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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-14-3) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (21-7-3)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 12:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two straight and five of the last six games to fall to 11-14-3 with four games remaining...need to win each of the remaining four games to avoid finishing with a losing record in the spring for the first time since 2011 when they were 12-21-1...are 5-6-3 in Mesa and 6-8 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 21 errors in the last 12 games and have 42 for the spring, which is eight 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 115 walks...since 1990, the most walks by an A's pitching staff during the spring is 123 (1997, 2000, 2010)...has a 6.25 ERA, which is third highest in the Cactus League (San Diego, 6.95; San Francisco, 6.87)...since 1990, the A's highest spring training ERA is 6.22 in 1999...starting pitchers have a 7.36 ERA (78 er in 95.1 ip) compared to 5.54 (92 er in 149.1 ip) by relievers...the offense has the third fewest strikeouts in the CL (194) 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 the Cubs at Sloan Park, 9-5...Billy Butler had a RBI double in the first inning but A's starter Sonny Gray allowed a run in the bottom of the first and two more in the fourth and took the loss (5.0 ip, 8 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 so, 2 hr)...Marc Rzepczynski allowed two unearned runs in the sixth and John Axford tossed a scoreless seventh before Fernando Rodriguez yielded four runs while recording just two outs in the eighth...Chris Coghlan hit a solo home run in the sixth inning, Josh Phegley added a solo blast in the seventh and Matt Olson and J.P. Sportman had sacrifice flies in the ninth.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's lost the first game 6-3 on March 4 at Salt River Fields...the A's won both games last spring, posting a 7-2 victory at Salt River March 6 and a 6-5 win in Mesa March 10...the A's are now 7-2-2 against the Diamondbacks over the last five springs.

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 Monday against Cleveland, a home run...has just two strikeouts in 49 plate appearances...**Billy Burns** went 0-for-4 yesterday against the Cubs after going 7-for-16 (.438) over his previous four contests...is batting .374 (49-for-131) 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 12-for-30 (.400) over his last 11 games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...four of his last five hits have been doubles and he has six doubles for the spring, which is tied for ninth in the CL...has appeared in 10 games at designated hitter, including seven of his last eight, and five at first base...**Mark Canha** is 3-for-24 (.125) over his last seven games after going 4-for-12 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in five games in left field, four at first base and one in center field...**Matt Chapman (NR)** had his first two-hit game of the spring yesterday at Chicago (NL)...**Chris Coghlan** has homered in back-to-back games and three of his last six...is 7-for-18 (.389) with a triple, three home runs and seven RBI over his last six games...hit .222 with one double and two RBI over his first 10 contests...has appeared in nine 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...**Khris Davis** went 3-for-3 Monday 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 3-for-5 (.600) over his last two games after going 1-for-9 (.111) over his previous six contests...has appeared in 14 games in left field and three in right field...**Jed Lowrie** went 0-for-5 Monday 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 six games at first base, five games at catcher and three in right field...**Josh Phegley** had his third two-hit game a week ago today at Seattle and is 7-for-22 (.318) over his last seven 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-39 (.154) over his last 12 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 36 active players in camp and one on the 60-day disabled list (Jarrod Parker)...the total includes 30 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and six non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 17 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 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.

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 and will face Chris Sale...Gray 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 Nunez 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
March 29	Jesse Hahn optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #18 RICH HILL LHP (0-2, 15.26 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...also pitched in minor league games on March 20 and 25...has allowed 13 runs on 10 hits and 12 walks in 7.2 innings over his first three starts in Major League spring games...was signed by the A's as a free agent, Nov. 20, 2015...began the 2015 season at Triple-A Syracuse in the Washington organization and finished it by going 2-1 with a 1.55 ERA in four September starts with Boston...the starts were his first as a major leaguer since 2009...struck out 36 batters in 29.0 innings (11.17 per nine innings) and walked just five for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 7.20...allowed a .141 batting average, including .138 with both of his home runs against right-handed hitters compared to .158 against left-handers...yielded a .154 average with runners in scoring position...started the season at Syracuse and was 2-2 with a 2.91 ERA in 25 relief appearances when he was released June 24...went 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in two starts with Long Island of the independent Atlantic League before signing a minor league deal with Boston Aug. 14...compiled a 3-2 record and a 2.78 ERA in five starts with Triple-A Pawtucket before his promotion to Boston Sept. 8...combined for a 5-4 record and a 2.83 ERA in 30 games with Syracuse and Pawtucket

HILL'S 2016 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
March 5	Milwaukee	8-8	-	6.75	1.1	2	1	1	3	1	0	
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	3-8	L	19.64	2.1	5	7	7	3	2	1	
March 15	at Colorado	2-6	L	15.26	4.0	3	5	5	6	4	1	
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				0-2	15.26	7.2	10	13	13	12	7	2

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Has pitched five times this spring...has pitched just twice since March 13 and has retired all six batters he has faced (2.0 ip, 1 so)...last pitched on Monday against Cleveland when he retired the side in order in the seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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 eight appearances (9.1 ip), including his last outing Sunday against Kansas City when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...had retired 12 straight batters and opponents were 0-for-their-last-27 when he allowed a leadoff single to Gore against the Royals...opponents are batting .091 (3-for-33)...has 12 strikeouts in 9.1 innings...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.

#74 PATRICK SCHUSTER LHP (0-0, 1.13 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or a hit in seven of his eight appearances, including his last outing Monday against Cleveland when he retired all six batters that he faced (2.0 ip, 2 so)...opponents are 1-for-25 (.040)...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 30 vs. Arizona

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, RHP John Axford, RHP Ryan Madson, LHP Sean Doolittle, LHP Eric Surkamp
Giants: RHP Jake Peavy

April 2 vs. San Francisco

A's: LHP Felix Doubront
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	
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
March 29	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-9	11-14-3	Arrieta	Gray	15,469	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				