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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (22-9-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (11-21-1)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M. PDT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – CSNBA

ABOUT THE A'S: Won their 22nd game of the spring last night, which ties the Oakland record for most Spring Training wins (2001)...are 22-9-2 (.697), which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Royals (18-10-1, .638)...need at least a win and a tie in the final two games to set an Oakland record for best spring winning percentage...went 18-8 (.692) in 2008...currently have an eight-game winning streak...since 1986 (the earliest year full spring results are available), the A's longest spring winning streak is nine (March 13-21, 2001 and March 8-16, 2000)...have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...are 9-0-1 over the last 10 games and have scored 89 runs over that stretch (8.9 per game)...went 14-1 at Hohokam, 0-2 at Las Vegas and are currently 8-6-2 on the road...have four walk-off wins...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.

TEAM LEADERS: The A's lead the majors in runs (198), doubles (87) and sacrifice flies (17)...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...lead the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.349), rank second in slugging percentage (.475), walks (107) and triples (14), third in strikeouts (240), tied for third in home runs (33) and fourth in batting (.286)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (244) and ERA (3.72)...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.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated San Francisco, 8-2...Scott Kazmir started for Oakland and allowed just one run on four hits in six innings for the win...he did not walk or strike out a batter...he had a 7-0 lead before allowing his lone run in the fourth inning as the A's scored three times in the second and four times in the fourth...Stephen Vogt opened the scoring with a sacrifice fly, Marcus Semien followed with a solo home run and Sam Fuld tripled and scored on an error...in the fourth inning, the A's received a RBI double from Billy Burns, a RBI single from Craig Gentry, a sacrifice fly from Ben Zobrist and a RBI single by Billy Butler...Butler homered in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring...Evan Scribner, Fernando Abad and Pat Venditte tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the sixth of seven meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first five games, winning two contests at Mesa, two at Scottsdale and one last night in San Francisco...meet again in Oakland tomorrow afternoon...have a seven-game spring winning streak against the Giants are 13-2 over their last 15 contests against San Francisco...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** had his ninth multiple hit game yesterday (one four-hit, three three-hit, five two-hit) and now has a Major League leading 31 hits...those are the most hits by an Athletic in a non-strike spring since at least 1991 (first year spring stats are available)...the previous high was 30 by Tony Phillips in 1999 (Terrance Frazier had 33 in the replacement spring of 1995)...also leads the majors with 21 runs scored, which matches the most by an Athletic in a non-strike spring since 1991...shares the mark with Ryan Christenson, who did it in 2001 (Frazier had 22 in 1995)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (3), ranks fourth in batting (.397), tied for fifth in stolen bases (4), seventh in on-base percentage (.442) and tied for eighth in total bases (40)...has hit safely in each of his last five games (11-for-20, .550)...has appeared in 19 games in center field, 13 in left field and made his first appearance in right field last night...**Billy Butler** hit his fifth home run yesterday, which is tied for fifth in the CL...is also tied for second in RBI (15) and ranks ninth in slugging (.648)...is now 9-for-22 (.409) with two doubles, three home runs and 10 RBI over his last seven games...has appeared in 10 games at first base and 10 at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** has four home runs in his last nine 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 fourth in total bases (46), tied for sixth in runs (13) and 10th in slugging (.639)...is 15-for-38 (.395) with five doubles, four home runs and 11 RBI over his last 14 games after hitting .176 over his first 13 contests...has appeared in 11 games in left field, eight at first base and eight in right field...**Ike Davis** is 1-for-16 (.063) over his last six games after going 13-for-25 (.520) over

