAllister, RHP Scott Atchison, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, RHP C.C. Lee, RHP Dustin Moleken, RHP Bryan Shaw

##### March 24 vs. Chicago (NL)

**A's:** LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Barry Zito  
**Cubs:** RHP Edwin Jackson

##### March 25 at Milwaukee

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Brock Huntzinger, SHP Pat Venditte  
**Brewers:** RHP Jimmy Nelson

##### March 26 at San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Jesse Chavez  
**Giants:** 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
March 22	at Cincinnati	L, 3-4	13-8-1	Cingrani	Rodriguez	5,447	
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
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