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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (18-9-2) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (15-12-2)

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four straight and are 5-0-1 over the last six games...are 18-9-2 (.655) overall, which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Dodgers (15-8-6, .621)...have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...the 18 wins are the most by an A's team since 2008 (18-8)...have not won more than 18 spring games since 2004 (19-14-1)...are 12-1 at Hohokam, 6-6-2 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...have four walk-off wins...lead the majors in doubles (78) and sacrifice flies (15)...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (162) and walks (89), third in slugging (.452), tied for third in strikeouts (210), fourth in on-base percentage (.339) and fifth in triples (10)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (215) and ERA (3.82)...have 19 errors, which is tied with Kansas City for the fewest in the CL...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 tossed their first shutout of the spring, a 7-0 four-hitter over Milwaukee here at Mesa...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and pitched 6.1 innings for the win...he retired each of the first 14 batters he faced and allowed just three base runners, all hits...Evan Scribner followed with 1.2 scoreless innings and Fernando Abad retired the side in order in the ninth...Ben Zobrist opened the scoring with a RBI single in the third and Brett Lawrie hit a two-run home run later in the inning...the A's added two more runs in the sixth on a Josh Phegley RBI single and a Sam Fuld RBI double...Billy Butler hit a solo home run in the seventh inning and Brett Vertigan added a sacrifice fly in the eighth to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. ROCKIES: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...the A's won the first game 3-2 at Salt River Fields on March 20...last spring, the two clubs split two games with the A's losing 5-4 at Salt River fields and winning 10-5 at Phoenix Muni...are 6-1 against the Rockies over the last four springs.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: The A's are 12-1 at Hohokam Stadium and have drawn 101,677 fans over the first 13 home dates...those are the most fans the A's have drawn in Arizona since 2005 (110,543)...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 is 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 Saturday at Chicago (AL)...also has two three-hit games and four two-hit contests...leads the majors with 18 runs scored, 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 hits (24) and triples (3), tied for third in stolen bases (4), ranks seventh in on-base percentage (.437) and eighth 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** hit his fourth home run yesterday, which is tied for sixth in the CL...has now reached base safely in each of his last 12 games (10-for-33, five walks) and has hit safely in each of his last six contests (6-for-17, .353)...has appeared in nine games at first base and eight at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** had his nine-game hitting streak snapped yesterday and is now 11-for-28 (.393) with four doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over his last 10 games...hit .176 over his first 13 contests...hit a three-run walk-off home run Friday against Texas...it was his fourth home run of the spring, which is tied for sixth in the CL...is also tied for sixth in doubles (6) and total bases (35) and tied for seventh in runs (11)...has appeared in 11 games in left field, six in right field and seven at first base...**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 0-for-8 over his last three games after going 13-for-25 (.520) over his first nine contests...was out from March 11 to 19...**Sam Fuld** is 5-for-23 (.217) over his last seven games...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...has made 15 appearances in center field and two in right field...**Craig Gentry** is 4-for-11 (.364) over his last four games after going 2-for-17 (.118) over his previous six contests...is tied for eighth in the CL in stolen bases (3)...has appeared

in 10 games in center field, six in right field and one in left field...**Tyler Ladendorf** had his fifth multiple hit game last Tuesday against Chicago (NL) and is 11-for-33 (.333) with nine RBI over his last 14 games...is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (12)...has played six different positions this spring (seven games in center field, seven at second base, six in left field, five at third base, four at shortstop and one in right field)...**Brett Lawrie** is 6-for-18 (.333) with three doubles, two home runs and six RBI over his last seven games after going 2-for-20 (.100) with no extra base hits and no RBI over his first eight contests...has appeared exclusively at third base...**Josh Phegley** had his seventh double Saturday at Chicago (AL), which is tied for second in the CL...nine of his 12 hits are for extra bases (also has two home runs)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is 3-for-18 (.167) over his last 12 games...has appeared in 21 games in right field, five in center field and four in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 6-for-20 (.300) with four doubles over his last seven games after going 1-for-17 over his previous six contests...is tied for seventh in the CL in runs (11)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (9-for-22, .409) with four doubles and five RBI...is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (6)...has appeared in 13 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, six in right field, one at shortstop and two in left field.

