



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (1-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 – SALT RIVER FIELD – 1:05 P.M. MST  
NO RADIO

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's opened their 48th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with an 8-2 loss to Los Angeles (AL) at Tempe...this is the A's second consecutive spring in Mesa after a 36-year absence...after training in Bradenton, Florida in 1968, the A's came west 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...are scheduled to play 32 games this spring, including 29 in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 31-April 2)...the A's went 22-11-2 (.657) last spring, which was the second best record in the majors to Kansas City (20-10-1, .661)...the 22 wins tied the Oakland Spring Training record set in 2001...had the fourth best winning percentage...finished with a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...went 14-1 in their first season at the newly renovated Hohokam Stadium where they currently have a 12-game winning streak...drew 110,059 fans last year, which was the A's second best Arizona total to the record of 110,543 in 2005...were also 8-7-2 on the road, 0-2 at Las Vegas and 0-1 in Oakland...the A's led the majors in runs (199), doubles (90) and sacrifice flies (18)...ranked second among Cactus League teams in slugging (.461), on-base percentage (.343) and walks (112), third in triples (14), tied for third in home runs (33) and fewest grounded into double plays (22), fourth in hit by pitches (12) and strikeouts (255) and fifth in batting (.280)...the 90 doubles were second most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1991 (first year spring stats are available)...the pitching staff ranked second in the CL in ERA (3.60) and strikeouts (262) and third in most walks (104)...the strikeouts were the most by an A's pitching staff during the spring since at least 1991, topping the 247 from 2014, and the ERA ranks second lowest (3.29 in 1994)...committed the third fewest errors in the CL (23).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's lost to Los Angeles (AL) at Tempe, 8-2...Eric Surkamp started for the A's and allowed a run on four hits in two innings...he left after two innings with a 2-1 lead as the A's scored twice in the second inning...Yonder Alonso scored on a wild pitch and Andrew Lambo had a RBI single, but those would be the A's only runs of the game...Ryan Doolittle allowed two runs in the third inning for the loss and R.J Alvarez allowed two more runs in the fourth inning...Ryan Brasier, Marc Rzepczynski and Ryan Dull followed with a scoreless inning of relief each before Daniel Coulombe allowed two runs in the eighth inning...the A's collected eight hits, including two by Lambo.

**A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...meet again in Mesa on March 30...the A's won both games last spring, posting a 7-2 victory at Salt River March 6 and a 6-5 win in Mesa March 10...the A's are now 6-1-3 against the Diamondbacks over the last six springs.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 62 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 22 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 29 pitchers, seven catchers, 18 infielders and eight outfielders.

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his fifth full season with the A's, has one new face on the A's coaching staff, Mark Kotsay...Kotsay is in his first season as the A's bench coach after serving as the hitting coach with San Diego in 2015, his first professional coaching assignment...Kotsay played 17 seasons in the Major Leagues from 1997-2013, including a four-year stint with Oakland from 2004-07...Mike Aldrete moves from bench coach to first base and outfield coach in 2016...the remainder of the coaching staff remains the same with Curt Young as pitching coach, Darren Bush as hitting coach, Ron Washington as third base coach, Scott Emerson as bullpen coach and Marcus Jensen as assistant hitting and catching coach.

**HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT:** Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, only four were drafted by the A's (Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Muncy, 5th in 2012; Gray, 1st in 2011)...one was signed as a non-drafted agent (Nuñez), three were claimed off waivers (Lambo, Smolinski, Valencia) and six were signed as free agents (H.Alvarez, Axford, Butler, Crisp, Hill, Madson)...the other 26 were all acquired in trades...25 of the 40 players have joined the A's organization since the end of the 2014 season.

**OFF SEASON MOVES:** The A's signed four free agents this offseason, including Rich Hill, John Axford, Ryan Madson and Henderson Alvarez...the A's also acquired seven 40-man players via trade, including Liam Hendriks (Toronto), Jed Lowrie (Houston), Yonder Alonso and Marc Rzepczynski (San Diego), J.B. Wendelken (Chicago-AL), Khris Davis (Milwaukee) and Chris Coghlan (Chicago-NL)...the A's also claimed Andrew Lambo off waivers from Pittsburgh.

**A's TOP PROSPECTS:** Eight of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Franklin Barreto (#1), Sean Manaea (#2), Matt Chapman (#3), Renato Nuñez (#4), Richie Martin (#5), Matt Olson (#6), Chad Pinder (#7) and Dillon Overton (#8)...the other two are Casey Meisner (#9) and Yairo Munoz (#10).

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report tomorrow with the first workout scheduled for Sunday...position players report Friday, March 11 with the first workout scheduled for March 12.

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** The A's clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning approximately one hour prior to team stretch...stretch time varies from day to day; media are asked to check @AsMediaAlerts on Twitter for updated clubhouse hours...the clubhouse may close for team meetings, etc. at certain times...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once games begin, the clubhouse will also open to media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media in the first base dugout during team stretch time...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout immediately following the game...media are permitted in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play, at which point media will need to leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...TV camera crews and still photographers with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...TV camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse pregame, or in the training room or weight room at any time...still photographers are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room at any time...lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials in the landing area at the top of Section 209, which is a new location for 2016...the A's provide complimentary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate.

