



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-2-1) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (1-4)

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 2-2-1 to start the spring...are 1-0-1 in Mesa and 1-2 on the road...last spring, the A's went 14-1 at Hohokam, 8-7-2 on the road, 0-2 at Las Vegas and 0-1 in Oakland...currently have a 13-game unbeaten streak at Hohokam (one tie on Saturday against Milwaukee)...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...the pitching staff has a 6.28 ERA, which is the highest mark in the Cactus League and third highest in the majors...also lead the CL and are tied for second in the majors in walks (27)...were charged with four errors yesterday and now have eight this spring, which is tied with Cincinnati for the CL lead and tied for third in the majors...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...drew 110,059 fans last year, which was the A's second best Arizona total to the record of 110,543 in 2005...the A's led the majors in runs (199), doubles (90) and sacrifice flies (18)...ranked second among CL 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 defeated San Diego in Peoria, 6-5...Chris Bassitt started for the A's and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so) and Marc Rzepczynski and Ryan Dull followed with a scoreless inning of relief each...Rzepczynski picked up the win after the A's scored twice in the fourth inning on a two-run home run by Andrew Lambo...the A's added three more runs in the fifth inning, highlighted by a Chris Coghlan RBI single...Franklin Barreto hit his second home run of the spring, a solo shot in the seventh inning, to complete the A's scoring...R.J. Alvarez added a scoreless eighth inning of relief and Lambo and Billy Burns had two hits each.

A's vs. ROYALS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...meet again in Surprise March 26 and return to Mesa March 27...met just once last spring, an 8-4 A's loss at Surprise March 14...have two losses and a tie over the previous two springs...over the previous eight springs, the A's are 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 0-7-1 at Surprise...have not defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10).

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* has hit safely in each of his three games (3-for-6, .500)...*Franklin Barreto (NR)* has homered in two of his three games and is tied for the Cactus League lead in home runs (2)...*Andrew Lambo* has three two-hit games in four games (6-for-12, .500)...is tied for third in the Cactus League in batting (.500) and tied for fourth in hits (6).

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 had their first workout yesterday...position players report Friday, March 11 with the first workout scheduled for March 12...Triple-A and Double-A games begin on March 12 and Single-A contests start on March 19.

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 10 broadcasts remaining this spring, including seven 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 complimentary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate.

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

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