



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-2-1) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (1-3)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016 – PEORIA STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have started the spring 1-2-1...have lost both of their road games and are 1-0-1 at Mesa...the pitching staff has a 6.62 ERA, which is the highest mark in the Cactus League and third highest in the majors...also lead the CL and rank fourth in the majors in walks (21)...this is the A's 48th Spring Training in Arizona and their 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 and now have a 13-game unbeaten streak at Hohokam...the A's only loss at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year was on March 8, 2015, a 10-4 decision against the White Sox...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) and third in triples (14)...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).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's and Milwaukee played to a 8-8 tie in Mesa...Rich Hall started for the A's and allowed a run in the second inning (1.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 1 so) and Raul Alcantara (2.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 3 so) allowed a run in the fourth...the A's tied the game in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run single by Billy Butler and then scored four times in the fifth, highlighted by a RBI single from Andrew Lambo and a two-run single by Tyler Ladendorf...Chad Pinder added a RBI single in the sixth to increase the A's lead to 7-2...Tucker Healy then allowed four runs in the eighth inning and Dylan Covey allowed a two-run home run in the ninth to give the Brewers an 8-7 lead...Josh Phegley tied the game with a two-out home run in the bottom of the ninth...Liam Hendriks and Daniel Coulombe pitched a scoreless inning of relief each...Lambo had two of the A's nine hits.

**A's vs. PADRES:** The A's and Padres will meet just once for the third consecutive spring...the A's won last year in Mesa on March 17 by a score of 13-2 after losing 6-5 at Peoria on March 11, 2014...the A's have won nine of their last 13 spring games against the Padres.

**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.

**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 underway...pitchers and catchers reported yesterday and the first workout is scheduled

for today...position players report Friday, March 11 with the first workout scheduled for March 12.

**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 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 has 11 broadcasts remaining this spring, including eight 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.

**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 complementary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate.

**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 spring@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

### #40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (1-8, 3.56 ERA with Oakland in 2015)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...split his first season in the A's organization last year between Oakland and Triple-A Nashville...went 1-8 despite a 3.56 ERA and .244 opponents batting average in 18 games, including 13 starts, over four stints with the A's...his .111 winning percentage was the lowest in the majors among pitchers with at least 10 games started...the last Major League pitcher with at least 10 starts, an ERA under 3.75 and a winning percentage of .111 or less was Zane Smith (Braves and Expos in 1989)...no American League pitcher has done it since 1968 (Rickey Clark with California and Fred Talbot with New York)...received one run of support or fewer in nine of his 13 starts and his overall run support of 3.14 was fifth lowest in the AL among pitchers with 81 or more innings pitched...went 2-7 with a 3.65 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts, in his Triple-A debut with Nashville...yielded just one home run in 69.0 innings...allowed a .230 opponents batting average, including .228 against left-handed hitters compared to .231 against right-handers.

### #30 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Allowed two runs in the fourth inning in his spring debut Thursday at Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...had four stints with the A's last year and posted a 9.90 ERA in 21 relief appearances...the ERA was the highest in the majors among pitchers with 20 or more innings pitched...struck out 23 batters in 20.0 innings (10.35 per nine innings) but also issued 13 walks (5.85 per nine innings) and surrendered seven home runs (3.15 per nine innings)...had five wild pitches...allowed a .318 opponents batting average, including .200 (9-for-45) by right-handed hitters compared to .450 (18-for-40) against left-handers...allowed 7-of-12 (58.3%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 8-for-21 (.381) with two doubles and two home runs (.762 slugging percentage)...spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Nashville where he was 3-3 with five saves and a 4.11 ERA in 31 relief appearances...surrendered two home runs in 35.0 innings...struck out 41, an average of 10.54 per nine innings...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .235 (19-for-81) against right-handed hitters compared to .315 (17-for-54) against left-handers.

### #45 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his spring debut Friday against Colorado and struck out the side in a perfect fourth inning...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.

### #64 RYAN DOOLITTLE RHP (0-1, 18.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his spring debut Thursday at Los Angeles (AL), allowing two runs in the third inning (1.0 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 so)...spent the entire 2015 season with Double-A Midland where he was 4-3 with four saves and a 3.32 ERA in 40 relief appearances...the games pitched and saves were career highs...also had career highs in hits (67), runs (27), earned runs (21) and wild pitches (4)...allowed a .273 opponents batting average, which included a mark of .264 (32-for-121) against right-handed hitters compared to .283 (30-for-106) against left-handers...surrendered five home runs, four of which came with the bases empty...yielded a .340 batting average to batters leading off an inning...compiled a 3.78 ERA in 22 appearances during the first half, a 2.66 ERA in 18 games in the second half...logged a 2.52 ERA in 20 games on the road compared to 3.94 in 20 games at home...allowed 4-of-9 (44.4%) inherited runners to score, all before the All-Star Break...converted 4-of-5 (80.0%) save opportunities, all after the break...tossed at least one inning in 37 of his 40 outings, including two or more 16 times.

### #66 RYAN DULL RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his spring debut Thursday at Los Angeles (AL) with a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 so)...made his Triple-A and Major League debut last year, earning a September call-up with Oakland...went 1-2 with a save and a 4.24 ERA in 13 games with the A's...began his career with an eight-game, 11.0-inning scoreless streak...that tied for the sixth longest career-opening scoreless streak in Oakland history...held the opposition to a .203 batting average but yielded a .441 slugging percentage as six of the 12 hits he allowed were for extra bases...surrendered four home runs in 17.0 innings after yielding just two home runs in 61.0 innings in the minors...his opponents batting average included a mark of .167 against left-handed hitters compared to .229 against right-handers...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year after combining for a 3-2 record, 12 saves and a 0.74 ERA in a career-high 47 relief appearances with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Nashville...was named to the Texas League Midseason and Postseason All-Star Teams...opponents hit .180, including .117 by right-handed hitters compared to .270 by left-handers.

### #35 MARC RZEPczynski LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring Thursday at Los Angeles (AL), retiring the side in order in the sixth inning (1 so)...was acquired from San Diego in a five-player trade, Dec. 2, 2015...began the 2015 season with Cleveland and went 2-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 45 games before he was traded to San Diego July 31...logged a 0-1 record and a 7.36 ERA in 27 games with the Padres and combined for a 5.66 ERA in 72 games overall...tossed fewer than one inning in 55 of his 72 appearances and had just 35.0 innings pitched...the only other pitcher in Major League history to appear in 70 or more games and finish with at least twice as many games as innings pitched is Randy Choate (2012 and 2015)...struck out 41 batters, marking the first time in his career he finished with more strikeouts than innings pitched...his opponents batting average included a .255 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .372 against right-handers...allowed 17-of-64 (26.6%) inherited runners to score, including 7-of-34 (20.6%) with Cleveland, which was the eighth lowest percentage in the American League...his 64 inherited runners were second most in the majors (Ramos, LAA 66).

### #74 PATRICK SCHUSTER LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his spring debut with a scoreless seventh inning Friday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so, 1 hb)...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.

## UPCOMING PROBABLES

### March 6 at San Diego

**Padres:** RHP James Shields, RHP Luis Perdomo

### March 7 vs. Kansas City

**A's:** RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP John Axford, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP Eduard Santos, RHP Taylor Thompson

**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, LHP Dillon Overton, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Ryan Brasier

**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	
March 4	Colorado	W, 9-4	1-1	Manaea	Carle	3,535	3,535
	at Arizona	L, 3-6	1-2	Wagner	Smith	9,875	
March 5	Milwaukee	T, 8-8	1-2-1	—	—	5,218	8,753
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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