



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-7-3) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (9-9-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 1-3-2 over their last six games and are now 6-7-3 overall...it marks the third time in the last four years the A's have at least three ties (13 ties total)...are 3-2-3 in Mesa and 3-5 on the road...are 17-3-3 at Hohokam since returning to Mesa last year...the A's 16 games played are tied for the fewest in the majors...the pitching staff leads the Cactus League and ranks third in the majors in most walks (74)...has the second highest ERA in the CL (6.15) and third highest in the majors...the A's have committed just one error in the last five games but have 21 over-all, which is tied for second most in the CL and two short of the A's total from the entire spring last year...the offense ranks fourth in the CL in slugging (.477)...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 lost to the Indians at Goodyear, 10-8...Mark Canha had a two-run double in the first inning but Jesse Hahn allowed two runs in the bottom of the first...those were the only runs Hahn would allow in four innings of work (4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 5 so)...Eric Sogard had a RBI double in the second inning and Josh Phegley added a solo home run in the fifth to make the score 4-2...however, R.J. Alvarez and Seth Frankoff combined to allow eight runs in the bottom of the fifth to put Cleveland on top 10-4...Eric Surkamp closed out the game with three scoreless innings of relief (1 h, 1 bb, 4 so)...Oakland scored four times in the ninth inning on a three-run home run by Franklin Barreto and a RBI single by Wade Kirkland.

A's vs. REDS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Reds this spring...Oakland won the first game at Goodyear on March 11 by a score of 9-4...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: *Franklin Barreto* had a pinch hit three-run home run in the ninth inning yesterday at Cleveland...three of his five hits are home runs and he is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in homers...*Billy Burns* has hit safely in each of his last seven games (10-for-21, .476) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...is now batting .387 (41-for-106) over the last two springs...stole two bases a week ago today at Texas...*Billy Butler* is 4-for-10 (.400) over his last four games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...has appeared in four games at first base and four at designated hitter...*Matt Chapman (NR)* hit his third home run on Tuesday at Colorado, which is tied for ninth in the CL...*Chris Coghlan* is 5-for-15 (.333) over his last five games after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first four contests...has appeared in four games at second base, two in right field, one in center field and one in left field...*Coco Crisp* has appeared in seven games in center field and one in left field...*Sam Fuld* has three multiple hit games in his last five games and is 8-for-16 (.500) over that span after going 0-for-7 over his first four contests...*Tyler Ladendorf* has a five-game hitting streak (5-for-7, .714)...has appeared in nine games in center field, two in left field, two at second base and one at shortstop...*Andrew Lambo* had his fourth multiple hit game yesterday and is now batting .407, which ranks sixth in the CL...also ranks fifth in on-base percentage (.467) and 10th in slugging (.704)...*Jed Lowrie* had two doubles Thursday against Seattle and has four overall, which is tied for sixth in the CL...has hit safely in each of his last six games (8-for-17, .471) after going 1-for-5 (.200) over his first two...has made all eight of his appearances at second base...*Max Muncy* went 2-for-3 yesterday at Cleveland after going 3-for-20 (.150) over his first 13 games...has appeared in 10 games at third base, two at second base and one at first base...*Chad Pinder* is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last five games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first five contests...*Josh Reddick* has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-7, .571) and has reached base safely in each of his eight games...is tied for eighth in the CL in walks (6)...*Jake Smolinski* is 6-for-16 (.375) over his last nine games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests...*Danny Valencia* has homered in three of his last four games and is tied for ninth in the CL in home runs (3)...has hit safely and scored a run in seven of his eight games...has made all eight of his appearances at third base...*Stephen Vogt* hit his third home run a week ago today at Texas, which is tied for ninth in the CL.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC QUALIFIERS: The second and third qualifiers for the 2017 World Baseball Classic began Thursday in Mexicali,

Mexico and Panama City, Panama...A's non-roster invitee Bruce Maxwell went 4-for-8 (.500) with a home run, walk and four RBI in two starts at catcher for Germany, which lost both of its games and was eliminated yesterday...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.

