



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-5-2) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (7-6)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 – SALT RIVER FIELDS – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 6-5-2 this spring...that includes 3-2-2 in Mesa and 3-3 on the road...are 17-3-2 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...the A's hit a spring-high three home runs last night and now have 17 overall, which is tied for fourth in the Cactus League...also rank third in the CL in fewest grounded into double plays (8) and fourth in slugging (.474)...have gone errorless in back-to-back games for the first time this spring...have 20 errors overall, which is tied with Tampa Bay for the most in the majors and is three short of the A's total from the entire spring last year...the pitching staff did not walk a batter for the first time last night...has 56 walks overall, which is second most in the CL...leads the CL in hit batters (9) and has the third highest ERA (5.76)...has three wild pitches in each of the last three games...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 defeated the Giants last night in Mesa by a score of 10-3...Josh Reddick hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the first to give the A's the lead and Sonny Gray retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced before allowing single runs in the fourth and fifth innings...Gray picked up the win, allowing two runs on four hits and no walks in 4.2 innings while striking out four...the A's added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings, the latter coming on a Danny Valencia home run...Billy Burns had a RBI single and Jake Smolinski a sacrifice fly in the A's two-run sixth and Tyler Ladendorf hit a three-run home run in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Ryan Dull and Marc Rzepczynski retired the only two batters they faced and Felix Doubront pitched the final three innings for the save (2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so).

A's vs. ROCKIES: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...Oakland won the first game in Mesa on March (9-4)...the A's won both games last spring with victories at Salt River on March 20 (3-2) and Mesa on March 30 (11-2)...have a four-game winning streak against Colorado are 8-1 against the Rockies over the last five springs.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* had his second multiple hit game yesterday and has hit safely in six of his seven games...*Billy Burns* has hit safely in each of his last six games (9-for-17, .529) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...is now batting .392 (40-for-102) over the last two springs...stole two bases Saturday at Texas and is tied for eighth in the Cactus League with three overall...*Billy Butler* is 3-for-5 (.600) over his last two games after going 1-for-7 (.243) over his first four contests...has appeared in three games at first base and three at designated hitter...*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...*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 nine games in center field, two in left field and one at shortstop...*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 seven games (7-for-16, 5 walks)...is tied for sixth 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-11 (.455) over his last six games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests...has appeared in seven games in right field and six in left field...*Danny Valencia* has hit safely and scored a run in six of his seven games...has made all seven of his appearances at third base...*Stephen Vogt* hit his third home run Saturday at Texas, which is tied for third in the CL.

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 48 active players in camp and one on the 60-day disabled list (Jarrod Parker)...the total includes 34 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 14 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 21 pitchers, six catchers, 13 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 seven broadcasts remaining this spring, including four from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the Arizona schedule includes all remaining Saturday and Sunday games...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 has one remaining game on April 2 against the Giants in Oakland...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, seven 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 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 Alcántara 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
March 14	Andrew Triggs, J.B. Wendelken and Joey Wendle optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #18 RICH HILL LHP (0-1, 19.64 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has allowed eight runs on seven hits and six walks in 3.2 innings over his first two starts...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 Triple-A 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
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	3-8	L	19.64	2.1	5	7	7	3	2	1
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				0-1	19.64	3.2	7	8	8	6	3

#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 on 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 with Los Angeles-AL (0.1 ip, 1 bb).

#71 SEAN MANAEA LHP (1-0, 1.93 ERA)

The non-roster invitee allowed a run in 2.2 innings of relief in his last outing last Thursday against Los Angeles-NL (1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so) after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings in his first outing, a start on March 4 against Colorado (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 Double-A 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 Double-A Northwest Arkansas...was 7-1 with a 2.66 ERA in 14 starts overall...struck out 90 batters in 74.1 innings (10.90 per 9.0 ip)...allowed a .243 opponents batting average, including .198 against right-handed hitters compared to .330 against left-handers...surrendered three of his five home runs to lefties for a .511 slugging percentage...held righties to a mark of .275...pitched for Mesa in the Arizona Fall League following the season and was named to the AFL Top Prospects Team after going 0-2 with a 3.86 ERA in six starts...led the league in strikeouts (33)...was rated as the A's second best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

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

Has not allowed a run in three appearances (3.2 ip), including his last outing last Friday at Cincinnati (1.2 ip, 1 h, 3 so)...opponents are 2-for-12 (.167)...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 percentage against first batters (.179), fifth in slugging percentage (.189) and tied for fifth in batting average...his .200 opponents batting average included a .174 mark against left-handed hitters and .217 with all four of his home runs against right-handers.

#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...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...allowed just 1-of-13 (7.7%) inherited runners to score...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 last 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 (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 15 at Colorado

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)

March 17 vs. Seattle

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, LHP Eric Surkamp, RHP John Axford, RHP Ryan Madson, LHP Sean Doolittle
Mariners: LHP James Paxton, RHP Blake Parker

March 18 at Cleveland

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn
Indians: RHP Josh Tomlin, RHP Trevor Bauer, RHP Bryan Shaw, RHP Cody Allen

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	
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
March 14	San Francisco	W, 10-3	6-5-2	Gray	Cueto	10,080*	44,016
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 15	at Colorado	1:05					
March 16	OFF DAY						
March 17	Seattle	1:05					

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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/CSNBA
April 1	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/NBC
April 2	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network