



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (19-9-2) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (13-12-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 – TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MT  
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Live)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have a spring-best five-game winning streak and are 6-0-1 over the last seven games...have scored 64 runs in those seven games (9.14 per game)...are 19-9-2 (.667) overall, which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Dodgers (16-8-6, .633)...have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...have won 20 or more games during the spring twice in Oakland history: 2001 (22-10) and 2000 (20-11-1)...are 13-1 at Hohokam, 6-6-2 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...have four walk-off wins...lead the majors in doubles (79) and sacrifice flies (15)...the doubles are the most by an A's team during the spring since 2001 (91)...rank second in the Cactus League in runs (173) and walks (95), third in slugging (.455) and strikeouts (220), fourth in on-base percentage (.343) and fifth in triples (10)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (225) and ERA (3.75)...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 defeated Colorado in Mesa, 11-2...Drew Pomeranz started for Oakland and tossed 6.0 shutout innings, allowing just two hits and a walk while striking out six...he left with an 11-0 lead as the A's scored single runs in the first and fifth innings, four runs in the second and five in the sixth...RBI singles by Billy Burns and Ben Zobrist highlighted the A's scoring in the second inning and Brett Lawrie hit a solo home run in the fifth...Zobrist added a RBI double in the second, followed by a RBI single by Billy Butler and a three-run home run by Lawrie...Lawrie had four RBI and Burns collected three hits...Fernando Abad recorded the first out of the seventh inning and Dan Otero got the final two outs, but not before allowing two runs...Eric O'Flaherty pitched a scoreless eighth and Tyler Clippard retired the side in order in the ninth.

**A's vs. ANGELS:** This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's won the first game in Mesa on March 7, 8-7...meet again tomorrow in Mesa in the Arizona finale...the two clubs split two meetings last spring with the A's winning at Tempe on March 2, 3-2 and the Angels winning in Phoenix on March 26, 6-2.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 2-for-15 (.133) with a walk over his last nine games...**Billy Burns** had three hits yesterday against Colorado after tallying four in his previous game Saturday at Chicago (AL)...now has a Major League leading 27 hits overall, which are the most by an Athletic during the spring since Jose Ortiz also had 27 in 2001...the last time an Athletic had more than 27 hits during the spring was in 1999 (Tony Phillips 30, Miguel Tejada 28)...has eight multiple hit games (one four-hit, three three-hit, four two-hit)...also leads the majors with 20 runs scored, which are the most by an A's player during the spring since Ryan Christenson had 21 in 2001...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (3), tied for third in stolen bases (4), ranks fifth in batting (.403) and on-base percentage (.453) and tied for eighth in total bases (35)...is 23-for-51 (.451) with 16 runs scored over his last 16 games...has appeared in 18 games in center field and 12 in left field...**Billy Butler** had his first multiple hit game yesterday against Colorado...has now reached base safely in each of his last 13 games (12-for-37, five walks), hit safely in each of his last seven contests (8-for-21, .381) and driven in a run in each of his last five games (eight RBI total)...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (4)...has appeared in 10 games at first base and eight at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** is 11-for-31 (.355) with four doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over his last 11 games after hitting .176 over his first 13 contests...had his nine-game hitting streak snapped Sunday...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 seventh in doubles (6) and tied for eighth in runs (11) and total bases (35)...has appeared in 11 games in left field, seven 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 1-for-11 (.091) over his last four 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 5-for-14 (.357) over his last five games after going 2-for-17 (.118) over his previous six contests...is tied for ninth in the CL in stolen bases (3)...has appeared in 11 games in center field, six in right field and one in left field...**Tyler Ladendorf** is 2-for-12 (.167) over his last five games...has played six different positions this spring (seven games in center field, seven at second base, six in left field, five at third base, five at shortstop and one in right field)...**Brett Lawrie** hit two home runs yesterday and is 8-for-21 (.381) with seven runs, three doubles, four home runs and 10 RBI over his last eight games after going 2-for-20 (.100)

with no runs, extra base hits or RBI over his first eight contests...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (6)...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-19 (.158) over his last 13 games...has appeared in 21 games in right field, six 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 eighth 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 seventh 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 9-for-18 (.500) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last six games after going 1-for-17 (.059) over his first seven contests...has appeared in 10 games at catcher and three at designated hitter...**Ben Zobrist** had three RBI yesterday against Colorado, his fifth multiple RBI game of the spring...is tied for third in the CL in RBI (14)...has appeared in nine games at second base, six in right field, one at shortstop and two in left field.

**RETURN TO HOHOKAM:** The A's are 13-1 at Hohokam Stadium and have drawn 105,744 fans over the first 14 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).

