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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-9-1) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (9-11)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Live)

ABOUT THE A'S: Improved to 10-1 at Hohokam with the win yesterday and are now 14-9-1 (.604) overall, which is the third best record in the majors behind the Royals (13-8, .619) and the Dodgers (11-6-6, .609)... are 4-6-1 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...had a spring-high seven doubles yesterday and lead the majors with 66 overall...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (123), walks (73), strikeouts (175) and sacrifice flies (10) and fifth in triples (8)...the pitching staff ranks second in the majors with 186 strikeouts (Yankees, 198)...are fourth in the CL in ERA (3.82)... have committed 13 errors, which is the fewest in the CL...have turned 24 double plays, which is tied for third 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 defeated the Cubs at Hohokam, 14-2...Billy Butler hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the first to give the A's a 2-1 lead they would never relinquish...Oakland added two more runs in the second inning, six in the third, one in the fourth, two in the fifth and one in the seventh...Stephen Vogt hit a two-run home run in the third inning and Marcus Semien and Eric Sogard added RBI doubles...Ben Zobrist had a two-run double in the fifth...Drew Pomeranz started for the A's and picked up the win (2.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 bb, 4 so)...Barry Zito added four scoreless innings of relief (1 h, 3 bb, 2 so)...Ryan Doolittle (0.1 ip), R.J. Alvarez (1.0 ip) and Jeff Urlaub (1.0 ip) also did not allow a run in relief...the A's collected 18 hits including three by Vogt and Ike Davis.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's won the first game at Maryvale on March 15, 5-2...square off in Mesa on Sunday...the A's lost two of three games last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and losing one in Maryvale.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: The A's are 10-1 at Hohokam Stadium and have drawn 89,359 fans over the first 11 home dates...those are the most fans the A's have drawn in Arizona since 2010 (89,493)...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 sixth multiple hit game yesterday against Chicago (NL) and is now 16-for-35 (.457) with 10 runs scored over his last 11 games...leads the majors in hits (20) and runs (14) and is tied for the lead in triples (3)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in stolen bases (4), ranks fifth in batting (.392), tied for seventh in total bases (28) and eighth in on-base percentage (.439)...has appeared in 14 games in center field and nine in left field...**Billy Butler** hit his third home run yesterday against Chicago (NL), which is tied for fifth in the CL...has reached base safely in each of his last nine games (7-for-24, four walks)...has appeared in seven games at first base and seven 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) with two walks over his last five 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** went 3-for-4 yesterday and is now 6-for-12 (.500) over his last four games after being out from March 11 to 19...has hit safely in seven of his eight games overall, including each of his last six (9-for-17, .529)...**Sam Fuld** is 8-for-25 (.320) over his last eight games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...is tied for second in the CL in triples (2)...has made 12 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** had his fifth multiple hit game yesterday and is 10-for-26 (.385) with eight RBI over his

last 10 games...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (11)...has appeared in six games in center field, six in left field, five 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 9 over his last nine games...has appeared in 17 games at third base and two at first base...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is 3 for 17 (.176) over his last eight games...has appeared in 14 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 eighth in the CL in doubles...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is 1-for-11 (.091) with three walks over his last eight games...has appeared in 18 games in right field, four in center field and two in left field...**Marcus Semien** has doubled in each of his last three games and is 4-for-1 (.400) over that stretch after going 1-for-17 over his previous six contests...is tied for ninth in the CL in runs (9) and tied for 10th in RBI (9)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 11-for-26 (.423) with five doubles over his last nine games after going 0-for-12 over his previous five contests...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (6)...struck out last Saturday against Cincinnati, his only strikeout in 41 at bats this spring...has appeared in 11 games at second base, four at shortstop and one at third base...**Stephen Vogt** went 3-for-3 with a double and home run yesterday against Chicago (NL) after going 2-for-19 (.105) over his first eight contests...has appeared in seven games at catcher and two at designated hitter...**Ben Zobrist** is tied for eighth in the CL in doubles (5) and tied for 10th in RBI (9)...struck out Monday at Cleveland, his only strikeout in 36 at bats this spring...has appeared in six games at second base, five 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 41 players in camp, which does not include two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...the total includes 33 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, four catchers, 11 infielders and seven outfielders.

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 includes the night game tomorrow against San Francisco, both games this 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...today, March 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 Nunez 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
March 24	Ryan Cook optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (1-0, 4.63 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and start of the spring...has allowed two runs in each of his three starts...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
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	3-2	--	4.63	5.1	4	2	2	2	3	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				1-0	4.63	11.2	15	6	6	2	9

#76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 5.40 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made seven appearances this spring...allowed three runs in the eighth inning of his last outing Sunday at Cleveland (1.0 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb) after not yielding a run over his previous five appearances (4.2 ip)...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).

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 4.32 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his last three appearances and four of six overall...his last outing was Saturday against Cincinnati (2.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 3 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.

#74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (1-0, 2.25 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in six of his outings, including his last appearance Monday at Cleveland when he tossed a scoreless eighth inning (1 h, 1 bb)...opponents are 5-for-29 (.172)...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 25 at Milwaukee

Brewers: RHP Jimmy Nelson, RHP Francisco Rodriguez, RHP Jonathan Broxton, RHP Jeremy Jeffress, RHP Chris Perez

March 26 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Dan Otero, LHP Fernando Abad
Giants: RHP Tim Lincecum, RHP Yusmeiro Petit

March 27 vs. Texas

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP R.J. Alvarez, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, RHP Tyler Clippard
Rangers: RHP Anthony Ranaudo

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	
March 23	at Cleveland	L, 3-8	13-9-1	McAllister	Bassitt	3,775	
March 24	Chicago (NL)	W, 14-2	14-9-1	Pomeranz	Parker	9,032	89,359
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 25	at Milwaukee	1:05	MLBN (Live)				
March 26	at San Francisco	7:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/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