**A's MEDIA ALERTS:** The A's Media Relations Department will provide frequent updates through its media-only Twitter account...for clubhouse hours, interview times and other media alerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts...player transactions and other relevant game information will continue to be posted at @Athletics.

**A's ON THE AIR:** The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 12 games this spring, including nine from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games and the night game against the Giants on March 14...Ken Korach returns for his 21st year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (11th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 31st season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including March 14 against the Giants (7:05 pm) and April 2 against the Giants in Oakland (1:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, nine remaining games will be televised by MLB Network...five of those will air in the Bay Area (March 12 at TEX, March 22 at LAA, March 23 at SEA, March 25 vs. LAA and March 29 at CHC)...three (March 23, 25 and 29) will air live.

**SPRING TRAINING TICKETS:** Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Hohokam Stadium are currently on sale at athletics.com/tickets or by calling 877-493-BALL (877-493-2255)...the Hohokam Stadium box office hours of operation on non-game days are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, closed Sundays...during all home games, the box office is open from 10 a.m. until a half hour after the game ends...for Spring Training season tickets, call A's Tickets Services at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday...single game tickets start at just \$10 and are priced dynamically, with prices fluctuating based on factors affecting supply and demand...groups of 20 or more are eligible for discounted tickets for select games by e-mailing sping@athletics.com

#### TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 12	Khris Davis acquired from Milwaukee for minor leaguers Bubba Derby and Jacob Nottingham; Sean Nolin designated for assignment
Feb. 22	Sean Nolin claimed off waivers by Milwaukee
Feb. 25	Chris Coghlan acquired from the Chicago Cubs for Aaron Brooks

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at <http://pressbox.athletics.com>

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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

#### #53 FELIX DOUBRONT LHP (3-3, 5.50 ERA, 1 SV in majors in 2015)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...combined with Toronto and Oakland to go 3-3 with a save and a 5.50 ERA in 16 games, including 12 starts last year...his ERA was fourth highest among American League pitchers with 70 or more innings pitched...allowed a .298 opponents batting average, including .225 (16-for-71) against left-handed hitters compared to .321 (71-for-221) against right-handers...yielded just two extra base hits to lefties for a .282 slugging percentage...surrendered nine of his 10 home runs to righties for a .525 slugging percentage...opponents batted .343 with runners in scoring position and .306 when leading off an inning...tied for 10th in the AL with three pickoffs...went 3-3 with a 5.87 ERA and .311 opponents batting average in his 12 starting assignments...had a 3.86 ERA and .241 opponents average in four relief appearances...surrendered nine of his 10 home runs as a starter...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 1-for-4 (.250).

#### #33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (4-2, 3.84 ERA w/Oakland in 2015)

Will be making his first outing of the spring...started the 2015 season at Triple-A Nashville and logged a 2.81 ERA and .143 opponents batting average in 10 games before he was promoted to Oakland May 7...spent the balance of the season with the A's and went 4-2 with a 3.84 ERA and .200 opponents batting average in 56 relief appearances...the ERA and opponents batting average were the best of his three full seasons in the majors...the four wins were a career high...struck out 65 batters in 58.2 innings (9.97 per nine innings)...allowed 4-of-30 (13.3%) inherited runners to score, which tied for the lowest percentage in the American League, ranked second in the majors and was the fifth lowest mark by an Athletic since 1974...first batters faced hit .132 with just three walks...ranked third in the AL in opponents on-base percentage against first batters (.179), fifth in slugging percentage (.189) and tied for fifth in batting average...his .200 opponents batting average included a .174 mark against left-handed hitters and .217 with all four of his home runs against right-handers.

#### #75 EDUARD SANTOS RHP (4-2, 2.31 ERA with Arkansas in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...was signed by the A's to a minor league contract Nov. 17, 2015...made his Double-A debut last year in his eighth professional season, going 4-2 with a 2.31 ERA in 39 relief appearances with Arkansas...allowed just 33 hits for a .175 opponents batting average, but issued a career-high 32 walks (4.94 per nine innings)...matched his career high in wins...struck out 78 batters in 58.1 innings (12.03 per nine innings)...led Texas League relievers in opponents batting average and strikeouts per nine innings...surrendered just three home runs, an average of 0.46 per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a mark of .173 (19-for-110) against right-handed hitters compared to .177 (14-for-79) against left-handers...opponents hit .125 with runners in scoring position and were 0-for-19 with RISP and two outs...allowed just 1-of-13 (7.7%) inherited runners to score...pitched for Lacey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-2 with a save and a 1.25 ERA in 20 relief appearances.