SEVEN DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY: The A's will open the 2015 season a week from today when they host the Texas Rangers at 7:05 pm...Sonny Gray has been named the A's Opening Day starter for the second consecutive season...he tossed 6.0 shutout innings in a no decision against Cleveland last year (5 h, 3 bb, 7 so)...the last A's pitcher to start consecutive openers is Barry Zito in 2005 and 2006...the A's have a Major League record 10-game Opening Day losing streak... have been shutout five times during the losing streak, including each of the last two, and have a 25-inning scoreless streak...have not won on Opening Day since the last time they faced the Rangers, a 5-4 A's victory on April 5, 2004 in Oakland.

IN CAMP: The A's have 36 players on the spring roster and two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...the total includes 31 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and five non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders and six outfielders.

A's ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game has three remaining broadcasts this spring, all against the Giants in the Bay Area on Thursday, Friday and Saturday...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, two remaining games will be broadcast in the Bay Area on MLB Network...tomorrow's game will air live and Wednesday's contest will air at 6:00 am on Thursday.

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 and Alex Hassan optioned to Nashville; Luke Carlin, Max Muncy and Andy Parrino reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (1-2, 3.09 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and start of the spring...has 19 strikeouts in 11.2 innings over his first four starts, and is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in strikeouts...has 39 strikeouts in 24.1 innings in two springs with the A's (14.43 per nine innings)...walked four batters in 2.2 innings in his last start after issuing three walks in 9.0 innings over his first three starts...spent most of the 2014 season with the A's and split his time between the bullpen and the starting rotation...was 1-1 with a 1.62 ERA in 10 relief appearances and 4-3 with a 2.58 ERA in 10 starts...combined for a 5-4 record and a 2.35 ERA in 20 games overall...missed 24 games from June 17 to July 12 while on the disabled list and made eight starts with Sacramento from July 12 to Aug. 21...his five wins were a career high as he had just four victories in 34 games entering the season...the ERA was a career low as was his opponents batting average (.204), on-base percentage (.282) and slugging percentage (.304)...his opponents batting average included a .196 (38-for-194) mark by right-handed hitters compared to .232 (13-for-56) by left-handers...entered the season with a .298 career average against righties compared to .165 against lefties...five of the seven home runs he allowed in 2014 were solo shots and four came on the first pitch...yielded a .175 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .095 with RISP and two outs.

POMERANZ' 2015 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 8	Chicago (AL)	4-10	--	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	4	0
March 13	vs. Chicago (NL) at LV	3-5	L	1.80	3.0	3	2	1	1	6	0
March 18	at Seattle	0-4	L	2.00	4.0	4	1	1	1	5	0
March 24	Chicago (NL)	14-2	W	3.09	2.2	3	2	2	4	4	1
Totals (4 games, 4 starts)			1-2	3.09	11.2	12	5	4	7	19	1

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (1-0, 3.68 ERA)

Has appeared in seven games this spring...has not allowed a run in five of those outings, including his last appearance yesterday against Milwaukee when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning (1.0 ip, 2 so)...opponents are batting .185 (5-for-27) and he has not walked a batter in 7.1 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 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .191 against left-handers...yielded a .100 average with runners in scoring position.

#36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (1-1, 6.75 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in five of those contests...picked up the win in his last outing Friday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 1 er, 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 for the lead in wins (29), ranks second in strikeouts (455) and 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.

#39 ERIC O'FLAHERTY LHP (1-0, 1.69 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last three games (3.1 ip), including his last appearance Friday against Texas (1.1 ip, 2 so)...has retired each of the 10 batters he has faced over his last three games and opponents are 3-for-19 (.158) with a walk this spring...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 against right-handed hitters compared to .233 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...began the season on the 60-day disabled list as he continued his recovery from Tommy John surgery.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 2.57 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in four of those outings, including his last appearance Thursday at San Francisco when he retired all nine batter that he faced (3.0 ip)...has not walked a batter in 7.0 innings and opponents are 4-for-24 (.167)...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 2004...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...walked 15 batters, but seven of those were intentional...the intentional walks tied for the most among all AL pitchers...his average of 4.67 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest among AL relievers and second lowest in the majors.

#74 PAT VENDITTE SHP (1-0, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made nine appearances this spring, which is tied for ninth in the Cactus League...has not allowed a run in seven of his games, including his last outing Saturday 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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 30 vs. Colorado

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, RHP Brock Huntzinger

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	Partch	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	
March 29	Milwaukee	W, 7-0	18-9-2	Graveman	Blazek	5,804	101,677
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				

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