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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (22-10-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (12-21-1)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015 – O.CO COLISEUM – 1:05 P.M. PDT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – CSNBA

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their eight-game winning streak snapped last night...it was their longest spring winning streak since March 13-21, 2001 when they won nine straight...are now 22-10-2 (.676), which is the best record in the majors ahead of the Royals (19-10-1, .650)...can clinch the best spring record in the majors today with at least a tie or a Royals loss or tie...the 22 wins tie the Oakland record for most spring wins, set in 2001...have clinched a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...are 9-1-1 over the last 11 games and have scored 89 runs over that stretch (8.1 per game)...went 14-1 at Hohokam, 0-2 at Las Vegas and 8-7-2 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.

OAKLAND A'S BEST SPRING TRAINING RECORDS

	W-L-T	PCT
2008	18-8	.692
2001	22-10	.688
2015	22-10-2	.676
2012	15-7-2	.667
1980	13-7	.650

TEAM LEADERS: The A's lead the majors in runs (198), doubles (88) 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...are tied for the Cactus League lead in on-base percentage (.345), rank second in slugging percentage (.466) and walks (109), tied for second in triples (14), tied for third in home runs (33) and strikeouts (249) and fifth in batting (.282)...the pitching staff ranks second in the CL in strikeouts (254) and ERA (3.65)...the strikeouts are the most by an A's pitching staff during the spring since at least 1991, topping the 247 from last year...the A's have finished the spring with an ERA under 4.00 twice since 1991 (3.29 in 1994, 3.71 in 2008)...have 23 errors, which is fourth fewest in the CL.

YESTERDAY: The A's were shutout for the second time this spring, dropping a 4-0 decision at San Francisco...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and took the loss after allowing three unearned runs in the first inning...Marcus Semien and Eric Sogard committed errors ahead of a three-run home run by Buster Posey...the three runs were the only runs Graveman would allow in 4.0 innings (2 h, 3 bb, 6 so)...Dan Otero, Tyler Clippard and R.J. Alvarez added a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's were held to four hits, including once each by Sam Fuld, Eric Sogard, Ben Zobrist and Ike Davis.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the seventh and final meeting between the A's and Giants this spring...Oakland is 5-1 against San Francisco this spring, winning two contests at Mesa and two at Scottsdale before splitting two games in San Francisco...are now 13-3 over their last 16 contests 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 1-for-13 (.077) with a walk over his last nine games...**Billy Burns** had his ninth multiple hit game Thursday at San Francisco (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)...is tied for the ML lead 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 (.383), tied for sixth in stolen bases (4), tied for eighth in total bases (40) and 10th in on-base percentage (.427)...is 11-for-23 (.478) over his last six games...has appeared in 20 games in center field, 14 in left field and one in right field...**Billy Butler** hit his fifth home run Thursday at San Francisco, which is tied for sixth in the CL...is also tied for fourth in RBI (15)...is 9-for-24 (.375) with two doubles, three home runs and 10 RBI over his last eight games...has appeared in 11 games at first base and 10 at designated hitter...**Mark Canha** has four home runs in his last 10 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 eighth in runs (13) and ninth in slugging (.630)...is 15-for-39 (.385) with five doubles, four home runs and 11 RBI over his last 15 games after hitting .176 over his first 13 contests...has appeared in 12 games in left field, eight at first base and eight in right field...**Ike Davis** is 2-for-19 (.105) over his last seven games after going 13-for-25 (.520) over his first nine contests...**Sam Fuld** had his third triple Thursday night at San Francisco, which is tied for the CL lead...is 7-for-18 (.389) with

three doubles and a triple over his last five games...has made 19 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 sixth 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-7 (.571) over his last three 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, seven at third base, seven at shortstop, six in left field 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 last Monday against Colorado...has appeared exclusively at third base...**Josh Phegley** is 3-for-21 (.143) with two doubles over his last seven 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-25 (.160) over his last 17 games...has appeared in 25 games in right field, six in center field and four in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 9-for-29 (.310) with five doubles and a home run over his last 11 games...is tied for third in the CL in runs (14)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** extended his hitting streak to 10 games last night (14-for-31, .452)...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (7)...has appeared in 16 games at second base, five at shortstop and two 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 last Monday against Colorado, his fifth multiple RBI game of the spring...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (15)...has appeared in 10 games at second base, seven in right field, three in left field and one at shortstop.

TWO DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY: The A's will open the 2015 season on Monday 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 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 #13 DREW POMERANZ LHP (2-2, 2.04 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and start of the spring...has 25 strikeouts in 17.2 innings and is tied for second in the Cactus League in strikeouts...since 1991 (the first year spring stats are available), the most strikeouts by an A's pitcher during the spring is 29 by Rich Harden (2005, 2007) and Gio Gonzalez (2011)...has 45 strikeouts in 30.1 innings in two springs with the A's (13.36 per nine innings)...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...has allowed 22 of his 25 career home runs against righties...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
March 30	Colorado	11-2	W	2.04	6.0	2	0	0	1	6	0
Totals (5 games, 5 starts)			2-2	2.04	17.2	14	5	4	8	25	1

#76 BROCK HUNTZINGER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 3.38 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made 10 appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in eight of those games, including his last appearance Wednesday against Los Angeles (AL) when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning (1.0 ip, 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).

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

The non-roster invitee has made 11 appearances this spring, which is tied for eighth in the Cactus League...last pitched on Friday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er)...has not allowed a run in eight of his 11 outings...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.

#73 KEVIN WHELAN RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made seven appearances this spring...was re-assigned to minor league camp March 22 but returned to pitch at San Francisco March 26 when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning for the save...has not allowed a run in his seven outings (6.2 ip)...opponents are batting .136 (3-for-22)...spent all but a week of the 2014 season with Triple-A Toledo...was selected by Detroit Aug. 11 and pitched that day at Pittsburgh (1.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so, 2 hr, 13.50 ERA)...that was his only appearance with the Tigers as he was optioned to Toledo Aug. 13...went 2-3 with 20 saves and a 2.70 ERA in 41 relief appearances with the Mud Hens...did not allow a home run in 43.1 innings...struck out 54, an average of 11.22 strikeouts per nine innings...his 20 saves tied for the most in the Tigers farm system and ranked third in the International League...converted 20-of-24 (83.3%) save opportunities and stranded his only inherited runner...allowed a .190 opponents batting average, including .167 (12-for-72) against left-handed hitters compared to .209 (18-for-86) against right-handers...issued 14 of his 21 walks to righties...held the opposition to a .184 batting average when leading off an inning...yielded a .190 average with runners in scoring position...was 2-1 with 16 saves and a 2.32 ERA in 28 games before the All-Star Break...then went 0-2 with four saves and a 3.65 ERA in 13 games after the break.

#75 BARRY ZITO LHP (1-0, 1 save, 5.03 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made six appearances, including two starts, this spring...started in his last outing Tuesday at Los Angeles (AL) and allowed seven runs on eight hits in 4.0 innings...allowed just four runs on seven hits in 15.2 innings (2.30 ERA) over his first five appearances...opponents are 15-for-72 (.208) with five walks overall...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

April 4 vs. San Francisco
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	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
April 2	*San Francisco	W, 8-2	22-9-2	Kazmir	Peavy	41,581	
April 3	*San Francisco	L, 0-4	22-10-2	Cain	Graveman	42,972	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
April 4	vs. San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA				

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