



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-6-2) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (8-8-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 6-6-2 this spring...that includes 3-2-2 in Mesa and 3-4 on the road...are 17-3-2 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...the A's 14 games played are tied for the fewest in the majors...have gone three straight games without an error but have 20 for the spring, which is tied with the Dodgers for the most in the Cactus League and second most in the majors...the 20 errors are three short of the A's total from the entire spring last year...the pitching staff has issued 62 walks, which is tied with Cleveland for the most in the CL...is tied for the second most hit batters (9) and has the third highest ERA (5.83)...the offense has grounded into nine 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...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 had their lone off day of the spring...on Tuesday, the A's lost to Colorado at Salt River Fields, 6-2...Rich Hill started for the A's and took the loss, allowing five runs on three hits and six walks in 4.0 innings while striking out four...Fernando Rodriguez allowed a run in two innings of relief and Sean Manaea followed with 2.0 scoreless innings (2 h, 3 so)...the A's scored their only runs of the game in the fourth inning when Jake Smolinski singled and scored on a two-run home run by Matt Chapman.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...meet again in Peoria for a night game next Wednesday...last spring, the two clubs split two games with the A's winning 4-3 in Mesa on March 12 and losing 4-0 at Peoria on March 18.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* had his second multiple hit game Monday night against San Francisco 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 last Saturday at Texas and is tied for ninth in the Cactus League with three overall...*Billy Butler* is 3-for-7 (.429) over his last three games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...has appeared in four games at first base and three at designated hitter...*Matt Chapman (NR)* hit his third home run on Tuesday at Colorado, which is tied for seventh in the CL...*Chris Coghlan* has appeared in three games at second base, two in right field and one in left field...*Coco Crisp* has appeared in six games in center field and one in left field...*Sam Fuld* has three multiple hit games in his last four games and is 7-for-13 (.538) over that span after going 0-for-7 over his first four contests...*Tyler Ladendorf* has a four-game hitting streak (4-for-6, .667)...has appeared in nine games in center field, two in left field, one at second base and one at shortstop...*Jed Lowrie* has hit safely in each of his last five games (6-for-13, .462) after going 1-for-5 (.200) over his first two...has made all seven of his appearances at second base...*Josh Reddick* has reached base safely in each of his seven games (7-for-16, 5 walks)...is tied for ninth in the CL in walks (5)...*Jake Smolinski* is 6-for-14 (.429) over his last seven games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests...has appeared in seven games in right field and seven 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 last Saturday at Texas, which is tied for seventh in the CL.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC QUALIFIERS: The second and third qualifiers for the 2017 World Baseball Classic start today 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.

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 added a broadcast for the spring and will now air the March 24 night game against Texas...there are now eight broadcasts remaining this spring, including five from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...in addition to the March 24 game, 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 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
March 14	Andrew Triggs, J.B. Wendelken and Joey Wendle optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (0-1, 7.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring... the start and loss came in his last outing last Saturday at Texas... 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 (61-for-222) against lefties and .278 (65-for-234) 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
March 12	at Texas	5-14	L	7.20	3.0	4	3	3	2	3	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				0-1	7.20	5.0	6	5	4	3	5

*indicates relief appearance

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

Has not allowed a run or a hit in his first three outings, including his last appearance last Sunday against Chicago (NL) when he tossed a scoreless fifth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 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 batting average, which included a .258 (25-for-97) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .261 (31-for-119) against right-handers... first batters faced hit .185 with one extra base hit (double).

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

Has not allowed a run in his first three appearances, including his last outing last Sunday against Chicago (NL) when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 2 h)... 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... ranked seventh in the AL in opponents on-base percentage (.206) and slugging percentage (.215) against first batters faced and was 10th in batting average... went 2-0 with a 5.40 ERA in nine postseason appearances for the World Champion Royals... struck out 15 batters in 8.1 innings (16.20 per nine innings).

#48 ERIC SURKAMP RHP (0-1, 4.50 ERA)

Has made three appearances this spring, including two starts... allowed three runs in 4.0 innings in his two starts before tossing a scoreless fifth and sixth inning in relief in his last outing last Saturday at Texas (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 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 Ange-

les 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, including .244 against right-handed hitters compared to .305 against left-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 17 vs. Seattle

Mariners: LHP James Paxton, RHP Blake Parker, RHP Tony Zych, RHP Joel Peralto, RHP Steve Cishek

March 18 at Cleveland

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP R.J. Alvarez

Indians: RHP Josh Tomlin, RHP Trevor Bauer, RHP Bryan Shaw, RHP Cody Allen

March 19 vs. Cincinnati (SS)

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Fernando Rodriguez

Reds: RHP Raisel Iglesias

March 19 at San Francisco

A's: LHP Felix Doubront, RHP Ryan Dull, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Marc Rzepczynski

Giants: TBA

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
March 15	at Colorado	L, 2-6	6-6-2	DeLaRosa	Hill	8,207	
March 16	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 17	Seattle	1:05					

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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	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
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