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 #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (2-0, 3.52 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has picked up the win in each of his first two starts and is tied for the Cactus League lead in wins... 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, .198 opponents batting average and five home runs in 18 starts before the All-Star Break compared to 4-4 with a 3.74 ERA, .244 opponents batting average 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	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	12-3	W	3.00	3.0	3	1	1	1	4	0
March 14	San Francisco	10-3	W	3.52	4.2	4	2	2	0	4	1
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				2-0	3.52	7.2	7	3	3	1	8

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

Has not allowed a run in his first four outings (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Thursday against Seattle when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...opponents are 1-for-13 (.077)...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 four appearances (4.0 ip), including his last outing Thursday against Seattle when he tossed a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 so)...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).

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 1.59 ERA)

Began the spring with three scoreless appearances (3.2 ip), but then allowed a run in the fifth inning of his last outing last Tuesday at Colorado (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so)...has not walked a batter and has nine strikeouts in 5.2 innings...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.

#35 MARC RZEP CZYNSKI LHP (1-0, 7.36 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his first four appearances, including his last outing last Monday night against San Francisco when he retired the only two batters he faced...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, including 7-of-34 (20.6%) with Cleveland, which was the eighth lowest percentage in the American League...his 64 inherited runners were second most in the majors (Ramos, LAA 66).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 19 vs. Cincinnati (SS)

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

Reds: RHP Raisel Iglesias, RHP Tim Lincecum, RHP Caleb Cotham, RHP Blake Wood, LHP Tony Cingrani

March 19 at San Francisco (SS)

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

Giants: LHP Madison Bumgarner, RHP Clayton Blackburn, LHP Ricky Romero, RHP George Kontos, LHP Javier Lopez, RHP Santiago Casilla, RHP Mike Broadway

March 20 vs. Chicago (AL)

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Eduard Santos, RHP Ryan Brasier

White Sox: RHP Jacob Turner, RHP Carson Fulmer

March 21 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt

Giants: TBA

2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 2-8	0-1	Morin	R.Doolittle	4,071		March 19	Cincinnati (SS)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 4	Colorado	W, 9-4	1-1	Manaea	Carle	3,535	3,535		at San Francisco (SS)	1:05	
	at Arizona	L, 3-6	1-2	Wagner	Smith	9,875		March 20	Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 5	Milwaukee	T, 8-8	1-2-1	—	—	5,218	8,753	March 21	at San Francisco	1:05	
March 6	at San Diego	W, 6-5	2-2-1	Rzepczynski	Perdomo	5,339		March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (airs March 23 at 6am PT)
March 7	Kansas City	W, 6-4	3-2-1	Santos	Binford	4,615	13,368	March 23	at Seattle	7:10	MLBN
March 8	Texas	L, 3-10	3-3-1	Holland	Surkamp	4,224	17,592	March 24	Texas	7:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	W, 12-3	4-3-1	Gray	Turner	3,484		March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	I, 3-8	4-4-1	Maeda	Hill	6,304	23,896	March 26	at Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 11	at Cincinnati	W, 9-4	5-4-1	Bassitt	Moscot	3,668		March 27	Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 12	at Texas	L, 5-14	5-5-1	Klein	Graveman	6,842		March 28	Cleveland	1:05	
March 13	Chicago (NL)	T, 3-3	5-5-2	—	—	10,040*	33,936	March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	MLBN
March 14	San Francisco	W, 10-3	6-5-2	Gray	Cueto	10,080*	44,016	March 30	Arizona	12:05	
March 15	at Colorado	L, 2-6	6-6-2	DeLaRosa	Hill	8,207		March 31	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA
March 16	OFF DAY							April 1	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/NBC
March 17	Seattle	T, 11-11	6-6-3	—	—	9,086	53,102	April 2	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 18	at Cleveland	L, 8-10	6-7-3	Adams	Alvarez	5,442					