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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (21-9-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (11-20-1)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M. PDT
CSNCA — A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Extended their winning streak to seven games yesterday...are 21-9-2 (.688), which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Royals (18-10-1, .638)...the 21 wins are one short of the Oakland record for the spring...went 22-10 in 2001...have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...are 8-0-1 over the last nine games and have scored 81 runs over that stretch (9.0 per game)...went 14-1 at Hohokam, 0-2 at Las Vegas and are currently 7-6-2 on the road...have four walk-off wins...lead the majors in runs (190), doubles (86) and sacrifice flies (15)...the doubles are second most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1991 (first year spring stats are available)...the 2001 A's had 91...are also tied for the Cactus League lead in on-base percentage (.347), rank second in slugging percentage (.470), third in walks (100), fourth in home runs (31) and strikeouts (233), tied for fourth in triples (12) and fifth in batting (.285)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (241) and third in ERA (3.77)...the most strikeouts by an A's pitching staff since 1991 is 247 last year... have 21 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, which included 30 in Arizona and two in Las Vegas...completed their 47th Spring Training in Arizona, their first in Mesa 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.

OAKLAND A'S BEST SPRING TRAINING RECORD		
	W-L-T	PCT
2008	18-8	.692
2001	22-10	.688
2015	21-9-2	.688
2012	15-7-2	.667
1980	13-7	.650
2000	20-11-1	.641

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated Los Angeles (AL) in Mesa, 4-1...Jesse Chavez started for the A's and allowed an unearned run in the first inning... that would be the only run he would allow in six innings of work and he picked up his third win of the spring (3 h, 1 bb, 6 so)...Billy Burns tied the game with a RBI single in the third inning and Mark Canha homered to lead off the fourth to give the A's the lead...J.P. Sportman added a solo home run in the sixth inning and Anthony Aliotti had a RBI ground out in the eighth inning to complete the scoring...Seth Frankoff and Brock Huntzinger added a scoreless inning of relief each and Jeff Urlaub retired the side in order in the ninth for the save.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fifth of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first four games, winning two contests at Mesa and two at Scottsdale...meet again tomorrow night here in San Francisco and square off in Oakland on Saturday afternoon...are now 12-2 over their last 14 spring games against the Giants...won five of six games last spring...went 2-0 in Scottsdale, 1-1 in Phoenix and 2-0 in San Francisco.

PLAYER NOTES: **Bryan Anderson (NR)** is 3-for-22 (.074) with a walk over his last 11 games...**Billy Burns** has 29 hits, which is tied for the Major League lead (Abreu, CWS)...since 1991 (first year spring stats are available), the most hits by an Athletic in a non-strike spring is 30 by Tony Phillips in 1999 (Terrance Frazier had 33 in the replacement spring of 1995)... leads the majors with 20 runs scored...since 1991, the most runs by an Athletic in a non-strike spring is 21 by Ryan Christenson in 2001 (Frazier had 22 in 1995)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (3), ranks fourth in batting (.397), tied for fourth in stolen bases (4) and sixth in on-base percentage (.444)...has eight multiple hit games (one four-hit, three three-hit, four two-hit)...is 25-for-57 (.438) with 16 runs scored over his last 18 games...has appeared in 19 games in center field and 13 in left field...**Billy Butler** went 0-for-1 yesterday, ending his streak of five straight games with an RBI, seven straight games with a hit and 13 straight games reaching base...is 6-for-17 (.353) with two doubles, two home runs and eight RBI over his last six games...has appeared in 10 games at first base and nine at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** has homered in back-to-back games, has four in his last eight games and six overall, which is tied for the third in the CL...the six home runs match the most by an Athletic since 2005...the last time the A's had a player with more than six spring home runs was in 2004 (7, Chavez and Crosby)...is also tied for second in the CL in doubles (7), ranks third in total bases (46), tied for fifth in runs (13) and eighth in slugging (.648)...is 15-for-37 (.405) with five doubles, four home runs and 11 RBI over his last 13 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-12 (.083) over his last five games after going 13-for-25 (.520) over his first nine contests...was out from March 11 to 19...**Sam Fuld** is 4-for-11 (.364) with three doubles over his last three games...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...has made 17 appearances in center field and two in right field...**Craig Gentry** is 6-for-19 (.316) over his last seven 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, eight in right field and one in left field...**Tyler Ladendorf** is 4-for-5 over his last two games after going 2-for-12 (.167) over his previous five contests...has played six different positions this spring (seven games in center field, seven at second base, six in left field, six at third base, six at shortstop and one in right field)...**Brett Lawrie** hit two home runs Monday against Colorado and is 8-for-22 (.364) with seven runs, three doubles, four home runs and 10 RBI over his last nine games after going 2-for-20 (.100) with no runs, extra base hits or RBI over his first eight contests...has appeared exclusively at third base...**Josh Phegley** is 3-for-17 (.176) with two doubles over his last six games... nine of his 12 hits are for extra bases (seven doubles, two home runs)...is tied for second in the CL in doubles...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is 4-for-23 (.174) over his last 15 games...has appeared in 23 games in right field, six in center field and four in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 1-for-8 (.125) over his last four games after hitting safely in each of previous five contests (6-for-16, .375)...is tied for eighth in the CL in runs (12)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** extended his hitting streak to nine games yesterday (13-for-27, .481)...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (7)...has appeared in 15 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 seventh in the CL in RBI (14)...has appeared in nine games at second base, six in right field, three in left field and one at shortstop.

FOUR 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 will face Yovani Gallardo...it will be Gray's second consecutive Opening Day start as 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... after Gallardo, the Rangers will start Colby Lewis, Ross Detwiler and Nick Martinez.

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...the A's have also added nine players from the minor league camp for the Bay Bridge Series.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: The A's finished their first season in the newly renovated Hohokam Stadium with a 14-1 record...won each of their final 12 home games...drew 110,059 fans in 15 home dates, which was the A's second best total in Arizona (110,543 in 2005)...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).

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 #26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (1-0, 0.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game last week...has not allowed a run in his last two starts for a 9.1-inning scoreless streak...opponents are batting .146 (6-for-41)...is 2-0 with a 1.26 ERA (4 er in 28.2 ip) in seven 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
March 28	at Chicago (AL)	10-4	--	0.75	5.1	2	0	0	2	4	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				1-0	0.75	12.0	6	2	1	4	0

#56 FERNANDO ABAD LHP (1-0, 3.52 ERA)

Has appeared in eight games this spring...has not allowed a run in six of those outings, including his last appearance Monday against Colorado when he retired the only batter he faced (0.1 ip)...opponents are batting .179 (5-for-28) and he has not walked a batter in 7.2 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, 2.70 ERA)

Has made eight appearances this spring...has tossed more than one inning in five of those games, including his last outing Sunday against Milwaukee (1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...has 17 strikeouts in 13.1 innings (11.48 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, 4.09 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made 10 appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in eight of his outings, including his last appearance Tuesday at Los Angeles (AL) when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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

April 2 at San Francisco

Giants: RHP Jake Peavy

April 3 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Dan Otero, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, RHP Tyler Clippard, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Brock Huntzinger

Giants: RHP Matt Cain

April 4 vs. San Francisco

A's: LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Barry Zito

Giants: RHP Tim Hudson

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
March 30	Colorado	W, 11-2	19-9-2	Pomeranz	Butler	4,067	105,744
March 31	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 13-10	20-9-2	Fuller	Loconsole	5,582	
April 1	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 4-1	21-9-2	Chavez	Rucinski	4,315	110,059
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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