



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-11-3) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (11-16)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have lost three of the last four games and are 10-11-3, which includes 4-5-3 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 not been more than one game over .500 or one game under .500 all spring...have finished with a winning record in each of the previous four springs...committed four errors yesterday, have seven in the last two games and 17 in the last eight...have a Major League leading 38 overall, which are the most by an A's team during the spring since 2002 (44)...the pitching staff has allowed 35 runs on 42 hits over the last three games and has a 6.45 ERA for the spring, which is second highest in the majors to San Francisco (6.56)...since 1990, the first year data is available, the A's highest spring training ERA is 6.22 in 1999...starting pitchers have a 7.70 ERA (63 er in 73.2 ip) compared to 5.78 (88 er in 137.0 ip) by relievers...A's pitchers lead the majors with 104 walks...the offense is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in fewest strikeouts (173) and tied for fifth in slugging (.475) and on-base percentage (.350)...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.

**YESTERDAY:** The A's lost to the Angels in Mesa, 11-3...Sean Manaea started for the A's and took the loss, allowing a run in the first, three more in the second and an unearned run in the fourth (4.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...Fernando Rodriguez, John Axford and Ryan Madson followed with a scoreless inning of relief each but three minor leaguers allowed six runs over the final two innings...Bruce Maxwell hit a solo home run in the third inning, Jed Lowrie had a RBI double in the fourth and Coco Crisp homered in the fifth to account for the A's three runs.

**A's vs. ROYALS:** This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's won the first game in Mesa on March 7, 6-4...square off again in Mesa tomorrow...met just once last spring, an 8-4 A's loss at Surprise March 14...over the last nine springs, the A's are 1-0 in Mesa, 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 0-7-1 at Surprise...have not defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10).

**PLAYER NOTES:** *Yonder Alonso* is 0-for-11 over his last four games after hitting .440 over his first 10 contests...*Carson Blair (NR)* is 1-for-9 (.111) over his last eight games after going 3-for-8 (.375) over his first four contests...*Billy Burns* has hit safely in 10 of his last 11 games (14-for-33, .424) and is now batting .381 (45-for-118) over the last two springs...is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in stolen bases (4)...*Billy Butler* is 9-for-25 (.360) over his last nine games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...is tied for seventh in the CL in walks (8)...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter and five at first base...*Mark Canha* is 2-for-14 (.143) over his last four games after going 4-for-12 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in four games in left field, two at first base and one in center field (Wednesday night at Seattle)...*Matt Chapman (NR)* is 0-for-1 with three walks over his last four games...hit his fourth home run last Monday at San Francisco, which is tied for fifth in the CL...*Chris Coghlan* had three hits Thursday night at Seattle and is 9-for-27 (.333) over his last nine games after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first four contests...has appeared in seven games at second base, two in right field and one each in center field, left field and third base...*Coco Crisp* hit his first home run yesterday against Los Angeles (AL) and is now 5-for-22 (.227) over his last seven games after going 1-for-16 (.063) over his first six contests...has appeared in 10 games in center field and two in left field...*Khris Davis* had his first home run and first multiple hit game of the spring Thursday night against Texas...is now 6-for-15 (.400) over his last five 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* is 2-for-11 (.182) over his last five games...has appeared in 11 games in left field and three in right field...*Jed Lowrie* had his second two-double game yesterday and now has seven doubles for the spring, which is tied for second in the CL...eight of his last 10 hits are for extra bases (seven doubles, one triples)...has hit safely in 10 of his last 11 games (14-for-28, .500)...has appeared in 12 games at second base and one at shortstop (Thursday)...*Bruce Maxwell (NR)* hit his second home run yesterday against Los Angeles(AL)...played for Germany in the World

Baseball Classic qualifier in Mexico last week 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-15 (.067) this spring...has appeared in five games at catcher, four at first base and three in right field...*Josh Phegley* had his third two-hit game Wednesday night at Seattle and is now 5-for-13 (.385) over his last four games...*Josh Reddick* has hit safely in each of his last seven games (9-for-21, .429) and has reached base safely in each of his 13 contests...is tied for 10th in the CL in walks (7)...*Marcus Semien* is 6-for-30 (.200) over his last nine games after going 3-for-9 (.333) over his first four contests...*Jake Smolinski* is 11-for-30 (.367) over his last 15 games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five contests...hit his first home run of the spring Wednesday night at Seattle and drove in four runs...*Eric Sogard* is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last three games after going 4-for-20 (.200) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop and three at second base...*Danny Valencia* has homered five times in his last nine games and is tied for second in the CL in home runs (5)...is also tied for ninth in total bases (31)...has made all 13 of his appearances at third base...*Stephen Vogt* is 2-for-15 (.133) over his last six 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 30 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.