#### #74 PATRICK SCHUSTER LHP (2-2, 3.33 ERA in minors in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...was signed by the A's to a minor league contract Nov. 23, 2015...spent the entire 2015 season in the Double-A Southern League where he was 2-2 with a 3.33 ERA in 52 relief appearances...lead the league in holds (14) and tied for the league lead in games pitched...began the year at Mobile in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization and was 0-1 with a 3.24 ERA in 22 relief appearances when he was traded to the Cincinnati Reds for cash June 21...spent the rest of the season at Pensacola and went 2-1 with a 3.41 ERA in 30 games...surrendered just one home run in 54.0 innings...allowed a .254 opponents batting average, including .232 (23-for-99) against left-handed hitters compared to .276 (27-for-98) against right-handers...opponents hit .315 with the bases empty compared to .200 with runners on base...yielded a .191 batting average with runners in scoring position...allowed 8-of-34 (23.5%) inherited runners to score...that included 7-of-12 (58.3%) with Mobile and 1-of-22 (4.5%) with Pensacola.

#### #58 CHRIS SMITH RHP (5-7, 3.40 ERA in minors in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...was signed by the A's to a minor league contract Nov. 15, 2015...spent most of the 2015 season at Triple-A El Paso, where he went 5-7 with a 3.60 ERA in 22 starts...also had no decisions and a 0.90 ERA in two starts for Double-A San Antonio...combined for a 5-7 record and a 3.40 ERA in 24 starts...had minor league career highs in strikeouts (132) and walks (44) and his 24 starts and 137.2 innings pitched were his most since 2006...was second in the Padres farm system in strikeouts and third in ERA...ranked second in the Pacific Coast League in strikeouts (121), fourth in opponents batting average (.251) and fifth in ERA...combined with both clubs for a .245 opponents batting average, including .222 (66-for-297) against right-handed hitters compared to .275 (60-for-218) against left-handers...surrendered seven of his 11 home runs and issued 28 of his 44 walks to lefties...nine of his 11 home runs were solo shots...allowed a .225 average with runners in scoring position.

#### #60 TAYLOR THOMPSON RHP (1-2, 9.35 ERA in minors in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...spent most of the 2015 season on the 60-day disabled list before returning in late July to pitch in 15 games with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Nashville...combined for a 1-2 record and a 9.35 ERA...struck out 18 batters in 17.1 innings (9.35 per nine innings) but issued nine walks (4.67 per nine innings)...allowed a .301 opponents batting average, which included a mark of .265 (13-for-49) against right-handed hitters compared to .375 (9-for-24) against left-handers...yielded a .381 average with runners in scoring position...was placed on the 60-day DL Feb. 26 with a strained right shoulder...began a rehab assignment with Stockton July 20 and had two losses and a 14.54 ERA in four relief appearances...allowed at least one run in each of his outings...was transferred to Nashville Aug. 1 and made three appearances (3.1 ip) before he was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Nashville Aug. 9...was 1-0 with a 7.82 ERA in 11 appearances overall with the Sounds.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 4 vs. Colorado (ss)

**A's:** LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Angel Castro, LHP Dillon Overton, LHP Sean Doolittle

**Rockies:** RHP Shane Carle, LHP Harrison Musgrave, RHP Brock Huntzinger, LHP Ryan Carpenter, RHP Simon Castro, RHP Carlos Estevez

#### March 4 at Arizona (ss)

**A's:** LHP Felix Doubront, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Eduard Santos, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP Taylor Thompson, LHP Patrick Schuster

**Diamondbacks:** RHP Zack Greinke, RHP Tyler Wagner, RHP Daniel Hudson, RHP Josh Collmenter, RHP Evan Marshall, LHP Matt Reynolds, RHP Cody Hall

#### March 5 vs. Milwaukee

**A's:** LHP Rich Hill, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP Ryan Brasier, LHP Daniel Coulombe

**Brewers:** RHP Jimmy Nelson, LHP Will Smith, RHP Corey Knebel, RHP Hiram Burgos, RHP Damien Magnifico, LHP Sean Nolin

#### March 6 at San Diego

**A's:** RHP Chris Bassitt

**Padres:** TBA

#### March 7 vs. Kansas City

**A's:** RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Kendall Graveman

**Royals:** RHP Kyle Zimmer, LHP Jonathan Dzedzic, RHP Alec Mills, RHP Christian Binford, LHP Sam Selman

#### March 8 vs. Texas

**A's:** LHP Eric Surkamp

**Rangers:** LHP Derek Holland

## 2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 2-8	0-1	Morin	Doolittle, R	4,071	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 4	Colorado (SS)	1:05					
	at Arizona (SS)	1:05					
March 5	Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 6	at San Diego	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 7	Kansas City	1:05					
March 8	Texas	1:05					
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	1:05					
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05					
March 11	at Cincinnati	1:05					
March 12	at Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (airs at 1pm PT)				
March 13	Chicago (NL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 14	San Francisco	7:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 15	at Colorado	1:05					
March 16	OFF DAY						

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 17	Seattle	1:05	
March 18	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 19	Cincinnati (SS)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at San Francisco (SS)	1:05	
March 20	Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 21	at San Francisco	1:05	
March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (airs March 23 at 6am PT)
March 23	at Seattle	7:10	MLBN
March 24	Texas	7:05	
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN
March 26	at Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 27	Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 28	Cleveland	1:05	
March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	MLBN
March 30	Arizona	12:05	
March 31	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 1	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 2	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network