



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-9-3) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (12-10-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 7:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four of their last six games...have not been more than one game over .500 or one game under .500 all spring...are 10-9-3, which includes 4-3-3 in Mesa and 6-6 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)...have committed 10 errors in the last six games and have a Major League leading 31 overall...that is eight more than their total for the entire spring last year...the pitching staff has issued 94 walks, which is the most in the majors...have a 6.03 ERA, which is second highest in the Cactus League (Cincinnati, 6.07) and third highest in the majors (Baltimore, 6.36)...the last time Oakland finished the spring with an ERA above 5.66 was in 1999 (6.22)...the A's scored a spring-high 13 runs yesterday and have 142 overall, which ranks third in the CL...also rank third in the CL in slugging (.480) and fourth in batting (.290), on-base percentage (.356) and fewest strikeouts (158)...have the 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.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the Mariners last night at Peoria, 13-12...Oakland trailed 7-5 after two innings but scored four times in the third on a RBI double by Billy Butler and a three-run home run by Jake Smolinski...Seattle scored five times in the fifth to take an 11-9 lead but the A's came back with four in the sixth to take the lead for good...Butler had a RBI double, Bruce Maxwell and Jake Smolinski had back-to-back bases loaded walks and Eric Sogard had a RBI single...Jesse Hahn started for the A's (1.2 ip, 8 h, 7 r, 7 er, 2 bb, 2 so) and Eric Surkamp picked up the win in relief (4.0 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 5 so)...Chris Coghlan paced the A's 14-hit, eight-walk attack with three hits and a walk.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the third and final meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...Oakland has lost the first two games, dropping a 10-3 decision in Mesa March 8 and a 14-5 game at Surprise March 12...last spring, the A's split two meetings, losing at Surprise 4-1 on March 9 and winning 7-6 at Hohokam March 27...are 1-7-1 against the Rangers over the last four springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Yonder Alonso** is 0-for-6 over his last two games after hitting .440 over his first 10 contests...**Carson Blair (NR)** is 1-for-8 (.125) over his last seven games after going 3-for-8 (.375) over his first four contests...**Billy Burns** has hit safely in nine of his last 10 games (13-for-30, .433) and is now batting .383 (44-for-115) over the last two springs...is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (4)...**Billy Butler** is 9-for-23 (.391) over his last eight games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and five at first base...**Mark Canha** has appeared in three games in left field, two at first base and one in center field (last night at Seattle)...**Matt Chapman (NR)** hit his fourth home run Monday at San Francisco, which is tied for fourth in the CL...**Chris Coghlan** had three hits last night at Seattle and is now 9-for-24 (.375) over his last eight games after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first four contests...has appeared in six games at second base, two in right field and one each in center field, left field and third base...**Coco Crisp** has appeared in nine games in center field and two in left field...**Khris Davis** is 4-for-13 (.308) over his last four games after going 4-for-22 (.182) over his first eight contests...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...is tied for seventh in the CL in on-base percentage (.415)...has appeared in 11 games in left field and three in right field...**Jed Lowrie** has hit safely in eight of his last nine games (11-for-24, .458)...six of his last eight hits are for extra bases (five doubles, one triple) and he is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (5)...has made all 11 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-5 (.200) over his last three games after going 0-for-8 over his first seven contests...has appeared in five games at catcher, three in right field and two at first base...**Josh Phegley** had his third two-hit game last night and is now 5-for-13 (.385) over his last four games...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his last five games (7-for-15, .467) and has reached base safely in each of his 11 contests...is tied for sixth in the CL in walks

(7)...**Marcus Semien** is 6-for-27 (.222) over his last eight games after going 3-for-9 (.333) over his first four contests...**Jake Smolinski** hit his first home run of the spring last night at Seattle and drove in four runs...is 10-for-27 (.370) over his last 13 games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in nine games at shortstop and three at second base...**Danny Valencia** homered Tuesday at Los Angeles (AL) for the fifth time in his last seven games and is tied for the CL lead with five home runs...is also tied for fifth in total bases (31), tied for seventh in runs (10) and tied for eighth in RBI (11)...has hit safely in each of his last five games (7-for-15, .467) and 10 of 11 overall...has made all 11 of his appearances at third base...**Stephen Vogt** is 2-for-13 (.154) over his last five games after going 6-for-11 (.545) with three home runs and seven RBI over his first five contests...has struck out just once in 28 plate appearances this spring

