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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (20-9-2) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (13-13-1)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 12:05 P.M. MT
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Tape Delay – April 2 at 6:00 am PT)

ABOUT THE A'S: Won their 20th game of the spring yesterday, marking the third time in Oakland history the A's have won 20 or more games in Spring Training (22-10 in 2001, 20-11-1 in 2000)...are 20-9-2 (.677), which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Royals (18-10, .643)...have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...currently have a spring-best six-game winning streak and are 7-0-1 over the last eight games...have scored 77 runs in those eight games (9.63 per game)...are 13-1 at Hohokam, 7-6-2 on the road and 0-2 at Las Vegas...have four walk-off wins...lead the majors in runs (186), doubles (83) 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 walks (98), on-base percentage (.347) and slugging (.466), third in strikeouts (226), tied for fourth in triples (12) and fifth in batting (.285) and home runs (29)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (232) and third in ERA (3.89)...have 20 errors, which is second 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 Los Angeles (AL) in Tempe, 13-10...Oakland scored four times in the third inning on a solo home run by Luke Carlin and a three-run home run by Mark Canha, and four more times in the fourth, highlighted by a Craig Gentry two-run single...Barry Zito allowed four runs in the bottom of the third and three more in the fourth and left after four innings with an 8-7 lead...Tyler Ladendorf's RBI triple highlighted the A's two-run seventh inning but R.J. Alvarez was charged with three runs in the bottom of the seventh, tying the game at 10-10...Bryan Anderson then put the A's ahead for good with a two-run triple in the eighth inning and Phil Pohl closed out the scoring with a RBI single in the ninth.

A's vs. ANGELS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's won in Mesa on March 7, 8-7, and in Tempe yesterday, 13-10...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.

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

PLAYER NOTES: **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 3-for-20 (.150) with a walk over his last 10 games...**Billy Burns** had his Major League leading 28th hit yesterday, which are the most by an Athletic during the spring since 1999 (Tony Phillips 30, Miguel Tejada 28)...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 on-base percentage (.443), sixth in batting (.394) and tied for ninth in total bases (36)...has eight multiple hit games (one four-hit, three three-hit, four two-hit)...is 24-for-55 (.436) with 16 runs scored over his last 17 games...has appeared in 18 games in center field and 13 in left field...**Billy Butler** had his first multiple hit game Monday 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 ninth in the CL in home runs (4)...has appeared in 10 games at first base and eight at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** hit his fifth home run yesterday, which is tied for fourth in the CL...also ranks sixth in total bases (40), tied for sixth in runs (12) and tied for eighth in doubles (6)...is 13-for-35 (.371) with four doubles, three home runs and 10 RBI over his last 12 games after hitting .176 over his first 13 contests...had his nine-game hitting streak snapped Sunday...has appeared in 11 games in left field, eight at first base and seven in right field...**Coco Crisp** has not played in a Major League spring game 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 4-for-10 (.400) with three doubles over his last three games...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...has

made 16 appearances in center field and two in right field...**Craig Gentry** is 6-for-18 (.333) over his last six games after going 2-for-17 (.118) over his previous six contests...is tied for 10th in the CL in stolen bases (3)...has appeared in 11 games in center field, seven in right field and one in left field...**Tyler Ladendorf** had three hits yesterday against Los Angeles (AL) after going 2-for-12 (.167) over his previous five games...has played six different positions this spring (seven games in center field, seven at second base, six in left field, six at third base, five at shortstop and one in right field)...**Brett Lawrie** hit two home runs Monday against Colorado 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 ninth in the CL in home runs (4)...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 4-for-21 (.190) over his last 14 games...has appeared in 22 games in right field, six in center field and four in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 7-for-23 (.304) with five doubles over his last eight games after going 1-for-17 over his previous six contests...is tied for sixth in the CL in runs (12)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** had his first three-hit game yesterday to extend his hitting streak to eight games (12-for-26, .462)...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (7)...has appeared in 14 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 Monday 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.

FIVE DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY: The A's will open the 2015 season Monday, April 6 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 tomorrow 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, today's game will be broadcast in the Bay Area on MLB Network on a tape delayed basis beginning tomorrow at 6:00 am.

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 #30 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (2-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and fifth start of the spring... has picked up the win in two of his starts and is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in wins (2)...is now 7-1 with a 3.05 ERA (15 er in 44.1 ip) in 12 games, nine starts, over the last two springs...began the 2014 season in the A's starting rotation but was moved to the bullpen following the acquisition of Jon Lester at the trading deadline...went 8-7 with a 3.44 ERA in his 21 starts and 0-1 with a 3.54 ERA in 11 relief appearances...combined for an 8-8 record and a 3.45 ERA in 32 games, 21 starts...had career highs in every category except games pitched and his ERA was a career low... had just nine wins in 191 career appearances entering the season...his 146.0 innings were more than double his previous high (67.1 in 2009) as were his 136 strikeouts (55 in 2013)...was 4-1 with a 2.54 ERA and a .216 opponents batting average over his first nine starts through May 18...then went 4-6 with a 4.17 ERA and .280 opponents batting average over his final 12 starts...had made just two career starts entering the season and is now 8-8 with a 3.89 ERA (58 er in 134.1 ip) in 23 career starts, 9-15 with a 5.15 ERA (141 er in 246.1 ip) in 200 relief appearances...allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .247 against left-handed hitters compared to .260 against right-handers...was 5-2 with a 2.67 ERA in 15 games in Oakland compared to 3-6 with a 4.12 ERA in 17 games on the road.

CHAVEZ' 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	W	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	
*March 9	at Texas	1-4	--	4.50	2.0	4	2	2	1	1	0	
March 14	San Francisco	5-2	W	4.32	4.1	5	2	2	0	4	0	
March 20	at Colorado	3-2	--	4.38	4.0	6	2	2	0	5	0	
March 26	at San Francisco	6-4	--	4.50	3.2	7	4	2	2	1	0	
Totals (5 games, 4 starts)				2-0	4.50	16.0	24	10	8	4	12	0

*indicates relief appearance

#76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 3.72 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made nine appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in seven of those games, including his last appearance Saturday at Chicago (AL) when he pitched a scoreless eighth inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 2 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).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

April 1 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

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: RHP Jake Peavy

April 3 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman

Giants: RHP Matt Cain

April 4 vs. San Francisco

A's: LHP Drew Pomeranz

Giants: RHP Tim Hudson

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	March 31	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 13-10	20-9-2	Fuller	Loconsole	5,582	
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 1-3	8-5-1	Hendricks	Hahn	10,375		DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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							<i>&indicates at Las Vegas</i>							