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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-13-3) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (8-17-2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016 – SLOAN PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost four of the last five games and are 11-13-3 this spring with five games remaining...have not finished the spring with a losing record since 2011 when they were 12-21-1...are 5-6-3 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)...the A's have committed 20 errors in the last 11 games and have 41 for the spring, which is seven more than any other team...have the most errors by an A's team during the spring since 2002 (44)...the A's pitching staff has issued a Major League leading 113 walks...since 1990, the most walks by an A's pitching staff during the spring is 123 (1997, 2000, 2010)...has a 6.20 ERA, which is fourth highest in the Cactus League...since 1990, the A's highest spring training ERA is 6.22 in 1999...starting pitchers have a 7.47 ERA (75 er in 90.1 ip) compared to 5.41 (88 er in 146.1 ip) by relievers...the offense has the third fewest strikeouts in the CL (187) and has the fewest stolen bases (10)...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 Cleveland at Hohokam, 6-4...Jesse Hahn started for the A's and took the loss, allowing single runs in the first and second innings and two runs in the third and fifth (4.2 ip, 10 h, 6 r, 6 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...John Axford got the final out of the fifth inning and Ryan Madison (1.0 ip), Sean Doolittle (1.0 ip) and Patrick Schuster (2.0 ip) all tossed perfect relief...Yonder Alonso hit a solo home run in the fifth inning, had a RBI single in the eighth, and went 3-for-4...Chris Davis had a RBI double in the sixth and Josh Reddick a RBI single in the seventh to complete the A's scoring...Davis also had three hits.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...the two clubs played to a 3-3 tie in the first game at Hohokam on March 13...the A's went 1-2-1 against Chicago last spring, playing to a 2-2 tie March 5 at Sloan Field, losing in Las Vegas 5-3 on March 13 and 3-1 on March 14, and winning at Hohokam 14-2 on March 24.

PLAYER NOTES: **Yonder Alonso** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5-for-8, .625) after going 0-for-11 over his previous four games...had his first extra base hit of the spring yesterday against Cleveland, a home run...has just two strikeouts in 49 plate appearances...**Billy Burns** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-9, .444) and has now hit safely in 12 of his last 13 games (18-for-42, .429)...is batting .386 (49-for-127) over the last two springs...leads the A's with 18 hits this spring after topping the club with 31 last year...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (5)...**Billy Butler** is 10-for-28 (.357) over his last 10 games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...has appeared in nine games at designated hitter, including six of his last seven, and five at first base...**Mark Canha** is 3-for-20 (.150) over his last six games after going 4-for-12 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in five games in left field, three at first base and one in center field (last Wednesday night at Seattle)...**Matt Chapman (NR)** is 0-for-4 with four walks over his last six games...**Chris Coghlan** is 6-for-16 (.375) with a triple, two home runs and six RBI over his last five games...hit .222 with one double and two RBI over his first 10 contests...has appeared in eight 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 last Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and is now 6-for-26 (.231) over his last eight games after going 1-for-16 (.063) over his first six contests...has appeared in 11 games in center field and two in left field...**Chris Davis** went 3-for-3 yesterday against Cleveland and is now 10-for-24 (.417) over his last eight 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-10 (.200) over his last seven games...has appeared in 13 games in left field and three in right field...**Jed Lowrie** went 0-for-5 yesterday but is batting .400 for the spring...hit his first home run Sunday against Kansas City and nine of his last 11 hits are for extra bases (seven doubles, one triple, one home run)...is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (7)...has appeared in 13 games at second base and two at shortstop...**Bruce Maxwell (NR)** hit his second home run last 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, five at first base and three in right field...**Josh Phegley** had his third two-hit game last Wednesday night at Seattle and is 6-for-19 (.316)

over his last six games...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his last nine games (12-for-28, .429) and has reached base safely in each of his 15 contests this spring...**Marcus Semien** is 6-for-35 (.171) over his last 11 games after going 3-for-9 (.333) over his first four contests...**Eric Sogard** is 4-for-12 (.333) over his last five games after going 4-for-20 (.200) over his first eight contests...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop and four at second base...**Danny Valencia** is 2-for-14 (.143) over his last four games after hitting .419 over his first 11 contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in home runs (5)...has made all 15 of his appearances at third base...**Stephen Vogt** is 3-for-21 (.143) over his last eight 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 36 plate appearances this spring

IN CAMP: The A's have 37 active players in camp and one on the 60-day disabled list (Jarrod Parker)...the total includes 31 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and six non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and seven 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.

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 three broadcasts remaining, all against San Francisco in the Bay Area on Thursday, Friday and Saturday...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: today against the Cubs.

OPENING DAY: The A's open the regular season at home against the Chicago White Sox on Monday, April 4 at 7:05 pm...Sonny Gray will be making his third consecutive Opening Day start...he will become the third pitcher in Oakland history to start at least three straight openers (Langford, Stewart) and the fifth with at least three Opening Day starting assignments (Hudson, Hunter, Langford, Stewart)...Gray has not allowed a run in his two Opening Day starting assignments (14.0 ip, 6 h, 4 bb, 10 so)...this will be third time in Oakland history the A's have faced the White Sox on Opening Day...it is the first time since 1975 when the A's won 3-2 in Oakland...also squared off in 1969, a 5-2 A's win in Oakland.

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
March 27	Jake Smolinski optioned to Nashville; Carson Blair reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #54 SONNY GRAY RHP (2-0, 5.68 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game March 24...picked up the win in each of his first two starts and is tied for fifth in the Cactus League 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
March 19	Cincinnati	7-6	-	5.68	5.0	8	6	5	1	0	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				2-0	5.68	12.2	15	9	8	2	8

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

Has not allowed a run in his first seven outings (6.1 ip), including his last appearance yesterday against Cleveland (0.1 ip, 1 bb)...opponents are 1-for-20 (.050)...has made all seven of his appearances at Hohokam Stadium...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).

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 0.87 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in seven of his eight appearances, including his last outing Saturday at Kansas City when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...has not walked a batter in 10.1 innings and has struck out 13...opponents are 6-for-36 (.167)...has a 1.10 ERA (2 er in 16.1 ip) in 15 games over the last two springs...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 RZEPZYNSKI LHP (1-0, 4.05 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in six of his seven appearances, including his last outing Sunday against Kansas City (1.0 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).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 29 at Chicago (NL)

Cubs: RHP Jake Arrieta, LHP Travis Wood, RHP Pedro Strop, RHP Hector Rondon

March 30 vs. Arizona

A's: LHP Rich Hill, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Ryan Dull, LHP Patrick Schuster

Diamondbacks: RHP Shelby Miller, RHP Tyler Clippard, RHP Silvino Bracho, RHP Enrique Burgos

March 31 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, LHP Marc Rzepczynski

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	Doubtront	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	Doubtront	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	
March 27	Kansas City	W, 10-1	11-12-3	Graveman	Young	7,172	90,880
March 28	Cleveland	L, 4-6	11-13-3	Salazar	Hahn	4,399	95,279
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				