



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-4-1) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (7-2-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) — MLB NETWORK (Airs at 1:00 P.M. PDT)

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 5-4-1, which includes 2-2-1 in Mesa and 3-2 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 a week ago today against Milwaukee)...are now 16-3-1 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...the A's have a 5.83 ERA, which is the highest in the Cactus League and second highest in the majors (Baltimore, 7.25)...also lead the CL in most walks (45) and rank third in strikeouts (89)...have committed 15 errors, which is the most in the CL and tied for second most in the majors (Tampa Bay, 18)...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 Cincinnati at Goodyear, 9-4...Chris Bassitt started for Oakland and tossed 3.0 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and one walk while striking out three...he picked up the win after the A's scored four times in the second inning on a RBI single by Renato Nuñez and a three-run home run by Sam Fuld...Oakland added four more runs in the seventh inning on a RBI triple by Fuld, a RBI single by Joey Wendle and a two-run double by Josh Phegley...Bruce Maxwell had a RBI single in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring...Fernando Rodriguez (1.2 ip) and Patrick Schuster (0.1 ip) pitched scoreless relief and Raul Alcantara allowed one run over the final three innings to record the save.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's lost the first contest in Mesa on Tuesday, 10-3...meet again in 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 1-6-1 against the Rangers over the last four springs.

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 hit safely in each of his last four games (6-for-11, .545) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...*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* had three hits yesterday at Cincinnati and has back-to-back multiple hit games (5-for-8, 5 RBI) after starting the spring 0-for-7...*Tyler Ladendorf* has appeared in six games in center field, two 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 (.842) and tied for fourth in total bases (16)...*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 nine 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 reported yesterday...the first full squad workout is scheduled for today...Triple-A and Double-A games also begin today...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 complementary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate.

TRANSACTIONS

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| 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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring... pitched the sixth and seventh innings in his debut last Monday against Kansas City...the rookie right-hander 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 against lefties and .278 against righties...surrendered 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.

GRAVEMAN'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

| Date | Opponent | Score | Dec | ERA | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| March 7 | *Kansas City | 6-4 | - | 4.50 | 2.0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals (2 games, 2 starts) | | | 0-0 | 4.50 | 2.0 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

*indicates relief appearance

#45 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing Thursday against Los Angeles-NL (0.2 ip)... 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, including .231 (31-for-134) against right-handed hitters compared to .258 (23-for-89) against left-handers...issued 16 of his 19 walks to righties...opponents hit .208 with runners in scoring position, including .160 with RISP and two outs...converted 8-of-9 (88.9%) save opportunities... went 3-1 with a 3.50 ERA in nine games, eight starts, for Cibaenas in the Dominican Winter League.

#57 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip) after yielding three runs in his first contest...retired the side in order in the fifth inning in his last appearance Tuesday against Texas (1.0 ip)... 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 (6-for-30) against left-handed hitters compared to .333 (11-for-33) 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 percentage)...spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Dodgers farm system where he went 3-1 with a save, a 3.27 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in 38 relief appearances.

#64 RYAN DOOLITTLE RHP (0-1, 16.88 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has allowed two runs in each of his three appearances, including his last outing Wednesday at Chicago-AL (0.2 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...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.

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

The non-roster invitee has retired all eight batters he has faced in three outings this spring (3.0 ip), including his last outing Thursday against Los Angeles-NL (0.1 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...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.

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

The non-roster invitee has allowed four runs in each of his first two appearances, including his last outing Tuesday against Texas (1.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er)...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.

#48 ERIC SURKAMP RHP (0-1, 6.75 ERA)

Has made two appearances this spring, both starts...his last outing came on Tuesday against Texas when he took the loss (2.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 12 at Texas

Rangers: RHP Phil Klein, RHP Tom Wilhelmsen, 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

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, LHP Travis Woods, RHP Pedro Strop, RHP Hector Rondon, RHP Andury Acevedo, LHP Manny Parra

March 14 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Felix Doubront, RHP Ryan Dull, LHP Marc Rzepczynski

Giants: RHP Johnny Cueto

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 |
| March 11 | at Cincinnati | W, 9-4 | 5-4-1 | Bassitt | Moscot | 3,668 | |
| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME RADIO/TV | | | | | |
| 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 |