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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 approxi-mately 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.

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

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #32 JESSE HAHN RHP (6-6, 3.35 ERA with Oakland in 2015)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...went 6-6 with a 3.35 ERA in 16 starts in his first season with Oakland last year, a campaign that was cut short due to an injury...got off to a slow start as he went 1-4 with a 4.43 ERA over his first eight starts through May 20...then tossed a four-hit shutout May 25 against Detroit and went 5-2 with a 2.42 ERA over his final eight starts...was placed on the disabled list July 11 with a right forearm strain and missed the remainder of the season...yielded just five home runs in 96.2 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...that was the lowest mark in the American League among pitchers with 90 or more innings pitched...using the same minimum, he also ranked third in the AL in opponents slugging percentage (.324) and fifth in OPS (.623)...opponents reached base on an error 14 times, which was the most in the majors, despite missing half of the season...allowed a .238 opponents batting average, which included a .185 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .286 against left-handers.

#61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (4-5, 4.20 ERA, 25 saves with Col. in 2015)

Will be making his first outing of the spring...signed by the A's as a free agent to a two-year contract, Dec. 11, 2015...was 4-5 with a 4.20 ERA and a team-leading 25 saves in 60 relief appearances in his first season with Colorado last year...tied for second in the National League with six blown saves and his save percentage of 80.6% was second lowest in the NL to the Phillies Ken Giles (75.0%)...tied for fourth among NL relievers in walks (32)...compiled a 2.70 ERA and .216 opponents batting average in 28 games on the road compared to a 5.59 ERA and .298 opponents average in 32 games at Coors Field...converted 16-of-17 (94.1%) save opportunities and had a 2.36 ERA and .218 opponents batting average in 29 appearances before the All-Star Break...then went 9-for-14 (64.3%) with a 5.90 ERA and .296 opponents average in 31 games after the break... allowed a .259 opponents batting average, which included a .258 (25-for-97) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .261 (31-for-119) against right-handers...first batters faced hit .185 with one extra base hit (double).

#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (6-9, 4.09 ERA with Oakland in 2015)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the rookie righthander went 6-9 with a 4.05 ERA in 21 starts over two stints with the A's last year before his season ended in late August due to an oblique injury... was on the A's Opening Day roster and went 1-2 with an 8.27 ERA in four starts before he was optioned to Nashville April 26...was brought back May 23 and went 5-2 with a 1.78 ERA over his first nine starts following his return...then went 0-5 with a 5.82 ERA over his final eight starts beginning July 10...was placed on the 15-day disabled list Aug. 24 with a strained left oblique...tied for fourth among American League rookies in games started (21), ranked fifth in innings pitched (115.2), ninth in strikeouts (77) and tied for ninth in wins...had one of seven complete games by an AL rookie... allowed a .276 opponents batting average, including .275 (61-for-222) against lefties and .278 (65-for-234) against righties...surendered 11 of his 15 home runs to righties but issued 24 of his 38 walks to lefties...had a .369 slugging percentage against lefties, .474 against righties.

#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...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).

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Struck out the side in a perfect sixth inning in his spring debut last Friday at Arizona...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 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 against right-handers.

#75 EDUARD SANTOS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring last Friday at Arizona and retired all four batters that he faced (1.2 ip, 1 so)...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...his opponents batting 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...pitched for Licey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-2 with a save and a 1.25 ERA in 20 relief appearances.

#60 TAYLOR THOMPSON RHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his spring debut last Friday against Colorado (0.2 ip, 1 r, 1 er, 4 bb, 1 so)...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 7 vs. Kansas City

Royals: RHP Kyle Zimmer, LHP Jonathan Dziedzic, 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, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Ryan Doolittle
- Rangers: LHP Derek Holland, RHP Jeremy Guthrie, RHP Tony Barnette, LHP Alex Claudio, RHP Francisco Mendoza, LHP Andrew Faulkner

March 9 at Chicago (AL)

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Felix Doubront, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP R.J. Alvarez, LHP Patrick Schuster

White Sox: RHP Jacob Turner, RHP Chris Beck, RHP Matt Lollis, RHP Daniel Webb, LHP Dan Jennings

2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

							HOME
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER AT	TEND.	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
March 6	at San Diego	W, 6-5	2-2-1	Rzepczynski	Perdomo	5,339	
DATE	OPPONENT	Т	IME RADI	D/TV			
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 Ga	me/A's Radio	Networ	k/MLBN
			(ai	rs at 1pm PT)		
March 13	Chicago (NL)		1:05 95.7 F	M The Game	e/A's Radio Ne	etwork	
March 14	San Francisco	7	7:05 CSNC	A/95.7 FM T	he Game/A's I	Radio Ne	etwork
March 15	at Colorado		1:05				
March 16	OFF DAY						

ME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
IM.	March 17	Seattle	1:05	
	March 18	at Cleveland	1:05	
535	March 19	Cincinnati (SS)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
		at San Francisco (SS)	1:05	
753	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
.BN	March 28	Cleveland	1:05	
	March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	MLBN
	March 30	Arizona	12:05	
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	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