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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-9-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (6-18-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 7:05 P.M. MT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – CSNBA

ABOUT THE A'S: Played their second tie game of the spring yesterday at Milwaukee and now have 18 tie games in the last seven springs...are 14-9-2 (.600), which is the second best record in the majors behind the Dodgers (12-6-6, .625)...are 10-1 at Hohokam, 4-6-2 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (67)...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (132), walks (75), strikeouts (181) and sacrifice flies (12)...the pitching staff ranks second in the majors with 192 strikeouts (Yankees, 209)...are fifth in the CL in ERA (4.03)...have committed 14 errors, which is the fewest in the CL...have turned 24 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 and Brewers played to a 9-9 tie at Maryvale...Ike Davis had a RBI single in the first inning but Sonny Gray allowed one run in the bottom of the first, four in the second and one more in the third (2.2 ip, 8 h, 6 r, 6 er, 3 bb, 0 so)...the A's scored three times in the third inning on a Brett Lawrie sacrifice fly and a two-run home run by Davis...Evan Scribner tossed 3.1 scoreless innings of relief to keep the Brewers lead at 6-4 but Pat Venditte allowed three runs in the seventh inning...Max Muncy hit a solo home run in the eighth and the A's scored four times in the ninth to tie the game...Kent Matthes had a RBI single, Jason Pridie a sacrifice fly and Mark Canha a two-run home run...Brock Huntzinger blanked the Brewers on two hits over the final two innings.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fourth of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first three games, 9-4 in Mesa on March 3, 9-2 in Scottsdale on March 4 and 5-2 in Mesa on March 14...square off again in San Francisco April 2 and 3 and Oakland April 4...are now 11-2 over their last 13 spring games against the Giants...won five of six games last spring...went 2-0 in Scottsdale, 1-1 in Phoenix and 2-0 in San Francisco.

PLAYER NOTES: **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 2-for-13 (.154) over his last seven games...**Billy Burns** had his sixth multiple hit game Tuesday against Chicago (NL) and is now 16-for-37 (.432) with 11 runs scored over his last 12 games...leads the majors in hits (20) and runs (15) and tops the Cactus League in triples (3)...the 15 runs scored are the most by an A's player during the spring since Nick Swisher had 19 in 2006...is tied for the CL lead in stolen bases (4), ranks ninth in batting (.377), 10th in on-base percentage (.443) and tied for 10th in total bases (28)...has appeared in 15 games in center field and 10 in left field...**Billy Butler** hit his third home run Tuesday against Chicago (NL), which is tied for eighth 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 six games and is 7-for-18 (.389) with four doubles and a home run over that stretch...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (6) and tied for eighth in home runs (3)...has appeared in eight games in left field, five in right field and five 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** hit his first home run yesterday at Milwaukee and is now 8-for-15 (.533) over his last five games after being out from March 11 to 19...has hit safely in eight of his nine games overall, including each of his last seven (11-for-20, .550)...**Sam Fuld** is 8-for-28 (.286) over his last nine 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 two in right field...**Craig Gentry** is 3-for-21 (.143) over his last seven games...has appeared in 10 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 Ladendorff** had his fifth multiple hit game Tuesday against Chicago (NL) 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 4-for-10 (.400) with three doubles and a home run over his last four games after going 2-for-20 (.100) over his first eight contests...has appeared exclusively at third base...**Max Muncy (NR)** went 2-for-2 with a home run yesterday at Milwaukee after going 0-for-9 over his previous nine games...has appeared in 18 games at third base and two at first

base...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is 3-for-20 (.150) over his last nine games...has appeared in 14 games at shortstop, five at second base and four at third base...**Josh Phegley** is 5-for-17 (.294) with two doubles, two home runs and five RBI over his last six 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-12 (.083) with three walks over his last nine games...has appeared in 19 games in right field, four in center field and two in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 5-for-14 (.357) with three doubles over his last four games after going 1-for-17 over his previous six contests...is tied for ninth in the CL in runs (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 second in the CL 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** is 5-for-5 with a double and home run over his last two games after going 2-for-19 (.105) over his first eight contests...has appeared in eight games at catcher and two at designated hitter...**Ben Zobrist** is tied for eighth in the CL in doubles (5)...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.

