



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-12-3) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (12-16)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have a spring-high three-game losing streak...are 10-12-3, which marks the first time the A's have been more than one game under or over .500...have not finished the spring with a losing record since 2011 when they were 12-21-1...are 4-5-3 in Mesa and 6-7 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)...went errorless for just the eighth time yesterday and the A's 38 errors are the most in the majors...they are the most by an A's team during the spring since 2002 (44)...have 17 errors in the last nine games...the pitching staff has allowed 40 runs on 50 hits over the last four games and has a 6.42 ERA for the spring, which is second highest in the Cactus League and third highest in the majors...since 1990, the first year data is available, the A's highest spring training ERA is 6.22 in 1999...starting pitchers have a 7.78 ERA (68 er in 78.2 ip) compared to 5.66 (88 er in 140.0 ip) by relievers...A's pitchers lead the majors with 108 walks...the offense is tied for second in the Cactus League in fewest strikeouts (177) and has 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).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's lost to the Royals at Surprise, 5-2...Chris Bassitt started for the A's and allowed four runs in the first inning...he surrendered another run in the fifth inning and took the loss (5.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 4 bb, 4 so)...Fernando Rodriguez, Sean Doolittle and Ryan Dull followed with a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's were shutout on four hits and a walk over the first eight innings before scoring their only two runs in the ninth inning...Mark Canha had a RBI triple to drive in Billy Burns and he later scored on a Jake Smolinski sacrifice fly.

**A's vs. ROYALS:** This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's won the first game in Mesa on March 7, 6-4, and then lost yesterday at Surprise, 5-2...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 0-8-1 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-10 (.100) over his last nine games after going 3-for-8 (.375) over his first four contests...*Billy Burns* has hit safely in 11 of his last 12 games (16-for-37, .432) and is now batting .385 (47-for-122) over the last two springs...leads the A's with 16 hits this spring after topping the club with 31 last year...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 eighth in the CL in walks (8)...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter and five at first base...*Mark Canha* is 3-for-18 (.167) over his last five games after going 4-for-12 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in four games in left field, three at first base and one in center field (Wednesday night at Seattle)...*Matt Chapman (NR)* is 0-for-4 with three walks over his last five games...hit his fourth home run last Monday at San Francisco, which is tied for seventh in the CL...*Chris Coghlan* had three hits Thursday night at Seattle and is 9-for-30 (.300) over his last 10 games after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first four contests...has appeared in seven games at second base, three in right field and one each in center field, left field and third base...*Coco Crisp* hit his first home run Friday 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 6-for-18 (.333) over his last six 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-12 (.167) over his last six games...has appeared in 12 games in left field and three in right field...*Jed Lowrie* had his second two-double game Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and now has seven doubles for the spring, which is tied for third 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 Friday against Los Angeles(AL)...played for Germany in the World Baseball Classic qualifier in Mexico on March 17 and 18 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 6-for-16 (.375) over his last five 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...*Marcus Semien* is 6-for-32 (.188) over his last 10 games after going 3-for-9 (.333) over his first four contests...*Jake Smolinski* is 11-for-30 (.367) over his last 16 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 4-for-11 (.364) over his last four games after going 4-for-20 (.200) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop and four 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)...has made all 13 of his appearances at third base...*Stephen Vogt* is 3-for-18 (.167) over his last seven 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 33 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 four broadcasts remaining, including today against Kansas City and 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 #49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (0-1, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring... allowed eight hits in his last start (5.1 ip) after yielding nine hits over his first three outings (9.1 ip)...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
March 17	Seattle	11-11	-	6.75	4.1	3	3	3	3	2	2
March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	5-6	-	6.75	5.1	8	4	4	2	1	1
<b>Totals (4 games, 3 starts)</b>				<b>0-1</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

\*indicates relief appearance

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

Has not allowed a run in any of his seven appearances (8.1 ip), including yesterday at Kansas City when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning (1.0 ip, 2 so)...allowed back-to-back hits to the first two batters he faced this spring but opponents are 0-for-27 since then...has retired each of the last 12 batters he has faced...has issued just one walk in 8.1 innings and has struck out 10...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.

## #35 MARC RZEPZYNSKI LHP (1-0, 4.76 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in five of his six appearances, including his last outing Thursday night against Texas (1.1 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...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, 1.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee did not allowed a run or a hit over his first six appearances (4.2 ip)...then allowed a run and a hit in his last outing Thursday night against Texas (1.1 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...opponents are 1-for-19 (.053)...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 27 vs. Kansas City

**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, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, LHP Felix Doubront, RHP Fernando Rodriguez

**Cubs:** RHP Jake Arrieta

#### March 30 vs. Arizona

**A's:** LHP Rich Hill

**Diamondbacks:** TBA

#### March 31 at San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Chris Bassitt

**Giants:** RHP Jeff Samardzija

#### April 1 at San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Kendall Graveman

**Giants:** RHP Jake Peavy

#### April 2 vs. San Francisco

**A's:** RHP Jesse Hahn

**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						
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
March 26	at Kansas City	L, 2-5	10-12-3	Wang	Bassitt	10,264	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				