



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-1) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (1-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**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. ROCKIES:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rockies this spring...meet again at Salt River Fields on March 15...the A's won both games last spring with victories at Salt River on March 20 (3-2) and Mesa on March 30 (11-2)...are 7-1 against the Rockies over the last five 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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

**#71 SEAN MANAEA LHP (7-1, 2.66 ERA in minors in 2015)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first start of the spring... was acquired by the A's from Kansas City in the Ben Zobrist deal at the trading deadline last year and went 6-0 with a 1.90 ERA in seven starts with Double-A Midland... began the year in extended spring training with the Royals and combined for a 1-1 record and a 3.69 ERA in seven starts with the Royals affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League, Single-A Wilmington and Double-A Northwest Arkansas... was 7-1 with a 2.66 ERA in 14 starts overall... struck out 90 batters in 74.1 innings (10.90 per 9.0 ip)... allowed a .243 opponents batting average, including .198 against right-handed hitters compared to .330 against left-handers... surrendered three of his five home runs to lefties for a .511 slugging percentage... held righties to a mark of .275... pitched for Mesa in the Arizona Fall League following the season and was named to the AFL Top Prospects Team after going 0-2 with a 3.86 ERA in six starts... led the league in strikeouts (33)... was rated as the A's second best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

**#45 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-1, 2.25 ERA with Oakland in 2015)**

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring... made his Major League debut with Oakland last year and was 0-1 with a 2.25 ERA in five relief appearances over three stints... allowed eight hits in 4.0 inning for a .444 opponents batting average... was selected from Triple-A Nashville May 8 and made his debut May 9 at Seattle (0.2 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)... spent the balance of the season with the Sounds where he was 2-1 with eight saves and a 3.13 ERA in 38 games, including two starts... had career highs in saves and games pitched... allowed a .242 opponents batting average, including .231 (31-for-134) against right-handed hitters compared to .258 (23-for-89) against left-handers... issued 16 of his 19 walks to righties... opponents hit .208 with runners in scoring position, including .160 with RISP and two outs... converted 8-of-9 (88.9%) save opportunities... allowed 7-of-17 (41.2%) inherited runners to score... went 3-1 with a 3.50 ERA in nine games, eight starts, for Cibaenas in the Dominican Winter League.

**#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-0, 3.95 ERA, 4 SV w/Oakland in 2015)**

Will be making his first outing of the spring... missed 121 games last year due to two stints on the disabled list... began the season on the 15-day DL with a strained left rotator cuff... was reinstated May 26 and pitched the next day against Detroit before returning to the DL May 30 retroactive to May 28 with a strained left shoulder... was transferred to the 60-day DL June 13 and was reinstated Aug. 22... went 1-0 with four saves, a blown save and a 3.95 ERA in 12 relief appearances overall... opponents hit .235, including .225 by right-handed hitters compared to .273 by left-handers... surrendered just one home run in 13.2 innings... first batters faced were 1-for-11 (.091) with a walk (.167 on-base pct.)... they are now batting .180 with eight walks and a sacrifice fly (.214 on-base pct.) in his career... the on-base percentage is fifth lowest in the majors dating back to his rookie season of 2012 (min. 150 batters faced)... allowed his only inherited runner to score but has allowed just 8-of-67 (11.9%) to score in his career... that is second lowest in the majors since 2012 (min. 60 inherited runners).

**#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (1-2, 2.13 ERA with Kansas City in 2015)**

Will be making his first outing of the spring... was signed as a free agent to a three-year contract, Dec. 11, 2015... returned to the Major Leagues for the first time since the 2011 season and was 1-2 with three saves and a career-low 2.13 ERA in 68 games with Kansas City last year... also had career lows in opponents batting average (.205) and on-base percentage (.254)... ranked ninth among American League relievers in ERA and opponents on-base percentage... walked just 14 batters in 63.1 innings and his average of 1.99 walks per nine innings was the best of his career... his .205 opponents batting average included a .205 mark against left-handed hitters and .205 against right-handers... allowed a .164 batting average with runners in scoring position... first batters faced hit (.169)... ranked seventh in the AL in opponents on-base percentage (.206) and slugging percentage (.215) against first batters faced and was 10th in batting average... went 2-0 with a 5.40 ERA in nine postseason appearances for the World Champion Royals... struck out 15 batters in 8.1 innings (16.20 per nine innings).

**#72 DILLON OVERTON LHP (7-6, 3.43 ERA in minors in 2015)**

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring... started the 2015 season at Single-A Stockton and was 2-4 with a 3.82 ERA in 14 games, including 12 starts, when he was promoted to Double-A Midland July 2... went 5-2 with a 3.06 ERA in 13 starts with the RockHounds and combined for a 7-6 record and a 3.43 ERA in 27 games, including 25 starts... led the A's farm system in ERA and tied for third in strikeouts (106)... walked just 27 batters in 126.0 innings, an average of 1.93 per nine innings... allowed a .265 opponents batting average, including .249 (43-for-173) against left-handed hitters compared to .274 (84-for-307) against right-handers... surrendered nine of his 11 home runs to righties... yielded a .243 batting average and 10 of his 11 home runs with the bases empty, .300 with runners on... was 0-1 with a 5.63 ERA in his two relief appearances, both of which came with Stockton in games started by an Oakland pitcher on a rehab assignment... was rated as the A's eighth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

### 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 Dzielizic, 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	R.Doolittle	4,071	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>				
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