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 six broadcasts remaining, including tonight, Saturday, Sunday and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...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 that telecast...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, two of the remaining games will air in the Bay Area live on MLB Network, including Friday against the Angels and next Tuesday against the Cubs.

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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #53 FELIX DOUBRONT LHP (1-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and third start of the spring... has surrendered just two runs on eight hits and a walk over his last three outings (10.0 ip, 1.80 ERA)...has walked just two batters in 12.0 innings overall...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...surrendered nine of his 10 home runs as a starter...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 1-for-4 (.250).

DOUBRONT'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 4	at Arizona	3-6	-	9.00	2.0	5	2	2	1	1	1
*March 9	at Chicago (AL)	12-3	-	3.60	3.0	1	0	0	0	6	0
*March 14	San Francisco	10-3	S	3.38	3.0	2	1	1	0	2	0
March 19	at San Francisco	9-1	W	3.00	4.0	5	1	1	1	2	0
Totals (4 games, 2 starts)				1-0	3.00	12.0	13	4	4	2	11

**indicates relief appearance*

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his five appearances, including last night at Seattle when he retired the side in order in the fourth inning...was acquired from Toronto for Jesse Chavez, Nov. 20, 2015...pitched exclusively in relief for the first time in his career last year and was 5-0 with a 2.92 ERA in 58 games with Toronto...had career highs in games, strikeouts (71) and wins...his ERA was a career low as was his .240 opponents batting average, .276 on-base percentage and .329 slugging percentage...issued 11 walks in 64.2 innings and his average of 1.53 walks per nine innings ranked eighth lowest among American League relievers...struck out 71 and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 6.45 ranked fourth...also tied for ninth in wins...his opponents batting average included a .207 (29-for-140) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 (30-for-106) against left-handers...entered the season with a .328 career average against righties...allowed a .179 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs...allowed 9-of-30 (30.0%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 13-for-53 (.245) with four walks and a hit by pitch (.310 on-base percentage).

#35 MARC RZEPZYNSKI LHP (1-0, 6.23 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his five appearances, including his last outing Sunday against Chicago-AL (0.2 ip, 1 h)...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).

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or a hit in his six appearances (4.2 ip), including his last outing Monday at San Francisco when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning (1.0 ip, 2 so)...opponents are 0-for-14...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 24 vs. Texas

Rangers: RHP A.J. Griffin, LHP Cesar Ramos, RHP Chad Smith

March 25 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

A's: LHP Rich Hill, LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Fernando Rodriguez

Angels: RHP Jered Weaver, RHP Yunesky Maya, RHP Fernando Salas, RHP Cory Rasmus, LHP Greg Mahle

March 26 at Kansas City

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP Ryan Dull, LHP Patrick Schuster

Royals: RHP Chien-Ming Wang

March 27 vs. Kansas City

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman

Royals: RHP Chris Young

2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	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 19	Cincinnati	W, 7-6	7-7-3	Walter	Wood	6,769	59,871
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	
	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	March 21	at San Francisco	W, 6-4	9-8-3	Bassitt	Samardzija	12,056	
March 6	at San Diego	W, 6-5	2-2-1	Rzepczynski	Perdomo	5,339		March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 5-6	9-9-3	Achter	Bassitt	7,530	
March 7	Kansas City	W, 6-4	3-2-1	Santos	Binford	4,615	13,368	March 23	at Seattle	W, 13-12	10-9-3	Surkamp	Peralta	10,014	
March 8	Texas	L, 3-10	3-3-1	Holland	Surkamp	4,224	17,592	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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		March 27	Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM	The Game/A's Radio Network			
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			