



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-3-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (4-1-2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three of the last four games and are now 4-3-1...are 2-1-1 in Mesa and 2-2 on the road...Tuesday'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 leads the Cactus League in most walks (38) and ranks second in strikeouts (76) and highest ERA (5.79)...the A's have committed 11 errors, which is tied with Cincinnati for the most in the CL... have grounded into just five double plays, which is tied for 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)...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 defeated Chicago (AL) at Camelback Ranch, 12-3...collected 19 hits, which were their most in a spring game since March 18, 2014 when they had 20, also against the White Sox...the A's scored in each of the first seven innings, beginning with a RBI single by Danny Valencia in the first inning...Josh Reddick had a two-run triple in the second and Josh Phegley and Joey Wendle had back-to-back RBI doubles in the A's three run third...Oakland scored single runs in the fourth through seventh innings, highlighted by an Andrew Lambo home run to lead off the fifth...Matt Chapman hit a two-run home run in the ninth to complete the A's scoring...Sonny Gray started for the A's and picked up the win (3.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...Felix Doubront followed with 3.0 scoreless innings and Sean Doolittle struck out the side in the seventh...Sam Fuld and Jake Smolinski had three hits each.

A's vs. DODGERS: This is the only meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the two clubs split two meetings last year, with Los Angeles winning at Camelback Ranch on March 16 (10-5) and Oakland winning in Mesa on March 20 (3-2).

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* has hit safely in each of his four games (5-for-9, .556)...*Franklin Barreto (NR)* is tied for the Cactus League lead in home runs (2)...*Billy Burns* has back-to-back two-hit games (4-for-5, .800)...*Matt Chapman* hit his second home run yesterday at Chicago (AL) and is tied for the CL lead in home runs...*Sam Fuld* went 3-for-5 yesterday at Chicago (AL) after starting the spring 0-for-7...*Tyler Ladendorf* is one of two Athletics to play in all seven possible games this spring (Smolinski)...*Andrew Lambo* hit his second home run yesterday at Chicago (AL), which is tied for the CL lead...also ranks fourth in slugging (.875), tied for fourth in total bases (14) and tied for fifth in batting (.438) and on-base percentage (.500)...has three two hit games in six contests...*Josh Reddick* has reached base safely in each of his four games (5-for-9, 2 walks)...*Jake Smolinski* went 3-for-3 yesterday at Chicago (AL) for his first multiple hit game...is one of two Athletics to play in all seven possible games this spring (Ladendorf)...*Danny Valencia* has hit safely and scored a run in each of his four games (5-for-10, .500)...*Stephen Vogt* has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-6, .667)...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.

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 tomorrow...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.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have five players under contract beyond the 2016 season...John Axford and Billy Butler are signed through 2017 while Jed Lowrie is signed through 2017 with a club option for 2018...Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson are signed through 2018 with the A's hold club options on Doolittle for 2019 and 2020...in addition, Coco Crisp has a vesting option for 2017.

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 on the Bob Welch Memorial Bench 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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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #18 RICH HILL LHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...was signed by the A's as a free agent, Nov. 20, 2015...began the 2015 season at Triple-A Syracuse in the Washington organization and finished it by going 2-1 with a 1.55 ERA in four September starts with Boston...the starts were his first as a major leaguer since 2009...struck out 36 batters in 29.0 innings (11.17 per nine innings) and walked just five for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 7.20...allowed a .141 batting average, including .138 with both of his home runs against right-handed hitters compared to .158 against left-handers...yielded a .154 average with runners in scoring position...started the season at Syracuse and was 2-2 with a 2.91 ERA in 25 relief appearances when he was released June 24...went 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in two starts with Long Island of the independent Atlantic League before signing a minor league deal with Boston Aug. 14...compiled a 3-2 record and a 2.78 ERA in five starts with Pawtucket before his promotion to Boston Sept. 8...combined for a 5-4 record and a 2.83 ERA in 30 games with Syracuse and Pawtucket.

HILL'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
March 5	Milwaukee	8-8	-	6.75	1.1	2	1	1	3	1	0	
Totals (1 game, 1 start)				0-0	6.75	1.1	2	1	1	3	1	0

#61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his first appearance on Monday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 bb, 1 so)...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 average, including .258 against lefties and .261 against righties.

#45 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-0, 7.70 ERA)

The non-roster invitee allowed two runs in his last outing Sunday at San Diego (1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 hb, 1 hr) after striking out the side in his first appearance...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...went 3-1 with a 3.50 ERA in nine games, eight starts, for Cibaenas in the Dominican Winter League.

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

Has not allowed a run in either of his two appearances (2.0 ip), including his last outing Sunday at San Diego when he tossed a scoreless fourth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 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 Midland and Nashville...was named to the Texas League Postseason All-Star Team.

#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Retired the side in order in the third inning of his first outing Monday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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, which ranked 10th in the AL...went 2-0 with a 5.40 ERA in nine postseason appearances for the Royals.

#71 SEAN MANAEA LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his spring debut with a start last Friday against Colorado...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 1 bb, 4 so)...was acquired by the A's from Kansas City in the Ben Zobrist deal at the trading deadline last year and went 6-0 with a 1.90 ERA in seven starts with Midland...began the year in extended spring training with the Royals and combined for a 1-1 record and a 3.69 ERA in seven starts with the Royals affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League, Single-A Wilmington and Northwest Arkansas...was 7-1 with a 2.66 ERA and .243 opponents batting average in 14 starts overall...struck out 90 batters in 74.1 innings (10.90 per 9.0 ip)...was named to the AFL Top Prospects Team after going 0-2 with a 3.86 ERA in six starts with Mesa...led the league in strikeouts (33)...was rated as the A's second best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#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)...surrendered just three home runs...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 against left-handed hitters.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 10 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

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, RHP Tim Adleman, LHP Tony Cingrani, RHP J.J. Hoover, LHP Amir Garrett, RHP Ryan Diaz

March 12 at Texas

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Ryan Brasier, LHP Daniel Coulombe
Rangers: RHP Phil Klein, RHP Keone Kela, RHP Tom Wilhelmson

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
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	W, 12-3	4-3-1	Gray	Turner	3,484	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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