



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-2-1) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (4-1-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won back-to-back games for the first time this spring and are now 3-2-1...that includes 2-0-1 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 15-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 leads the Cactus League in walks (31) and has the second highest ERA (5.71)...have committed nine errors, which are tied for second most in the CL...are the only team in the majors without a stolen base...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 Kansas City in Mesa, 6-4...Jesse Hahn started for the A's and allowed two runs in the first inning (2.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 hr)...Ryan Madson, John Axford and Eduard Santos followed with a scoreless inning of relief each and Santos picked up the win...the A's scored single runs in the third and fourth innings to tie the game as Josh Reddick had a RBI single and Stephen Vogt hit his first home run...Vogt added a three-run home run in the fifth inning to give the A's the lead...Oakland added an unearned run in the seventh inning and Taylor Thompson retired the side in order in the ninth for the save...the A's collected nine hits, including two each by Jed Lowrie, Reddick and Vogt.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...meet again in Surprise on Saturday and return to Mesa March 24...last spring, the A's split two meetings, losing at Surprise 4-1 on March 9 and winning 7-6 at Hohokam March 27...are 1-5-1 against the Rangers over the previous three springs.

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 four games and is tied for the Cactus League lead in home runs (2)...*Andrew Lambo* has three two-hit games in five games (6-for-12, .500)...is tied for second in the Cactus League in batting (.500), ranks third in on-base percentage (.571), tied for third in slugging (.833) and tied for fifth in hits (6)...*Josh Reddick* has two multiple hit games in three contests (4-for-6, .667)...*Danny Valencia* has hit safely and scored a run in each of his three games (3-for-7, .429)...*Stephen Vogt* hit his first two home runs of the spring yesterday against Kansas City and is tied for the CL lead in home runs.

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 Sunday...position players report on Friday with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...Triple-A and Double-A games begin Saturday 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 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 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 #48 ERIC SURKAMP RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second start of the spring... had a no decision in his first start last Thursday at Los Angeles (AL)... was signed by the A's to a minor league contract Dec. 4, 2015... began the 2015 season at Triple-A Charlotte in the Chicago White Sox organization and finished it with Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system... in between, he made one appearance for the Dodgers in July... was selected July 6, pitched that day against Philadelphia (3.1 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 4 so), and was designated for assignment the next day... pitched mostly in relief at Charlotte, going 3-0 with a save and 2.81 ERA in 10 relief appearances and one start... then made 15 starts and one relief appearance with Oklahoma City where he was 9-3 with a 3.57 ERA... combined at the Triple-A to post a 12-3 record and a 3.39 ERA in 27 games, including 16 starts... the 12 wins were his most as a minor leaguer, as were his 11 home runs allowed... tied for third among all Triple-A pitchers in wins... allowed a .264 opponents batting average, including .244 against righties.

SURKAMP'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	2-8	--	4.50	2.0	4	1	1	1	0	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)				0-0	4.50	2.0	4	1	1	0	0

#50 RYAN BRASIER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in two games this spring (1.2 ip), including his last appearance Saturday against Milwaukee (0.2 ip)... was signed by the A's to a minor league contract July 7, 2015 after missing the 2014 season following June 10, 2014 "Tommy John" surgery... was placed on the disabled list at Single-A Stockton after signing and began his rehab assignment with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League Aug. 14... went 1-1 with a 3.60 ERA in four games, including one start, before he was reinstated from the DL and transferred to Triple-A Nashville Sept. 1... did not allow a run in two appearances with the Sounds (2.0 ip) and combined for a 2.57 ERA in six games overall... struck out seven and walked just one in 7.0 innings... allowed a .192 opponents batting average, including .143 (2-for-14) against right-handed hitters compared to .250 (3-for-12) against left-handers... started against the Angels in his first rehab appearance Aug. 14 (1.0 ip, 1 so)... it was his first professional appearance since Sept. 27, 2013 with Los Angeles-AL (0.1 ip, 1 bb).

#57 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his last outing Saturday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb) after allowing three runs in his first appearance... began the 2015 season in the Los Angeles (NL) organization and logged a 7.56 ERA in five games over five stints with the Dodgers... was traded to Oakland Sept. 10 for cash and compiled a 3.52 ERA in nine games with the A's... had no decisions and a 5.63 ERA in 14 relief appearances overall... did not allow a home run in 16.0 innings in the majors and surrendered just one in 41.1 minor league innings... yielded a .270 opponents batting average, including .200 against left-handed hitters compared to .333 against right-handers... allowed just 1-of-8 (12.5%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 2-for-13 (.154) with a walk (.214 on-base pct.)... spent the balance of the season at Oklahoma City in the Dodgers farm system where he went 3-1 with a save and a 3.27 ERA in 38 relief appearances... allowed a .235 opponents batting average, including .204 against righties compared to .304 against lefties.

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

The non-roster invitee has allowed two runs in each of his two appearances, including his last outing Sunday at San Diego (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb)... 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.

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless third inning in his spring debut last Saturday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h)... was acquired from Toronto for Jesse Chavez, Nov. 20, 2015... pitched exclusively in relief for the first time in his career last year and was 5-0 with a 2.92 ERA in 58 games with Toronto... had career highs in games, strikeouts (71) and wins... his ERA was a career low as was his .240 opponents batting average, .276 on-base percentage and .329 slugging percentage... issued 11 walks in 64.2 innings and his average of 1.53 walks per nine innings ranked eighth lowest among American League relievers... struck out 71 and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 6.45 ranked fourth... also tied for ninth in wins... his opponents batting average included a .207 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 against left-handers... entered the season with a .328 career average against righties... allowed a .179 batting average with RISP and two outs... allowed 9-of-30 (30.0%) inherited runners to score... first batters faced were 13-for-53 (.245) with four walks and a hit by pitch.

#72 DILLON OVERTON LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring last Friday against Colorado, tossing a scoreless fifth and sixth innings (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)... 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... was rated as the A's eighth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#58 CHRIS SMITH RHP (0-1, 27.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his spring debut last Friday at Arizona and took the loss (1.1 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 2 so)... 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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 8 vs. Texas

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

March 10 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

A's: LHP Rich Hill, LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Dyan Dull, RHP Angel Castro
Dodgers: RHP Kenta Maeda, RHP Jamey Wright, RHP Jose De Leon, RHP Chris Anderson

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
March 6	at San Diego	W, 6-5	2-2-1	Rzepczynski	Perdomo	5,339	
March 7	Kansas City	W, 6-4	3-2-1	Santos	Binford	4,615	13,368
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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