

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-8-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (9-11)

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's are 8-8-3 this spring, which includes 4-3-3 in Mesa and 4-5 on the road...this marks the third time in the last four years the A's have played at least three tie games (13 ties total)...the A's have committed seven errors in the last three games and have a Major League leading 28 overall...that is five more than their total for the entire spring last year...the pitching staff has issued 82 walks, which is the most in the majors...have the third highest ERA in the Cactus League (5.80)...the last time Oakland finished the spring with an ERA above 5.66 was in 1999 (6.22)...the offense ranks fourth in the CL in slugging (.476), walks (69) and fewest strikeouts (135), tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.354) and doubles (42) and fifth in batting (.287) and runs (118)...have the second fewest stolen bases (9)...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 Chicago White Sox in Mesa, 6-2...Sean Manaea started for the A's and allowed two runs in the top of the first, but the A's came back with single runs in the first and second to tie game... Danny Valencia had a RBI double in the first and Matt Olson a RBI single in the second, but those were the only runs the A's would score...Manaea allowed just the two runs on five hits and two walks while striking out seven in 3.2 innings...Chicago scored a run off Angel Castro in the sixth inning to take the lead for good.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the third of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first two games, winning 10-3 in Mesa a week ago today and 9-1 at Scottsdale on Saturday...meet again 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 15-4 over their last 19 spring games against the Giants

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* had his third two-hit game Saturday at San Francisco and is batting .440 overall...*Carson Blair (NR)* is 0-for-7 over his last six games after going 3-for-8 (.375) over his first four...*Billy* Burns has hit safely in each of his last eight games (11-for-24, .458) after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...is now batting .385 (42-for-109) over the last two springs...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (4)... Billy Butler hit his first home run Saturday at San Francisco and is 6-for-15 (.400) over his last six games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...has appeared in six games at designated hitter and four at first base... *Mark Canha* has appeared in two games at first base and two in left field... Matt Chapman (NR) is 3-for-14 (.214) over his last six games after going 4-for-12 (.333) over his first seven contests... Chris Coghlan has appeared in five games at second base, two in right field, one in center field and one in left field... Coco Crisp is 4-for-13 (.308) over his last four games after going 1-for-16 (.063) over his first six contests... has appeared in nine games in center field and one in left field... *Khris* Davis has appeared exclusively in left field on defense... Sam Fuld will miss the rest of the spring with sprained left shoulder...had four multiple hit games over his final six games (10-for-18, .556) and batted .417 in 10 games overall... Andrew Lambo had his fourth multiple hit game last Friday at Cleveland...has appeared in 11 games in left field and three in right field... Jed Lowrie went 0-for-2 yesterday against Chicago (AL) after hitting safely in each of his previous seven contests (9-for-19, .474)...has five doubles in his last six games and is tied for third in the CL in doubles (5)...has made all 10 of his appearances at second base... Bruce Maxwell (NR) played for Germany in the World Baseball Classic qualifier in Mexico last Thursday and Friday and went 4-for-8 (.500) with a home run, walk and four RBI in two starts at catcher... Matt McBride (NR) is 1-for-3 (.333) over his last two games after going 0-for-8 over his first seven contests...has appeared in five games at catcher and three in right field... *Josh Phegley* had his second multiple hit game Saturday at San Francisco and is 3-for-7 (.429) over his last two games... Josh Reddick is 6-for-12 (.500) over his last four games and has reached base safely in each of his 10 contests...is tied for sixth in the CL in walks (7)... Marcus Semien is 3-for-18 (.167) over his last six games after going 3-for-9 (.333) over his first four contests...

Jake Smolinski is 8-for-20 (.400) over his last 10 games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests...is tied for eighth in the CL in doubles (4)...Eric Sogard has appeared in seven games at shortstop and two at second base...Danny Valencia has homered in four of his last six games and has hit safely in nine of his 10 contests...is tied for the CL lead in home runs (4), tied for fifth in runs (9) and tied for seventh in RBI (10)...has made all 10 of his appearances at third base...Stephen Vogt is 1-for-10 (.500) over his last four games after going 6-for-11 (.545) with three home runs and seven RBI over his first five contests.

IN CAMP: The A's have 39 active players in camp and one on the 60-day disabled list (Jarrod Parker)...the total includes 32 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and seven non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, five catchers, eight infielders and eight outfielders.