**SIX 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...today's game will air live and tomorrow's 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 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
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

### #75 BARRY ZITO LHP (1-0, 1 save, 2.30 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and second start of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (11.0 ip, 2 h, 3 bb, 8 so)...opponents are 7-for-52 (.135) with four walks... became a free agent following the 2013 season and did not pitch in 2014... went 5-11 with a 5.74 ERA in 30 games, including 25 starts, in his final season with San Francisco in 2013...struck out 86 batters while walking 54 in 133.1 innings...yielded a .318 opponents batting average...was 3-1 with a 2.75 ERA over his first seven starts through May 8...then went 2-10 with a 6.99 ERA over his final 23 appearances...was originally drafted by the A's in the 1st round of the June, 1999 draft and spent seven seasons with Oakland from 2000-06...ranks fourth on the Oakland career list in wins (102), strikeouts (1096) and games started (222), fifth in innings pitched (1430.1) and sixth in winning percentage (102-63, .618)...won the Cy Young Award in 2002 after going 23-5 with a 2.75 ERA in 35 starts...is a three-time All-Star, all with Oakland (2002-03, 06)...was 102-63 with a 3.55 ERA in 222 starts in seven seasons with Oakland before signing a seven-year contract with San Francisco Dec. 29, 2006...compiled a 63-80 record and a 4.62 ERA in 208 games, including 197 starts, in seven seasons with the Giants.

#### ZITO'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	2-2	--	9.00	2.0	2	2	2	0	2	1
*March 10	Arizona	6-5	--	7.71	2.2	3	2	2	1	1	1
*March 15	at Milwaukee	5-2	S	4.15	4.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
*March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	3-2	W	3.09	3.0	0	0	0	0	5	0
*March 24	Chicago (NL)	14-2	--	2.30	4.0	1	0	0	3	2	0
<b>Totals (5 games, 1 start)</b>				<b>1-0</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

\*indicates relief appearance

### #37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 3.24 ERA)

Has appeared in eight games this spring...allowed three runs in his last appearance Friday against Texas (1.1 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so) after surrendering just one run over his first seven contests (1.29 ERA)...has 10 strikeouts in 8.1 innings (10.80 per nine innings)...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.

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

The non-roster invitee has made nine appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in seven of his outings, including his last appearance 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...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.

#### UPCOMING PROBABLES

##### March 31 at Los Angeles (AL)

**Angels:** LHP Jose Alvarez, RHP Joe Smith, RHP Huston Street, RHP Ryan Mattheus

##### April 1 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

**A's:** RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Brock Huntzinger  
**Angels:** RHP Drew Rucinski

##### April 2 at San Francisco

**A's:** LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP A.J. Alvarez, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Evan Scribner  
**Giants:** TBA

##### April 3 at San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Kendall Graveman  
**Giants:** TBA

##### April 4 vs. San Francisco

**A's:** LHP Drew Pomeranz  
**Giants:** TBA

## 2015 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	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 20	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 3-2		Zito	Smith	10,324*	71,270
March 4	at San Francisco	W, 9-2	2-0	Chavez	Peavy	8,868			at Colorado	W, 3-2	12-7-1	Venditte	Butler	11,557	
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	T, 2-2	2-0-1	—	—	11,132		March 21	Cincinnati	W, 8-1	13-7-1	Hahn	Iglesias	9,057	80,327
March 6	at Arizona	W, 7-2	3-0-1	Graveman	Ray	10,726		March 22	at Cincinnati	L, 3-4	13-8-1	Cingrani	Rodriguez	5,447	
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 8-7	4-0-1	Whelan	Ibarra	10,042*	17,862	March 23	at Cleveland	L, 3-8	13-9-1	McAllister	Bassitt	3,775	
March 8	Chicago (AL)	L, 4-10	4-1-1	Samardzija	Clippard	6,639	24,501	March 24	Chicago (NL)	W, 14-2	14-9-1	Pomeranz	Parker	9,032	89,359
March 9	at Texas	L, 1-4	4-2-1	Gonzalez	Hahn	5,480		March 25	at Milwaukee	T, 9-9	14-9-2	—	—	3,999	
March 10	Arizona	W, 6-5	5-2-1	O'Flaherty	Bradley	6,434	30,935	March 26	at San Francisco	W, 6-4	15-9-2	Abad	Partch	11,143	
March 11	Cleveland	W, 3-2	6-2-1	Graveman	Salazar	5,017	35,952	March 27	Texas	W, 7-6	16-9-2	Clippard	Klein	6,514	95,873
March 12	Seattle	W, 4-3	7-2-1	Owens	Lowe	9,033	44,985	March 28	at Chicago (AL)	W, 10-4	17-9-2	Bassitt	Cleto	6,184	
March 13	at Kansas City	L, 4-8		Volquez	Bassitt	7,954		March 29	Milwaukee	W, 7-0	18-9-2	Graveman	Blazek	5,804	101,677
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 3-5	7-4-1	Arrieta	Pomeranz	8,007		March 30	Colorado	W, 11-2	19-9-2	Pomeranz	Butler	4,067	105,744
March 14	San Francisco	W, 5-2		Chavez	Cain	10,260*	55,245	<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>				
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 1-3	8-5-1	Hendricks	Hahn	10,375		March 31	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (Live)				
March 15	at Milwaukee	W, 5-2	9-5-1	Gray	Cotts	5,614		April 1	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	MLBN (6:00 AM on 4/2)				
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 5-10	9-6-1	Huff	Cook	8,421		April 2	vs. San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 17	San Diego	W, 13-2	10-6-1	Kazmir	Despaigne	5,701	60,946	April 3	vs. San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA				
March 18	at Seattle	L, 0-4	10-7-1	Ramirez	Pomeranz	9,903		April 4	vs. San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA				
March 19	OFF DAY														

&indicates at Las Vegas