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).

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 ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game has six remaining broadcasts this spring, which includes tonight, both games this 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, three remaining games will be broadcast in the Bay Area on MLB Network...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 Numan 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
March 24	Ryan Cook optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #30 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (2-0, 4.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring...has picked up the win in two of his starts and is tied for the Cactus League lead in wins (2)...is now 7-1 with a 2.88 ERA (13 er in 40.2 ip) in 11 games, eight starts, over the last two springs...began the 2014 season in the A's starting rotation but was moved to the bullpen following the acquisition of Jon Lester at the trading deadline...went 8-7 with a 3.44 ERA in his 21 starts and 0-1 with a 3.54 ERA in 11 relief appearances...combined for an 8-8 record and a 3.45 ERA in 32 games, 21 starts...had career highs in every category except games pitched and his ERA was a career low...had just nine wins in 191 career appearances entering the season...his 146.0 innings were more than double his previous high (67.1 in 2009) as were his 136 strikeouts (55 in 2013)...was 4-1 with a 2.54 ERA and a .216 opponents batting average over his first nine starts through May 18...then went 4-6 with a 4.17 ERA and .280 opponents batting average over his final 12 starts...had made just two career starts entering the season and is now 8-8 with a 3.89 ERA (58 er in 134.1 ip) in 23 career starts, 9-15 with a 5.15 ERA (141 er in 246.1 ip) in 200 relief appearances...allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .247 against left-handed hitters compared to .260 against right-handers...was 5-2 with a 2.67 ERA in 15 games in Oakland compared to 3-6 with a 4.12 ERA in 17 games on the road.

CHAVEZ' 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	W	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	
*March 9	at Texas	1-4	--	4.50	2.0	4	2	2	1	1	0	
March 14	San Francisco	5-2	W	4.32	4.1	5	2	2	0	4	0	
March 20	at Colorado	3-2	--	4.38	4.0	6	2	2	0	5	0	
Totals (4 games, 3 starts)				2-0	4.38	12.1	17	6	6	2	11	0

*indicates relief appearance

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Has appeared in five games this spring...has not allowed a run in three of his outings, including his last appearance last Saturday against Cincinnati when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning (1.0 ip, 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%)...yielded a .100 average with runners in scoring position

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Has made four appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in three of those outings, including his last appearance Monday at Cleveland (0.2 ip, 1 so)...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 aver-

age 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.

#53 RYAN VERDUGO LHP (0-0, 2.84 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made seven appearances this spring before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 22...has not allowed a run in six of his outings, including his last appearance last Sunday at Cincinnati (0.2 ip)...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.

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

The non-roster invitee made six appearances this spring before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 22...has not allowed a run in his first six outings (5.2 ip), including his last appearance last Saturday against Cincinnati when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning (1.0 ip)...opponents are batting .158 (3-for-19)...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 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...issued 14 of his 21 walks to righties...held the opposition to a .184 batting average when leading off an inning...yielded a .190 average with runners in scoring position...was 2-1 with 16 saves and a 2.32 ERA in 28 games before the All-Star Break...then went 0-2 with four saves and a 3.65 ERA in 13 games after the break.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 26 at San Francisco

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, LHP Alex Claudio, RHP Keone Kela, RHP Kyuji Fujikawa, RHP Phil Klein

March 28 at Chicago (AL)

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, SHP Pat Venditte

White Sox: LHP Jose Quintana, RHP Arcenio Leon, RHP Daniel Webb

March 29 vs. Milwaukee

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman

Brewers: 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	
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
March 25	at Milwaukee	9-9	14-9-2	—	—	3,999	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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