

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-5-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (6-8)

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 7:05 P.M. MST CSNCA — A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 5-5-2 this spring...that includes 2-2-2 in Mesa and 3-3 on the road...are 16-3-2 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...Oakland has committed 11 errors in the last five games and has 20 overall, which is the most in the majors and three short of the A's total from the entire spring last year...the pitching staff has issued the most walks (56) in the Cactus League, is tied for the lead in hit batters (8) and has the second highest ERA (6.00)...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...finished with a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...the pitching staff had 262 strikeouts, which 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 and Cubs played to a 3-3 tie here at Hohokam Stadium...Jesse Hahn started for Oakland and allowed two runs in the first inning before tossing a scoreless second and third inning...he allowed three hits and walked a batter while striking out two in 3.0 innings...Liam Hendriks, John Axford and Ryan Madson followed with a scoreless inning of relief each before Sean Doolittle allowed a run in the seventh inning... Dillon Overton closed out the game with two scoreless innings of relief... the A's were shutout on five hits and two walks over the first eight innings before scoring three times in the ninth to tie the game...Franklin Barreto and Tyler Ladendorf had back-to-back RBI singles and Matt Olson followed with a sacrifice fly to make the score 3-3.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the first of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...meet again in Scottsdale on Saturday and a week from today before squaring off three times in the Bay Area at San Francisco (March 31 and April 1) and Oakland (April 2)...the A's went 5-2 against San Francisco last spring, winning two contests at Mesa and two at Scottsdale before splitting two games in San Francisco and losing the final game in Oakland...are now 13-4 over their last 17 games against the Giants

PLAYER NOTES: Yonder Alonso went 0-for-2 yesterday against the Cubs after hitting safely in each of his five games (6-for-12, .500)... Frank-Iin Barreto (NR) is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in home runs (2). **Billy Burns** stole two bases Saturday at Texas...has hit safely in each of his last five games (7-for-13, .538) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest... Billy Butler is 3-for-5 (.600) over his last two games after going 1-for-7 (.243) over his first four contests... Matt Chapman hit his second home run last Wednesday at Chicago (AL) and is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs... Chris Coghlan has appeared in three games at second base, two in right field and one in left field... *Coco Crisp* has appeared in five games in center field and one in left field... *Khris Davis* has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-9, .333) after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests... *Sam Fuld* had three hits last Friday at Cincinnati and is 5-for-10 (.500) with five RBI over his last three games after going 0-for-7 over his first four contests... Tyler Ladendorf has appeared in eight games in center field, two in left field and one at shortstop... Andrew Lambo ranks third in the CL in batting (.429), fifth in on-base percentage (.478), sixth in slugging (.810), tied for ninth in home runs (2) and tied for 10th in total bases (17)...**Jed Lowrie** has hit safely in each of his last four games (5-for-10, ..500) after going 1-for-5 (.200) over his first two...has made all six of his appearances at second base... Josh Phegley has hit safely in each of his last three games (4-for-10, .400) after going 1-for-4 (.250) over his first three contests... Josh Reddick has reached base safely in each of his six games (5-for-12, 5 walks)...is tied for fourth in the CL in walks (5)... **Jake Smolinski** went 3-for-3 last Wednesday at Chicago (AL) for his first multiple hit game...is 5-for-10 (.500) over his last five games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests... Danny Valencia went 0-for-3 yesterday against the Cubs after hitting safely and scoring a run in each of his first five games (6-for-13, .462)...has made all six of his appearances at third base... Stephen Vogt hit his third home run Saturday at Texas, which is tied for second in the CL...two of the home runs came a week ago today against Kansas City...is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (7).

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC QUALIFIERS: The second and third qualifiers for the 2017 World Baseball Classic start this Thursday in Mexicali, Mexico and Panama City, Panama...the qualifiers run through Sunday... A's non-roster invitee catcher Bruce Maxwell has left camp to play for Germany at the Mexico qualifier...three players from the A's minor league

camp are also on WBC Qualifying teams including Andres Avila and Jake Sanchez (Mexico) and Andy Paz (France).

