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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-9-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (9-11-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have dropped two straight after winning three in a row and are now 13-9-1 (.587), which is the fourth best record in the Cactus League...are 9-1 at Hohokam, 4-6-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (59)...rank second in the CL in walks (70) and strikeouts (173), tied for second in sacrifice flies (9), fourth in runs (109) and tied for fourth in triples (8)...the A's pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (179) and fourth in ERA (3.90)...have committed 12 errors, which is the fewest in the CL...have turned 23 double plays, which is tied for fourth most...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 Cleveland at Goodyear, 8-3...Chris Bassitt (4.1 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 bb, 3 so) started for the A's and took the loss after allowing three runs in the first inning and two more in the third...Dan Otero recorded the final two outs of the fifth inning, Ryan Cook allowed three runs in two innings of work and Pat Venditte pitched a scoreless eighth inning...the A's got on the board in the fourth inning when Billy Butler singled and later scored on an error...J.P. Sportman hit a two-run home run in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the fourth and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...Oakland is 0-2-1 over the first three games, playing to a 2-2 tie March 5 at Sloan Field and losing in Las Vegas 5-3 on March 13 and 3-1 on March 14...the A's lost two of three last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and losing at Mesa...are 1-4-1 against the Cubs over the last two springs.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: The A's are 9-1 at Hohokam Stadium and have drawn 80,327 fans over the first 10 home dates...that surpasses the season total of 78,011 in 15 dates last year at Phoenix Muni...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).

PLAYER NOTES: **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 2-for-12 (.167) over his last six games...**Billy Burns** had his fifth multiple hit game last 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), ranks fourth in batting (.400), sixth in on-base percentage (.451) and ninth in slugging percentage (.578)...has appeared in 13 games in center field and eight in left field...**Billy Butler** has reached base safely in each of his last eight games (6-for-21, three walks)...has appeared in seven games at first base and six at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** has hit safely in each of his last five games and is 6-for-16 (.375) with four doubles over that stretch...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (6)...has appeared in eight games in left field, five in right field and four at first base...**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-11 (.182) over his last four games after being out from March 9 to 16 (elbow)...has appeared exclusively in left field...**Ike Davis** is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last three games after being out from March 11 to 19...has hit safely in six of his seven games overall, including each of his last five (6-for-13, .462)...**Sam Fuld** has not played since last Friday when he was hit in the jaw by a thrown ball...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** is 2-for-17 (.118) over his last six games...has appeared in nine 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-22 (.364) with seven RBI over his last nine games...is tied for sixth 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, four 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 0 for 8 over his last eight games...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 four at third base...**Josh Phegley** is 5-for-14 (.357) with two doubles, two home runs and five RBI over his last five games...has nine hits, seven of which are for extra bases (five doubles, two home runs)...is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is 1-for-11 (.091) over his last seven games...has appeared in 17 games in right field, four in center field and two 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 9-for-22 (.409) with four doubles over his last eight games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (5)...struck out Saturday, his only strikeout in 37 at bats this spring...has appeared in 11 games at second base and four at shortstop...**Stephen Vogt** has appeared in six games at catcher and two at designated hitter...**Ben Zobrist** struck out yesterday at Cleveland, his only strikeout in 32 at bats this spring...has appeared in six games at second base, four in right field, one at shortstop 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.

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 Korch 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, four remaining games will be broadcast in the Bay Area on MLB Network...March 25, 28 and 31 will be live and April 1 will air at 6:00 am on April 2.

