



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-15-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (11-19-1)

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A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – CSNBA

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three straight and six of the last seven games...have not lost more than three straight spring training games since dropping the final six games in 2011...are 11-15-3 and will finish with a losing record for the first time since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...went 5-7-3 at Hohokam Stadium and are 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 just one error over the last three games but have 42 for the spring, which is six more than any other team...have the most errors by an A's team during the spring since 2002 (44)...the A's pitching leads the majors with 118 walks and has a 6.46 ERA, which is third highest behind San Diego (6.88) and San Francisco (6.87)...since 1990, the most walks by an A's pitching staff during the spring is 123 (1997, 2000, 2010) and the highest ERA is 6.22 (1999)...starting pitchers have a 7.22 ERA (80 er in 99.2 ip) compared to 5.96 (102 er in 154.0 ip) by relievers...the offense ranks fourth in the Cactus League in walks (100) and has the third fewest strikeouts (207)...has the fewest stolen bases (13)...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 Arizona in Mesa, 12-9...the A's took a 7-0 lead, scoring five times in the second inning and twice more in the fourth...Chris Coghlan had a two-run double, Yonder Alonso a RBI double and Chad Pinder a two-run home run in the second and Matt Chapman added a two-run single in the fifth...Rich Hill (4.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 2 so) shut-out the Diamondbacks on one hit and two walks over the first four innings before allowing two of Arizona's six runs in the fifth inning...Ryan Dull (0.2 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 so) allowed the other four, his first runs of the spring, and Sean Doolittle (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 so) yielded two more runs in the sixth...Chapman added a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth to give the A's a 9-8 lead but the Diamondbacks scored four times over the final three innings for the win.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fourth of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won the first three games, winning 10-3 in Mesa and 9-1 and 6-4 at Scottsdale...meet again tomorrow at San Francisco and Saturday in Oakland...the A's went 5-2 against San Francisco last spring, winning two contests at Mesa and two at Scottsdale before splitting two games in San Francisco and losing the final game in Oakland...are now 16-4 over their last 20 spring games against the Giants

PLAYER NOTES: **Yonder Alonso** is 6-for-9 (.667) with a double, home run and three RBI over his last three games...had no extra base hits and two RBI over his first 14 contests...has just two strikeouts in 50 plate appearances...**Billy Burns** is 0-for-5 over his last two games after going 7-for-16 (.438) over his previous four contests...is batting .367 this year and has a .371 (49-for-132) average over the last two springs...leads the A's with 18 hits after topping the club with 31 last spring...also tops the club and is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (5)...**Billy Butler** is 12-for-31 (.387) over his last 12 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...leads the A's and is tied for eighth in the CL in walks (9)...has appeared in 10 games at designated hitter and five at first base...**Mark Canha** is 3-for-27 (.111) over his last eight 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 two in center field...**Matt Chapman (NR)** hit his fifth home run yesterday, which is tied for the team lead and tied for fifth in the CL...is also tied for the club lead with 13 RBI...has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-8, .500)...**Chris Coghlan** is 8-for-19 (.42) with a double, triple, three home runs and nine RBI over his last seven games...hit .222 with one double and two RBI over his first 10 contests...is tied for the team lead in runs scored (11)...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** has four hits in his last four plate appearances, including a 3-for-3 performance Monday against Cleveland...is 11-for-25 (.440) over his last nine 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 a 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 5-for-20 (.250) over his last 10 games after hitting .407 over his first 14 contests...leads the A's in games played (24) and is tied for the lead in runs (11)...has appeared in 14 games in left field and three in right field...**Jed Lowrie** is 7-for-16 (.438) over his last six games and is batting .415 with a .707 slugging percentage overall...nine of his last 12 hits are for extra bases (seven doubles, one triple, one home run)...leads the A's and is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (7)...has appeared in 14 games at second base and two at shortstop...**Bruce Maxwell (NR)** is 2-for-10 (.200) with a home run and two RBI in eight games since returning from playing for Germany in the World Baseball Classic qualifier in Mexico on March 17 and 18...went 4-for-8 (.500) with a home run, walk and four RBI in two starts at catcher for Germany...**Matt McBride (NR)** had his second hit and his first two walks of the spring yesterday against Arizona...has appeared in seven games at first base, five games at catcher and three in right field...**Josh Phegley** is 4-for-17 (.235) over his last six games after hitting .333 over his first nine contests...**Chad Pinder (minors)** was originally a non-roster invitee but was reassigned to minor league camp March 20...hit his second home run yesterday against Arizona...**Josh Reddick** flew out in his only at bat yesterday against Arizona, snapping a nine-game hitting streak (12-for-28, .429)...had reached base safely in each of his 15 games prior to yesterday...is batting .405 with a .500 on-base percentage and is tied for the team lead in runs scored (11)...**Marcus Semien** is 0 for his last 16 and is batting .184...**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...**J.P. Sportman (minors)** has played in seven games this spring as a minor league extra and is 2-for-5 (.400) with a double and two RBI...**Danny Valencia** is 2-for-15 (.133) over his last five games after hitting .419 over his first 11 contests...is tied for fifth in the CL in home runs (5)...leads the A's in slugging percentage (.717) and total bases (33) and is tied for the lead in runs (11), home runs and RBI (13)...has made all 16 of his appearances at third base...**Stephen Vogt** is 3-for-21 (.143) over his last nine 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 37 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.

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 (complete probabilities can be found on page two)...Gray will become the 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
March 29	Jesse Hahn optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (2-1, 5.28 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...also pitched in a Triple-A game against the Cubs March 16...is tied for fifth in the Cactus league in wins (2)...has allowed nine runs in his last two starts (10.1 ip, 7.84 ERA) after yielding 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
March 26	at Kansas City	2-5	L	5.28	5.0	7	5	5	4	4	0
Totals (4 games, 4 starts)				2-1	5.28	15.1	17	9	9	7	12

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...pitched on back-to-back days for the first time March 24 at Seattle (1.0 ip) and a week ago today against Texas (0.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...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).

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 4.09 ERA)

Allowed four runs in his last outing Tuesday at Chicago-NL (0.2 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 so, 2 hr) after surrendering just one run in 10.1 innings over his first eight appearances (0.87 ERA)...has not walked a batter in 11.0 innings and has struck out 14...is tied for the team lead in games pitched (9)...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 RZEPczynski LHP (1-0, 3.52 ERA)

Has not allowed an earned run in seven of his eight appearances, including his last outing Tuesday at Chicago-NL (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 1 so, 1 hr)...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, 1.13 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 31 at San Francisco
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, LHP Eric Surkamp, RHP Ryan Dull
Giants: RHP Matt Cain

REGULAR SEASON PROBABLES

Monday, April 4 vs. Chicago (AL) at 7:05 pm (CSNCA)
RHP Sonny Gray (14-7, 2.73) vs. LHP Chris Sale (13-11, 3.41)

Tuesday, April 5 vs. Chicago (AL) at 7:05 pm (MLB Network)
LHP Rich Hill (2-1, 1.55) vs. LHP Jose Quintana (9-10, 3.36)

Wednesday, April 6 vs. Chicago (AL) at 7:05 pm (ESPN)
RHP Chris Bassitt (1-8, 3.56) vs. LHP Carlos Rodon (9-6, 3.75)

Thursday, April 7 vs. Chicago (AL) at 12:35 pm (CSNCA)
RHP Kendall Graveman (6-9, 4.05) vs. RHP Mat Latos (4-10, 4.95)

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	
March 30	Arizona	L, 9-12	11-15-3	Bracho	Cochran-Gil	5,335	100,614
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				