



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (17-9-2) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (11-12-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three straight games and have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...are 17-9-2 (.643) with seven games remaining...have the best record in the majors ahead of the Royals (16-9, 640)...the 17 wins match the most by an A's team over the last seven springs (had 18 in 2008)...are 11-1 at Hohokam, 6-6-2 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...have four walk-off wins...lead the majors in doubles (76) and are tied for the lead in sacrifice flies (14)...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (155) and strikeouts (205), third in walks (82) and fifth in triples (10) and slugging (.449)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (209) and third in ERA (3.96)...have 19 errors, which is tied with Kansas City for the fewest in the CL...have turned 28 double plays, which is tied for third most...have two tie games and now have 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 the White Sox, 10-4 at Camelback Ranch...the A's scored twice in the first inning, highlighted by a Josh Phegley RBI double, and Scott Kazmir tossed 5.1 scoreless innings (2 h, 2 bb, 4 so)...Bobby Wahl allowed three runs in the sixth inning but the A's scored twice in the seventh, highlighted by a Mark Canha RBI single, to take a 4-3 lead...Chris Bassitt allowed the tying run to score in the bottom of the seventh but the A's scored six times in the eighth to put the game away...Andy Parrino had a RBI double to give the A's the lead, Jason Pridie added a two-run home run and Max Muncy cleared the bases with a three-run double...Bassitt picked up the win and Brock Huntzinger and Pat Venditte tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...Billy Burns had four of the A's 15 hits.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's won the first game at Maryvale on March 15, 5-2, and also tied at Maryvale last Wednesday, 9-9...the A's lost two of three games last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and losing the only meeting in Maryvale.

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).

PLAYER NOTES: **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 2-for-15 (.133) over his last eight games...**Billy Burns** had his first four hit game yesterday at Chicago (AL)...also has two three-hit games, four two-hit contests and a Major League leading 24 hits overall...also leads the majors with 18 runs, which are the most by an A's player during the spring since Nick Swisher had 19 in 2006...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (3), tied for third in stolen bases (4), ranks sixth in on-base percentage (.437), tied for eighth in total bases (32) and ninth in batting (.381)...is 20-for-47 (.426) with 14 runs scored over his last 15 games...has appeared in 17 games in center field and 12 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** has a nine-game hitting streak and is 11-for-27 (.407) with four doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over that stretch...hit .176 over his first 13 games...hit a three-run walk-off home run Friday against Texas...it was his fourth home run of the spring, which is tied for fifth in the CL...is also tied for third in doubles (6), ranks fifth in total bases (35) and tied for fifth in runs (11)...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** is 8-for-20 (.400) over his last seven games after being out from March 11 to 19...**Sam Fuld** is 3-for-20 (.150) over his last six games...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...has made 14 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** went 2-for-2 yesterday at Chicago (AL) in his first action since March 11...has appeared in six games in left field and three in right field...**Tyler Ladendorf** had his fifth multiple hit game Tuesday against Chicago (NL) and is 11-for-32 (.344) with nine RBI over his last 13 games...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (12)...has played six different positions this spring (seven games in center field, six in left field, six at second base, five 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 4-for-4 with a walk and four RBI over his last three games after going 0-for-10 over his previous nine contests...has appeared in 20 games at third base and three at first base...**Andy Parrino (NR)** is 4-for-24 (.167) over his last 12 games...has appeared in 16 games at shortstop, five at second base and five at third base...**Josh Phegley** had his seventh double yesterday at Chicago (AL), which ranks second in the CL...nine of his 11 hits are for extra bases (also has two home runs)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** had his first two-hit game yesterday after going 1-for-13 over his previous 10 contests...has appeared in 21 games in right field, four in center field and three in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 6-for-19 (.316) with four doubles over his last six games after going 1-for-17 over his previous six contests...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of his last six games (8-for-18, .444) with four doubles and five RBI...is tied for third in the CL in doubles (6)...has struck out just once in 47 at bats this spring...has appeared in 12 games at second base, five at shortstop and one at third base...**Stephen Vogt** is 8-for-13 (.615) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last five games after going 1-for-17 (.059) over his first seven contests...has appeared in nine 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.

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 on the active spring roster and 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 four remaining broadcasts this spring, which includes today 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, two remaining games will be broadcast in the Bay Area on MLB Network...the game on 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
March 29	Chris Bassitt optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#31 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (2-0, 0.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his four starts...is tied for fourth in the CL in wins (2)...opponents are batting .143 (7-for-49)...this is his first Major League Spring Training...was acquired from Toronto Nov. 28 with Brett Lawrie, Sean Nolin and Franklin Barreto for Josh Donaldson...was named a *Baseball America* Minor League Baseball First Team All-Star after combining for a 14-6 record and a 1.83 ERA in 27 starts with Single-A Lansing, Single-A Dunedin, Double-A New Hampshire and Triple-A Buffalo...then made his Major League debut with Toronto in September in just his second professional season...was recalled from Triple-A Buffalo Sept. 2 and had no decisions and a 3.86 ERA in five relief appearances...allowed a .222 batting average and did not walk a batter in 4.2 innings...yielded a .200 average against right-handed hitters, .250 against lefthanders...his 14 minor league wins tied for third most in the all of the minor leagues and his 1.83 ERA ranked fourth among full season minor leaguers...ranked seventh in the minors in innings pitched (167.1)...led the Blue Jays farm system in ERA and wins and ranked fourth in strikeouts (115)...surrendered just two home runs, an average of 0.11 per nine innings...allowed a .232 opponents batting average, including .196 against right-handed hitters...was named the A's sixth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the trade.

GRAVEMAN'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 6	at Arizona	7-2	W	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	0
March 11	Cleveland	3-2	W	1.80	3.0	2	1	1	1	1	0
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	5-10	--	0.93	4.2	2	0	0	2	1	0
March 22	at Cincinnati	3-4	--	0.60	5.1	1	0	0	1	5	0
Totals (4 games, 4 starts)			2-0	0.60	15.0	7	1	1	4	8	0

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (1-0, 4.26 ERA)

Has appeared in six games this spring...has not allowed a run in four of those outings, including his last appearance Thursday at San Francisco when he retired all four batters he faced and picked up the win (1.1 ip, 1 so)...has not walked a batter in 6.1 innings...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.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 3.09 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has tossed at least two innings in three of those games, including his last outing Wednesday at Milwaukee when he tossed 3.1 scoreless innings (4 h, 4 so)...has 16 strikeouts in 11.2 innings (12.34 per nine innings)...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, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made nine appearances this spring, which is tied for sixth in the Cactus League...has not allowed a run in seven of his appearances, including his last outing yesterday at Chicago (AL) when he pitched a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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 reassigned to minor league camp March 22 but returned to pitch at San Francisco last Thursday 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 29 vs. Milwaukee

Brewers: RHP Michael Blazek, RHP Chris Perez, RHP Rob Wooten, RHP Jeremy Jeffress, RHP Tyler Thornburg

March 30 vs. Colorado

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

Rockies: RHP Eddie Butler

March 31 at Los Angeles (AL)

A's: LHP Barry Zito, RHP Dan Otero, RHP R.J. Alvarez, LHP Eric O'Flaherty

Angels: RHP Jered Weaver

April 1 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez

Angels: RHP Drew Rucinski

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						

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
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	
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	Parth	11,143	
March 27	Texas	W, 7-6	16-9-2	Clippard	Klein	6,514	95,873
March 28	at Chicago (AL)	W, 10-4	17-9-2	Bassitt	Cleto	6,184	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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