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 #13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (0-2, 2.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and start of the spring...has 15 strikeouts in 9.0 innings over his first three starts, and is tied for third in the Cactus League in strikeouts...has 35 strikeouts in 21.2 innings in two springs with the A's (14.54 per nine innings)...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
March 18	at Seattle	0-4	L	2.00	4.0	4	1	1	1	5	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				0-2	2.00	9.0	9	3	2	3	15

#37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 1.50 ERA)

Has appeared in six games this spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Colorado when he pitched a scoreless eighth inning (1 h, 1 so)...opponents are batting .150 (3-for-20)...was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with Jesse Hahn for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money...began the 2014 season at Double-A Arkansas in the Los Angeles (AL) organization but was traded to the San Diego organization July 18 as part of the Huston Street trade...was assigned to Double-A San Antonio and combined for an 0-1 record, seven saves and a 1.25 ERA in 38 relief appearances before he was selected by the Padres Sept. 2...had no decisions, a 1.13 ERA and .115 opponents batting average in 10 relief appearances in his Major League debut...did not allow an extra base hit but issued five walks in 8.0 innings for a .273 on-base percentage...struck out nine...allowed a .111 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .125 against left-handers...opponents hit .154 with runners in scoring position...first batters faced were 1-for-8 (.125) with two walks...had a save and a 0.33 ERA in 21 relief appearances with Arkansas and was 0-1 with six saves and a 2.76 ERA in 17 outings for San Antonio...did not surrender a home run in 43.1 minor league innings...struck out 61 (12.67 per nine innings) and walked just 13 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.69.

#75 BARRY ZITO LHP (1-0, 1 save, 3.09 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made four appearances, including one start, this spring...opponents are 6-for-40 (.150) and he has walked just one batter in 11.2 innings...has pitched in relief in each of his last three outings, including his last appearance Friday against Los Angeles (NL) when he retired all nine batters that he faced for the win (3.0 ip, 5 so)...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (7.0 ip)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 24 vs. Chicago (NL)

Cubs: RHP Edwin Jackson, RHP Jorge De Leon, LHP Joseph Ortiz, Drake Britton, LHP Francisley Bueno, RHP Blake Parker

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, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Tyler Clippard

Giants: TBA

March 27 vs. Texas

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn

Rangers: RHP Anthony Ranaudo

2015 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	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 21	Cincinnati	W, 8-1	13-7-1	Hahn	Iglesias	9,057	80,327
March 4	at San Francisco	W, 9-2	2-0	Chavez	Peavy	8,868		March 22	at Cincinnati	L, 3-4	13-8-1	Cingrani	Rodriguez	5,447	
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	T, 2-2	2-0-1			11,132		March 23	at Cleveland	L, 3-8	13-9-1	McAllister	Bassitt	3,775	
March 6	at Arizona	W, 7-2	3-0-1	Graveman	Ray	10,726		DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 8-7	4-0-1	Whelan	Ibarra	10,042*	17,862	March 24	Chicago (NL)	1:05					
March 8	Chicago (AL)	L, 4-10	4-1-1	Samardzija	Clippard	6,639	24,501	March 25	at Milwaukee	1:05	MLBN (Live)				
March 9	at Texas	L, 1-4	4-2-1	Gonzalez	Hahn	5,480		March 26	at San Francisco	7:05	95.7 FM The Game/CSNBA				
March 10	Arizona	W, 6-5	5-2-1	O'Flaherty	Bradley	6,434	30,935	March 27	Texas	1:05					
March 11	Cleveland	W, 3-2	6-2-1	Graveman	Salazar	5,017	35,952	March 28	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (Live)				
March 12	Seattle	W, 4-3	7-2-1	Owens	Lowe	9,033	44,985	March 29	Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 13	at Kansas City	L, 4-8		Volquez	Bassitt	7,954		March 30	Colorado	1:05					
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 3-5	7-4-1	Arrieta	Pomeranz	8,007		March 31	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (Live)				
March 14	San Francisco	W, 5-2		Chavez	Cain	10,260*	55,245	April 1	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	MLBN (6:00 AM on 4/2)				
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 1-3	8-5-1	Hendricks	Hahn	10,375		April 2	vs. San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 15	at Milwaukee	W, 5-2	9-5-1	Gray	Cotts	5,614		April 3	vs. San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA				
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 5-10	9-6-1	Huff	Cook	8,421		April 4	vs. San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA				
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									

&indicates at Las Vegas