OAKLAND A'S BEST SPRING TRAINING RECORDS

	W-L-T	PCT
2015	22-9-2	.697
2008	18-8	.692
2001	22-10	.688
2012	15-7-2	.667
1980	13-7	.650

his first nine contests...**Sam Fuld** had his third triple last night, which is tied for the CL lead...is now 6-for-15 (.400) with three doubles and a triple over his last four games...has made 18 appearances in center field and two in right field...**Craig Gentry** is 7-for-23 (.304) over his last eight games after going 2-for-17 (.118) over his previous six contests...is tied for fifth in the CL in stolen bases (4)...has appeared in 12 games in center field, nine 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** is 10-for-27 (.370) with eight runs, three doubles, one triple, four home runs and 10 RBI over his last 10 games after going 2-for-20 (.100) with no runs, extra base hits or RBI over his first eight contests...hit two home runs Monday against Colorado...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-24 (.167) over his last 16 games...has appeared in 24 games in right field, six in center field and four in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 9-for-27 (.333) with five doubles and a home run over his last 10 games...is tied for third in the CL in runs (14)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** extended his hitting streak to nine games Wednesday (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-20 (.450) with a double, two home runs and five RBI over his last seven games after going 1-for-17 (.059) over his first seven contests...has appeared in 11 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 second in the CL in RBI (15)...has appeared in 10 games at second base, six in right field, three in left field and one at shortstop.

THREE 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.

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.

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

#31 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (3-0, 0.42 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth start of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his five starts, including each of his last three...has a 16.1-inning scoreless streak and ranks second in the Cactus League with a 0.42 ERA...his three wins are tied for first...opponents are batting .143 (10-for-70)...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 left-handers...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
March 29	Milwaukee	7-0	W	0.42	6.1	3	0	0	0	3	0
Totals (5 games, 5 starts)				3-0	0.42	21.1	10	1	1	4	11

#37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 3.72 ERA)

Has appeared in nine games this spring...has allowed six runs in his last two games (2.2 ip, 3 er) after allowing just one run over his first seven outings (7.0 ip, 1.29 ERA)...his last outing was Tuesday at Los Angeles-AL (1.1 ip, 1 h, 3 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...has 12 strikeouts in 9.2 innings (11.17 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.

#36 TYLER CLIPPARD RHP (1-1, 5.87 ERA)

Has made eight appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in six of those contests, including his last appearance Monday against Colorado when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 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 with Matt Belisle for the lead in wins (29), ranks second to Craig Kimbrel (476) with 455 strikeouts and is 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 mark against right-handers.

#39 ERIC O'FLAHERTY LHP (1-0, 1.42 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last four games (4.1 ip), including his last appearance Monday against Colorado when he pitched a scoreless eighth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 4-for-22 (.182) with two walks 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 and were 0-for-8 with RISP and two outs...began the season on the 60-day disabled list as he continued his recovery from Tommy John surgery...started his rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton June 6 against High Desert (1.0 ip, 3 so)...was transferred to Triple-A Sacramento June 11 and had a loss and a 4.32 ERA in seven games with the River Cats.

#61 DAN OTERO RHP (0-0, 4.70 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has allowed two runs in two of his outings, including his last appearance Monday against Colorado (0.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...has not yielded a run in his other four games...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 Justin Duchschere in 2004 (398 bfp, 96.1 ip)...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 (Foulke 9, Rincon 8)...walked 15 batters, but seven of those were intentional...the intentional walks tied for the most among all AL pitchers...struck out just 45 batters and his average of 4.67 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest among AL relievers and second lowest in the majors...surrendered four home runs, the first home runs he allowed in his career...allowed a .247 opponents batting average.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

April 3 at San Francisco

Giants: RHP Matt Cain

April 4 vs. San Francisco

A's: LHP Drew Pomeranz, LHP Barry Zito, SHP Pat Venditte
Giants: RHP Tim Hudson

April 6 vs. Texas

RHP Sonny Gray (14-10, 3.08) VS. RHP Yovani Gallardo (8-11, 3.51)

April 7 vs. Texas

RHP Jesse Hahn (7-4, 3.07) vs. RHP Colby Lewis (10-14, 5.18)

April 8 vs. Texas

LHP Scott Kazmir (15-9, 3.55) vs. LHP Ross Detwiler (2-3, 4.00)

April 9 vs. Texas

RHP Kendall Graveman (0-0, 3.86) vs. RHP Nick Martinez (5-12, 4.55)

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	Parker	Pomeranz	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
April 2	*San Francisco	W, 8-2	22-9-2	Kazmir	Peavy	41,581	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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. *indicates at San Francisco