IN CAMP: The A's have 51 active players in camp and one on the 60-day disabled list (Jarrod Parker)...the total includes 37 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 14 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 23 pitchers, six catchers, 14 infielders and eight outfielders.

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 eight broadcasts remaining this spring, including five from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April... the Arizona schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games and tonight's game against the Giants...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 tonight 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, eight remaining games will be televised by MLB Network...four of those will air in the Bay Area (March 22 at LAA, March 23 at SEA, March 25 vs. LAA and March 29 at CHC) and the final three of those will air live (March 22 game airs March 23 at 6:00 am PT).

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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$ 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

- 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
- March 13 Andrew Triggs claimed off waivers from Baltimore; Jarrod Parker placed on the 60-day disabled list (fractured right medial epicondyle); Renato Nuñez and Rangel Ravelo optioned to Nashville; Raul Alcantara optioned to Midland; Daniel Coulombe, Ryan Doolittle, Richie Martin, Dillon Overton, Josh Rodriguez, Chris Smith, Beau Taylor and Taylor Thompson reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (1-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...picked up the win in his first start last Wednesday at Chicago (AL)...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 and five home runs in 18 starts before the All-Star Break compared to 4-4 with a 3.74 ERA 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.

GRAY'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	HR
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	12-3	W	3.00	3.0	3	1	1	1	4	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)			1-0	3.00	3.0	3	1	1	1	4	0

#50 RYAN BRASIER RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has made four appearances...has allowed a run in each of his last two outings, including last Saturday at Texas (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 2 bb) 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 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...allowed a .192 opponents average.

#45 ANGEL CASTRO RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has allowed at least two runs in two of his four appearances, including his last outing Saturday at Texas (1.0 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...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 against righties...went 3-1 with a 3.50 ERA in nine games, eight starts, for Cibaenas in the Dominican Winter League.

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

Has made two appearances, including one start, this spring...tossed 3.0 scoreless innings of relief in his second outing last Wednesday at Chicago-AL (1 h, 6 so) after allowing two runs in two innings in his first appearance, a start on March 4 at Arizona...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.

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

Has not allowed a run in any of his three appearances (3.0 ip), including his last outing Thursday against Los Angeles (NL) when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 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.

#35 MARC RZEPCZYNSKI LHP (1-0, 9.00 ERA)

Did not allow a run in his first two appearances (2.0 ip), but surrendered three runs in the fourth inning of his last outing Friday at Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 so, 1 hr)...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)...struck out 41 batters, marking the first time in his career he finished with more strikeouts than innings pitched... 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.

#75 EDUARD SANTOS RHP (1-0, 2.45 ERA)

The non-roster invitee retired all eight batters he faced over his first three outings before allowing a home run to the first batter he faced in his last outing Saturday at Texas (0.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...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...pitched for Licey 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 or a hit in his three appearances (2.0 ip), including his last outing Friday at Cincinnati (0.1 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 compared to .276 against right-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 14 vs. San Francisco

Giants: RHP Johnny Cueto, RHP Mike Broadway, RHP Cory Gearrin, LHP Ricky Romero, RHP Albert Suarez, RHP Santiago Casilla, LHP Steven Okert, RHP Kyle Crick

March 15 at Colorado

A's: LHP Rich Hill, LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Fernando Rodriguez

Rockies: LHP Jorge De La Rosa, LHP Yohan Flande, RHP Chad Qualls,

LHP Jake McGee

March 16 OFF DAY

RHP Chris Bassitt will pitch in a minor league game at Chicago (NL)

2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	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		
March 12	at Texas	L, 5-14	5-5-1	Klein	Graveman	6,842		
March 13	Chicago (NL)	T, 3-3	5-5-2	_	_	10,040*	33,936	
DATE	OPPONENT	NENT TIME RADIO/TV						
March 14	San Francisco	7	7:05 CSNC	A/95.7 FM T	he Game/A	's Radio Ne	etwork	
March 15	at Colorado	1	1:05					
March 16	OFF DAY							
March 17	Seattle	1	1:05					

DATE March 18	OPPONENT at Cleveland	TIME 1:05	RADIO/TV
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