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 night game against Texas on Thursday...there are now seven broadcasts remaining this spring, including three from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the remaining Arizona schedule includes this Thursday, Saturday and Sunday...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
- March 20 Bryan Anderson, Franklin Barreto, Ryan Brasier, Angel Castro, Matt Olson, Chad Pinder and Eduard Santos reassigned to minor league camp
- March 21 Tyler Ladendorf and Max Muncy optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...also pitched in a Triple-A game against the Cubs March 16...has not allowed a run in his first two starts (5.0 ip) and opponents are 2-for-17 (.118)...split his first season in the A's organization last year between Oakland and Triple-A Nashville. went 1-8 despite a 3.56 ERA and .244 opponents batting average in 18 games, including 13 starts, over four stints with the A's...his .111 winning percentage was the lowest in the majors among pitchers with at least 10 games started...the last Major League pitcher with at least 10 starts, an ERA under 3.75 and a winning percentage of .111 or less was Zane Smith (Braves and Expos in 1989)...no American League pitcher has done it since 1968 (Rickey Clark with California and Fred Talbot with New York). received one run of support or fewer in nine of his 13 starts and his overall run support of 3.14 was fifth lowest in the AL among pitchers with 81 or more innings pitched...went 2-7 with a 3.65 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts, in his Triple-A debut with Nashville...yielded just one home run in 69.0 innings...allowed a .230 opponents batting average, including .228 against left-handed hitters compared to .231 against right-handers.

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Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	HR
March 6	at San Diego	6-5	_	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
March 11	at Cincinnati	9-4	W	0.00	3.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)			1-0	0.00	5.0	2	0	0	2	4	0

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 1.35 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his five appearances, including his last outing Saturday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 1 so)...has not walked a batter in 6.2 innings and has struck out 10...opponents are 4-for-23 (.174)... 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.

#74 PATRICK SCHUSTER LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or a hit in his five appearances (3.2 ip), including his last outing Saturday at San Francisco when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 0-for-11...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 21 at San Francisco Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija

March 22 at Los Angeles (AL)

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Ryan Dull, LHP Marc Rzepczynski

Angels: LHP Hector Santiago

March 23 at Seattle

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, LHP Eric Surkamp

Mariners: RHP Nathan Karns

2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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 UM. DATE OPPONENT SCORE RECORD WINNER LOSER ATTEND. CUM. March 19 Cincinnati W, 7-6 7-7-3 Walter Wood 6,769 59,871 at San Francisco W, 9-1 8-7-3 Doubront Bumgarner 12,095
March 4 Colorado W, 9-4 1-1 Manaea Carle 3,535 3,535 at San Francisco W, 9-1 8-7-3 Doubront Bumgarner 12,095
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at Arizona L, 3-6 1-2 Wagner Smith 9,875 March 20 Chicago (AL) L, 2-6 8-8-3 Fulmer Castro 7,668 67,539
March 5 Milwaukee T, 8-8 1-2-1 — — 5,218 8,753 DATE OPPONENT TIME RADIO/TV
March 6 at San Diego W, 6-5 2-2-1 Rzepczynski Perdomo 5,339 March 21 at San Francisco 1:05
March 7 Kansas City W, 6-4 3-2-1 Santos Binford 4,615 13,368 March 22 at Los Angeles (AL) 1:05 MLBN (airs March 23 at 6am PT)
March 8 Texas L, 3-10 3-3-1 Holland Surkamp 4,224 17,592 March 23 at Seattle 7:10 MLBN
March 9 at Chicago (AL) W, 12-3 4-3-1 Gray Turner 3,484 March 24 Texas 7:05 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 10 Los Angeles (NL) I, 3-8 4-4-1 Maeda Hill 6,304 23,896 March 25 Los Angeles (AL) 1:05 MLBN
March 11 at Cincinnati W, 9-4 5-4-1 Bassitt Moscot 3,668 March 26 at 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 <u>March 27 Kansas City 1:05 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network</u>
March 13 Chicago (NL) T, 3-3 5-5-2 — — 10,040* 33,936 March 28 Cleveland 1:05
March 14 San Francisco W, 10-3 6-5-2 Gray Cueto 10,080* 44,016 March 29 at Chicago (NL) 1:05 MLBN
March 15 at Colorado L, 2-6 6-6-2 DeLaRosa Hill 8,207 March 30 Arizona 12:05
March 16 OFF DAY March 31 San Francisco (at SF) 7:15 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA
March 17 Seattle T, 11-11 6-6-3 — 9,086 53,102 April 1 San Francisco (at SF) 7:15 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/NBC
March 18 at Cleveland L, 8-10 6-7-3 Adams Alvarez 5,442 April 2 San Francisco (at Oak) 1:05 CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network