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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (15-9-2) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (9-11-4)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Improved to 15-9-2 (.615) with the win last night, which is the second best record in the majors behind the Dodgers (13-6-6, .640)...are 10-1 at Hohokam, 5-6-2 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (69) and are tied for the lead in sacrifice flies (13)...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (138), walks (78), strikeouts (190) and sacrifice flies (12) and fifth in triples (9)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (194) and fourth in ERA (3.95)...have committed 15 errors, which is the fewest in the CL...have turned 25 double plays, which is fifth most...have two tie games this spring and 18 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 Giants 6-4 last night at Scottsdale...Josh Phegley had a RBI double and Eric Sogard a sacrifice fly in the second to give the A's a 2-0 lead and Billy Butler added a two-run double in the third inning to make the score 4-1...Jesse Chavez started for the A's, allowed four runs in 3.2 innings (7 h, 4 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so) and left with the score tied 4-4...Sogard had a two-run triple in the sixth inning to give the A's the lead...the A's bullpen did not allow a base runner as Fernando Abad pitched 1.1 perfect innings for the win, Dan Otero retired all nine batter he faced and Kevin Whelan retired the side in order in the ninth for the save.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's lost the first game at Surprise 4-1 on March 9...went 0-2-1 last spring...had a 2-2 tie and a 16-15 loss in Phoenix and also lost in Surprise 6-2...are 0-5-1 against the Rangers over the last three springs.

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-13 (.154) over his last seven games...**Billy Burns** had his sixth multiple hit game Tuesday against Chicago (NL) and is now 16-for-38 (.421) with 11 runs scored over his last 13 games...is tied for the Major League lead in runs (15) and is tied for the Cactus League lead 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 third in hits (20) and eighth in on-base percentage (.435)...has appeared in 15 games in center field and 11 in left field...**Billy Butler** hit his third home run Tuesday against Chicago (NL), which is tied for 10th in the CL...has reached base safely in each of his last 10 games (8-for-27, four walks)...has appeared in eight games at first base and seven at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** has hit safely in each of his last seven games and is 9-for-22 (.409) with four doubles and a home run over that stretch...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (6), tied for seventh in runs (10) and total bases (30) and tied for 10th in home runs (3)...has appeared in nine games in left field, six in right field and five at first base...**Luke Carlin (NR)** is 1-for-6 (.167) with two walks over his last six 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 Wednesday at Milwaukee and is now 8-for-17 (.471) over his last six games after being out from March 11 to 19...has hit safely in eight of his 10 games overall...**Sam Fuld** is 2-for-17 (.118) over his last five games...is tied for third in the CL in triples (2)...has made 13 appearances in center field and two in right field...**Craig Gentry** is 4-for-23 (.174) over his last eight games...has appeared in 10 games in center field and five 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 Tuesday against Chicago (NL) and is 10-for-27 (.370)

with eight RBI over his last 11 games...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (11)...has appeared in seven 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-13 (.308) with three doubles and a home run over his last five 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 Wednesday 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-21 (.143) over his last 10 games...has appeared in 14 games at shortstop, five at second base and five at third base...**Josh Phegley** is 6-for-19 (.316) with three doubles, two home runs and six RBI over his last seven games...has 10 hits, eight of which are for extra bases (six doubles, two home runs)...is tied for second 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...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** is 12-for-29 (.414) with five doubles over his last 10 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 44 at bats this spring...has appeared in 11 games at second base, five 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 ninth in the CL in doubles (5)...has appeared in seven 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.

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 ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game has five remaining broadcasts this spring, which includes 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 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 #32 JESSE HAHN RHP (1-2, 3.65 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring... has allowed two runs in 8.1 innings (2.16 ERA) over his last two starts after yielding three runs in 4.0 innings (6.75 ERA) in his first two appearances... was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with R.J. Alvarez for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money...made his Major League debut with San Diego in 2014 and went 7-4 with a 3.07 ERA in 14 games, including 12 starts, over four stints with the Padres...tied for third among National League rookies in wins, ranked sixth in strikeouts (70), tied for ninth in games started and 10th in innings pitched (73.1)...surrendered just four home runs in 73.1 innings, an average of 0.49 per nine innings...allowed a .214 opponents batting average, which included a .200 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .227 against left-handers...opponents hit .211 with runners in scoring position, including .185 with RISP and two outs... went 7-2 with a 2.01 ERA over his first nine starts, 0-2 with a 5.95 ERA over his final five games, including three starts...spent the balance of the season pitching for Double-A San Antonio where he was 2-1 with a 1.91 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts...yielded just one home run in 42.1 innings...allowed a .221 opponents batting average, including .169 against right-handed hitters.

HAHN'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	--	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	0
March 9	at Texas	1-4	L	6.75	3.0	3	1	1	1	2	1
March 14	vs. Chicago (NL) at LV	1-3	L	6.14	3.1	5	2	2	0	3	1
March 21	Cincinnati	8-1	W	3.65	5.0	4	0	0	2	2	0
Totals (4 games, 3 starts)				1-2	3.65	12.1	15	5	5	4	8

*indicates relief appearance

#37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 1.29 ERA)

Has appeared in seven games this spring...has not allowed a run in his last five outings (5.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Chicago (NL) when he pitched a scoreless eighth inning (1 h, 1 bb)...opponents are batting .167 (4-for-24)...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.

#36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (0-1, 6.35 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.0 ip), including his last appearance last Sunday at Cincinnati when he pitched a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 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.

#39 ERIC O'FLAHERTY LHP (1-0, 2.25 ERA)

Has made four appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last two games (2.0 ip), including his last appearance March 16 at Los Angeles (NL) when he retired the side in order in the seventh inning (1.0 ip)...was 1-0 with a save and a 2.25 ERA in 21 games with the A's last year in his comeback from May 21, 2013 Tommy John surgery...struck out 15 and walked just four for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.75...surrendered a career-high tying three home runs (also 2012)...allowed a .205 opponents batting average, including .186 (8-for-43) against right-handed hitters compared to .233 (7-for-30) against left-handers...did not allow an extra-base hit to a left-hander...righties slugged .419...has not allowed a home run to a left-handed hitter since Aug. 14, 2011 against Chicago-NL (Carlos Pena)...issued three of his four walks to lefties...yielded a .107 batting average with runners on base compared to .267 with the bases empty...all three of the home runs he allowed were solo shots...opponents batted .067 with runners in scoring position and were 0-for-8 with RISP and two outs...began the season on the 60-day disabled list as he continued his recovery from Tommy John surgery...started his rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton June 6 against High Desert (1.0 ip, 3 so)...was transferred to Triple-A Sacramento June 11 and had a loss and a 4.32 ERA in seven games with the River Cats.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 27 vs. Texas

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	T, 9-9	14-9-2	—	—	3,999	
March 26	at San Francisco	W, 6-4	15-9-2	Abad	Partch	11,143	

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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