**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 five broadcasts remaining, including today and tomorrow in addition to all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area next week...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, one remaining game will air in the Bay Area live on MLB Network: Tuesday against the Cubs.

#### 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 (2-0, 3.48 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...also pitched in a Triple-A game against the Cubs March 16...is tied for fourth in the Cactus league in wins (2)...allowed four runs in his last start after allowing no runs over his first two (5.0 ip)...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.

### BASSITT'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	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
March 21	at San Francisco	6-4	W	3.48	5.1	8	4	4	1	4	1
<b>Totals (3 games, 3 starts)</b>				<b>2-0</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

## #62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing March 13 against the Cubs (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 hr)...missed 121 games last year due to two stints on the disabled list...began the season on the 15-day DL with a strained left rotator cuff...was reinstated May 26 and pitched the next day against Detroit before returning to the DL May 30 retroactive to May 28 with a strained left shoulder...was transferred to the 60-day DL June 13 and was reinstated Aug. 22...went 1-0 with four saves, a blown save and a 3.95 ERA in 12 relief appearances overall...opponents hit .235, including .225 by right-handed hitters compared to .273 by left-handers...surrendered just one home run in 13.2 innings...first batters faced were 1-for-11 (.091) with a walk (.167 on-base pct.)...they are now batting .180 with eight walks and a sacrifice fly (.214 on-base pct.) in his career...the on-base percentage is fifth lowest in the majors dating back to his rookie season of 2012 (min. 150 batters faced)...allowed his only inherited runner to score but has allowed just 8-of-67 (11.9%) to score in his career...that is second lowest in the majors since 2012 (min. 60 inherited runners).

## #66 RYAN DULL RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in any of his six appearances (7.1 ip) and has not surrendered a hit in his last five (6.1 ip)...last pitched on Tuesday at Los Angeles (AL) and retired all five batters that he faced (1.2 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 2-for-26 (.077)...made his Triple-A and Major League debut last year, earning a September call-up with Oakland...went 1-2 with a save and a 4.24 ERA in 13 games with the A's...began his career with an eight-game, 11.0-inning scoreless streak...that tied for the sixth longest career-opening scoreless streak in Oakland history...held the opposition to a .203 batting average but yielded a .441 slugging percentage as six of the 12 hits he allowed were for extra bases...surrendered four home runs in 17.0 innings after yielding just two home runs in 61.0 innings in the minors...his opponents batting average included a mark of .167 against left-handed hitters compared to .229 against right-handers...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year after combining for a 3-2 record, 12 saves and a 0.74 ERA in a career-high 47 relief appearances with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Nashville...was named to the Texas League Midseason and Postseason All-Star Teams...opponents hit .180, including .117 by right-handed hitters compared to .270 by left-handers.

## #33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 0.96 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in six of his seven appearances, including his last outing yesterday against Los Angeles (AL) when he tossed a scoreless fifth inning (1.0 ip, 1 hbp)...has not walked a batter in 9.1 innings and has struck out 11...opponents are 5-for-32 (.156)...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.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### March 26 at Kansas City

**Royals:** RHP Chien-Ming Wang, LHP Danny Duffy, LHP Brian Duensing, LHP David Huff, RHP Peter Moylan

#### March 27 vs. Kansas City

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

**Royals:** RHP Chris Young, RHP Wade Davis, RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Joakim Soria

#### March 28 vs. Cleveland

**A's:** RHP Jesse Hahn, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP John Axford, RHP Ryan Madson

**Indians:** RHP Danny Salazar, RHP Zach McAllister, RHP Bryan Shaw, RHP Joba Chamberlain

#### March 29 at Chicago (NL)

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray

**Cubs:** RHP Jake Arrieta

# 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						
March 17	Seattle	T, 11-11	6-6-3	—	—	9,086	53,102
March 18	at Cleveland	L, 8-10	6-7-3	Adams	Alvarez	5,442	

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME 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 20	Chicago (AL)	L, 2-6	8-8-3	Fulmer	Castro	7,668	67,539
March 21	at San Francisco	W, 6-4	9-8-3	Bassitt	Samardzija	12,056	
March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 5-6	9-9-3	Achter	Bassitt	7,530	
March 23	at Seattle	W, 13-12	10-9-3	Surkamp	Peralta	10,014	
March 24	Texas	L, 1-12	10-10-3	Griffin	Doubront	6,057	73,596
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-11	10-11-3	Weaver	Manaea	10,112*	83,708
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				