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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (16-9-2) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (8-13-3)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – MLB NETWORK (Live)

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their fourth walk-off win of the spring yesterday against Texas to improve to 11-1 at Hohokam...are 16-9-2 (.630) overall, which is the best record in the majors ahead of Kansas City and Toronto (15-9, .625)...need one more win to clinch a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring (15-13-5 in 2014, 17-13-3 in 2013, 15-7-2 in 2012)...are 5-6-2 on the road this year and 0-2 at Las Vegas...lead the majors in doubles (72) and sacrifice flies (14)...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (145), walks (79) and strikeouts (196) and tied for fourth in triples (10)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (204) and fourth in ERA (3.95)...committed three errors yesterday but have just 18 for the spring, which is second 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.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated Texas 7-6 at Hohokam...Billy Butler had a RBI double in the first inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead...A's starter Jesse Hahn allowed the tying run to score in the third inning, but that was the only run he allowed in 5.1 innings (3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...Ben Zobrist had a RBI single in the sixth inning and the A's scored two more runs in the seventh on a Stephen Vogt home run and a Luke Carlin sacrifice fly...Eric O'Flaherty retired all four batter he faced in relief of Hahn but R.J. Alvarez allowed three runs in 1.1 innings and Tyler Clippard allowed two runs in the ninth to give the Rangers a 6-4 lead...Mark Canha then hit a three-run walk-off home run for the win.

A's vs. WHITE SOX: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and White Sox this spring...the A's lost the first game in Mesa on March 8, 10-4...last spring, the two clubs played to a 2-2 in Phoenix on March 9 before the A's won 16-6 at Glendale March 18.

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 16-for-42 (.381) with 11 runs scored over his last 14 games...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (3), ranks second in runs (15), tied for second in stolen bases (4) and fourth in hits (20)...the 15 runs scored are the most by an A's player during the spring since Nick Swisher had 19 in 2006...has appeared in 16 games in center field and 11 in left field...**Billy Butler** has reached base safely in each of his last 11 games (9-for-30, four walks) and has hit safely in each of his last five contests (5-for-14, .357)...has appeared in nine games at first base and seven at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** hit a three-run walk-off home run yesterday against Texas...it was his fourth home run of the spring, which is tied for third in the CL...is also tied for second in doubles (6), tied for third in runs (11) and tied for fourth in total bases (34)...has hit safely in each of his last eight games and is 10-for-26 (.385) with four doubles and two home runs over that stretch...has appeared in 10 games in left field, six in right field and six at first base...**Luke Carlin (NR)** is 1-for-8 (.125) with two walks over his last seven games after going 5-for-14 (.357) over his first seven contests...**Coco Crisp** has not played since March 23 (elbow)...was also out from March 9 to 16 with the elbow injury...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-9 (.444) over his last three games after going 2-for-17 (.118) over his previous six contests...is tied for seventh in the CL in stolen bases (3)...has appeared in 10 games in center field and six 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-28 (.357) with eight RBI over his last 12 games...is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (11)...has appeared in seven games in center field, six in left field, six at second base, four at third base, four at shortstop and one in right field...**Brett Lawrie** is 0-for-6 over his last two games after going 4-for-10 (.400) with three doubles and a homer over his previous four contests...has appeared exclusively at third base...**Max Muncy (NR)** is 3-for-3 over his last two games after going 0-for-10 over his previous nine contests...has appeared in 19 games at third base and two at first base...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is 3-for-22 (.136) over his last 11 games...has appeared in 15 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-13 (.077) with three walks over his last 10 games...has appeared in 20 games in right field, four in center field and three in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 6-for-16 (.375) with four doubles over his last five games after going 1-for-17 over his previous six contests...is tied for 10th in the CL in runs (10)...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 a week ago today 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 8-for-10 (.800) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last four games after going 1-for-17 (.059) over his first seven contests...has appeared in eight games at catcher and three at designated hitter...**Ben Zobrist** has appeared in eight games at second base, five in right field, one at shortstop and two in left field.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: The A's are 11-1 at Hohokam Stadium and have drawn 95,873 fans over the first 12 home dates...those are the most fans the A's have drawn in Arizona since 2006 (98,415)...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.

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...today's game and March 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
March 24	Ryan Cook optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (1-0, 1.35 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game earlier this week...opponents are batting .174 (4-for-23)...is 2-0 with a 1.54 ERA (4 er in 23.1 ip) in six starts in two springs with the A's...won a career-high and team-leading 15 games last year in his 10th Major League season, his first with the A's...was named an American League All-Star for the third time in his career (2006, 2008)...went 15-9 with a 3.55 ERA in 32 starts...had career highs in winning percentage (.625) and career lows in opponents on-base percentage (.291), slugging percentage (.357) and walks per nine innings (2.36)...had two complete games after tallying just one in 208 starts over his first nine seasons...his starts and innings pitched (190.1) were second most in his career to his 34 starts and 206.2 innings with Tampa Bay in 2007...tied for eighth in the AL in wins...also had the sixth highest run support (5.58), tied for sixth in complete games, ranked 10th in opponents on-base percentage (.291) and slugging percentage (.357) and tied for 10th in games started...allowed a .238 opponents batting average, including .227 against right-handed hitters compared to .273 against left-handers...held the opposition to a .081 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs, which was the lowest mark by a Major Leaguer with 162 or more innings pitched since Bobby Bolin had a .079 average with San Francisco in 1965.

KAZMIR'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
March 12	Seattle	4-3	--	3.38	2.2	3	2	1	2	4	0	
March 17	San Diego	13-2	W	1.35	4.0	1	0	0	0	6	0	
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				1-0	1.35	6.2	4	2	1	2	10	0

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-2, 8.76 ERA)

Has made four appearances, including three starts, this spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his last three outings (12 er in 10.1 ip, 10.45 ERA) after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings in his first start...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.

#76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 4.15 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made eight appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in six of those games, including his last appearance Wednesday at Milwaukee (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 so)...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).

#74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (1-0, 5.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made eight appearances this spring...allowed three runs in his last outing Wednesday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 1 so) after allowing two runs in 8.0 innings over his first seven outings...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.

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

The non-roster invitee has made seven appearances this spring...was re-assigned to minor league camp March 22 but returned to pitch at San Francisco Thursday night when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning for the save...has not allowed a run in his seven outings (6.2 ip)...opponents are batting .136 (3-for-22)...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 r, 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 28 at Chicago (AL)

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

March 29 vs. Milwaukee

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Evan Scribner, LHP Fernando Abad
Brewers: RHP Michael Blazek

March 30 vs. Colorado

A's: LHP Drew Pomeranz, RHP Dan Otero, LHP Fernando Abad, LHP Eric O'Flaherty

Rockies: TBA

March 31 at Los Angeles (AL)

A's: LHP Barry Zito
Angels: RHP Jered Weaver

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	at 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	
March 27	Texas	W, 7-6	16-9-2	Clippard	Klein	6,514	95,873
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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