



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-3-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (4-1-1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have started the spring 3-3-1, which including a 2-1 record in Mesa and 1-2 on the road...yesterday's loss to the Rangers in Mesa snapped the A's 15-game unbeaten streak at Hohokam Stadium (had one tie on Saturday against Milwaukee)...are now 16-2-1 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...the only two losses over that span are on March 8...the pitching staff has a 6.34 ERA, which is second highest in the majors (Baltimore, 7.38)...lead the Cactus League and rank third in the majors in walks (35)...have committed nine errors, which are third most in the CL...are the only team in the majors without a stolen base...have grounded into just four double plays, which is second fewest in the CL...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)...the pitching staff ranked second in the CL in ERA (3.60) and strikeouts (262)...the strikeouts were the most by an A's pitching staff during the spring since at least 1991, topping the 247 from 2014.

**YESTERDAY:** The A's lost to Texas in Mesa by a score of 10-3...Erik Surkamp started and took the loss (2.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...he did not allow a run in the first two innings before being charged with two of the Rangers three runs in the third inning...the A's scored two unearned runs in the bottom of the third when Billy Burns scored on an error and Jed Lowrie had a RBI single...Matt Chapman had a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning, but that would be the A's final run of the game...Liam Hendriks allowed three runs in the fourth inning, Daniel Coulombe tossed a scoreless fifth and Dillon Overton followed with 2.0 scoreless innings...the A's tallied nine hits, including two each by Burns and Yonder Alonso.

**A's vs. WHITE SOX:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...meet again in Mesa March 20...the two clubs split their two meetings last spring, with the A's losing in Mesa on March 8 (10-4) and winning at Glendale on March 28 (10-4).

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Yonder Alonso* has hit safely in each of his four games (5-for-9, .556)...*Franklin Barreto (NR)* has homered in two of his four games and is tied for the Cactus League lead in home runs (2)...*Billy Burns* has back-to-back two-hit games (4-for-5, .800)...*Tyler Ladendorf* is one of two Athletics to play in all six possible games this spring (Smolinski)...*Andrew Lambo* has three two-hit games in five games (6-for-12, .500)...is tied for the CL lead in on-base percentage (.571), tied for fourth in batting (.500) and ranks seventh in slugging (.833)...*Josh Reddick* has two multiple hit games in three contests (4-for-6, .667)...*Jake Smolinski* is one of two Athletics to play in all six possible games this spring (Ladendorf)...*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 Monday 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:** Pitchers and catchers are working out and position players report on Friday...the first workout is scheduled for Saturday, which is also the first day of Triple-A and Double-A games...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   |

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

### #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (14-7, 2.73 ERA with Oakland in 2015)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was named to his first American League All-Star Team last year...went 14-7 with a 2.73 ERA in 31 starts and ranked third in the AL in ERA...also ranked second in opponents slugging percentage (.316) and OPS (.590), third in opponents batting average (.217), fourth in opponents on-base percentage (.273), eighth in innings pitched (208.0) and tied for eighth in wins...the batting average and on-base percentage were seventh lowest in Oakland history and the OPS ranked eighth...finished third in AL Cy Young Award voting...was 10-3 with a 2.04 ERA, .198 opponents batting average and five home runs in 18 starts before the All-Star Break compared to 4-4 with a 3.74 ERA, .244 opponents batting average and 12 home runs in 13 starts after the break...set an Athletics single season record for putouts by a pitcher with 37...did not commit an error in 60 chances, which were the most in the majors and second most in Oakland history (Langford, 62 in 1979) among pitchers with no errors.

### #30 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his second appearance last Sunday at San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so, 1 hb) after allowing two runs in his first appearance...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 by right-handed hitters compared to .450 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 against right-handed hitters compared to .315 against left-handers.

### #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...tossed at least one inning in 37 of his 40 outings, including two or more 16 times.

### #62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Friday against Colorado and allowed a run in the third inning (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...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.

### #53 FELIX DOUBRONT LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Friday, a start and no decision at Arizona (2.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...combined with Toronto and Oakland to go 3-3 with a save and a 5.50 ERA in 16 games, including 12 starts last year...his ERA was fourth highest among American League pitchers with 70 or more innings pitched...allowed a .298 opponents batting average, including .225 (16-for-71) against left-handed hitters compared to .321 (71-for-221) against right-handers...yielded just two extra base hits to lefties for a .282 slugging percentage...surrendered nine of his 10 home runs to righties for a .525 slugging percentage...opponents batted .343 with runners in scoring position and .306 when leading off an inning...tied for 10th in the AL with three pickoffs...went 3-3 with a 5.87 ERA and .311 opponents batting average in his 12 starting assignments...had a 3.86 ERA and .241 opponents average in four relief appearances...surrendered nine of his 10 home runs as a starter...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 1-for-4 (.250).

### #75 EDUARD SANTOS RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has retired all seven batters he has faced this spring (2.2 ip), including his last outing Monday against Kansas City when he picked up the win with a perfect fifth inning (1.0 ip)...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...surrendered just three home runs, an 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 Lacey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-2 with a save and a 1.25 ERA in 20 relief appearances.

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in either of his two appearances, including his last outing Sunday at San Diego (0.2 ip)...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 9 at Chicago (AL)

**White Sox:** RHP Jacob Turner, RHP Chris Beck, RHP Matt Lollis, RHP Daniel Webb, LHP Zach Phillips

### 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

### March 11 at Cincinnati

**A's:** RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, RHP Taylor Thompson  
**Reds:** RHP Jon Moscot

# 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    |
| March 8  | Texas               | L, 3-10 | 3-3-1  | Holland     | Surkamp     | 4,224   | 17,592    |
| DATE     | OPPONENT            | TIME    | RADIO/TV   |             |             |         |           |
| 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 |