



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-4-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (5-4-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 4-4-1, which includes 2-2-1 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 16-3-1 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...the A's have a 6.04 ERA, which is the highest in the Cactus League and second highest in the majors (Baltimore, 7.20)...lead the majors in most walks (44) and rank second in the CL in strikeouts (80)...the A's have committed 14 errors, which is the most in the CL and second most in the majors (Tampa Bay, 15)...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 lost to Los Angeles (NL) in Mesa, 8-3...Rich Hill started for Oakland and allowed five runs in the first inning and single runs in the second and third innings for the loss (2.1 ip, 5 h, 7 r, 7 er, 3 bb, 2 so)...Ryan Madson, John Axford and Ryan Dull all tossed a scoreless inning of relief each and Sean Manaea allowed a run on a hit and two walks in 2.2 innings...Matt Chapman hit a solo home run in the fifth inning to make the score 7-1...the A's then scored twice in the sixth when Danny Valencia homered and Khris Davis scored on a Yonder Alonso grounded into double play...the A's collected 10 hits, including two each by Chris Coghlan and Billy Butler.

A's vs. REDS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...meet again in Mesa March 19...the two clubs split two games last spring, with the A's winning 8-1 in Mesa on March 21 and losing the next day in Goodyear, 4-3.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* has hit safely in each of his five games (6-for-12, .500)...*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 Wednesday at Chicago (AL) and is tied for the CL lead in home runs...*Chris Coghlan* has appeared in two games at second base, two in right field and one in left field...*Coco Crisp* has appeared in four games in center field and one in left field...*Sam Fuld* went 3-for-5 Wednesday at Chicago (AL) after starting the spring 0-for-7...*Tyler Ladendorf* has appeared in five games in center field, one in left field and one at shortstop...*Andrew Lambo* hit his second home run Wednesday at Chicago (AL), which is tied for the CL lead...also ranks tied for third in slugging (.889) and total bases (16), fifth in on-base percentage (.500) and tied for fifth in batting (.444)...*Josh Reddick* has reached base safely in each of his five games (5-for-10, 4 walks)...*Jake Smolinski* went 3-for-3 Wednesday at Chicago (AL) for his first multiple hit game...is the only Athletic to play in all eight possible games this spring...*Danny Valencia* has hit safely and scored a run in each of his five games (6-for-13, .462)...*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 today...the first workout is scheduled for tomorrow, 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 with Donny Baarns calling the action...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

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 #40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...split his first season in the A's organization last year between Oakland and Triple-A Nashville...went 1-8 despite a 3.56 ERA and .244 opponents batting average in 18 games, including 13 starts, over four stints with the A's...his .111 winning percentage was the lowest in the majors among pitchers with at least 10 games started...the last Major League pitcher with at least 10 starts, an ERA under 3.75 and a winning percentage of .111 or less was Zane Smith (Braves and Expos in 1989)...no American League pitcher has done it since 1968 (Rickey Clark with California and Fred Talbot with New York)...received one run of support or fewer in nine of his 13 starts and his overall run support of 3.14 was fifth lowest in the AL among pitchers with 81 or more innings pitched...went 2-7 with a 3.65 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts, in his Triple-A debut with Nashville...yielded just one home run in 69.0 innings...allowed a .230 opponents batting average, including .228 against left-handed hitters compared to .231 against right-handers.

BASSITT'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 6	at San Diego	6-5	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)			0-0	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0

#70 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Pitched the fourth and fifth innings in his first outing of the spring last Saturday against Milwaukee (2.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 3 so)...went 0-2 with a 3.88 ERA in 15 starts with Single-A Stockton last year after missing the first two months of the season as he continued his recovery from May 14, 2014 "Tommy John" surgery...surrendered just three home runs in 48.2 innings...walked eight for an average of 1.48 walks per nine innings...allowed a .286 opponents batting average, including .284 (33-for-116) against right-handed hitters compared to .288 (21-for-73) against left-handers...12 of the 21 hits he allowed to lefties were for extra bases (nine doubles, two triples, one home run)...yielded a .333 batting average with runners in scoring position but that mark dropped to .238 with RISP and two outs...surrendered all three of his home runs at home...compiled a 5.40 ERA in the first and second innings and a 1.77 ERA in the third and fourth innings...made one appearance for Oriente in the Dominican Winter League following the season (2.0 ip, 4 h).

#50 RYAN BRASIER RHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made three appearances...allowed his first run in his last outing Tuesday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er) after not allowing a run over his first two contests (2.0 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.

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

Has not allowed a run in two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Monday against Kansas City when he tossed a scoreless eighth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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 percentage in the American League, ranked second in the majors and was 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 percent-

age against first batters (.179), fifth in slugging percentage (.189) and tied for fifth in batting average.

#35 MARC RZEPczynski LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in either of his two appearances (2.0 ip), including his last outing last Sunday at San Diego when he tossed a scoreless third inning for the win (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...was acquired from San Diego in a five-player trade, Dec. 2, 2015...began the 2015 season with Cleveland and went 2-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 45 games before he was traded to San Diego July 31...logged a 0-1 record and a 7.36 ERA in 27 games with the Padres and combined for a 5.66 ERA in 72 games overall...tossed fewer than one inning in 55 of his 72 appearances and had just 35.0 innings pitched...the only other pitcher in Major League history to appear in 70 or more games and finish with at least twice as many games as innings pitched is Randy Choate (2012 and 2015)...his opponents batting average included a .255 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .372 against right-handers...allowed 17-of-64 (26.6%) inherited runners to score, including 7-of-34 (20.6%) with Cleveland, which was the eighth lowest percentage in the American League.

#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 last 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.

#60 TAYLOR THOMPSON RHP (0-0, 1 save, 5.40 ERA)

The non-roster invitee retired the side in order in the ninth inning for the save in his second outing Monday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 so) after allowing one run and walking four in 0.2 innings in his spring debut...spent most of the 2015 season on the 60-day DL before returning in late July to pitch in 15 games with Stockton and 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 against right-handed hitters compared to .375 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...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 11 at Cincinnati

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, LHP Eric Surkamp, RHP Chris Smith, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Angel Castro, RHP Ryan Doolittle, RHP Eduard Santos

Rangers: RHP Phil Klein, RHP Tom Wilhelmson, RHP Keone Kela, RHP Steve Johnson, RHP Francisco Mendoza, RHP Jose Leclerc

March 13 vs. Chicago (NL)

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, LHP Dillon Overton, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP John Axford, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Ryan Dull

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, LHP Travis Woods

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	
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	I, 3-8	4-4-1	Maeda	Hill	6,304	23,896
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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