

# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-16-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (12-19-1)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M. PST A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – NBC

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost four straight and seven of the last eight games...this is the A's longest Spring Training losing streak since dropping the final six games of 2011...are 11-16-3, which is the fourth worst record among Cactus League teams...will finish with a losing record for the first time since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...committed two errors last night and now have 44 overall, which is eight more than any other team...the 44 errors are the most by an A's team during the spring since the 2002 club also had 44...the A's pitching staff leads the majors with 121 walks and has a 6.36 ERA, which is third highest behind San Diego (6.88) and San Francisco (6.69)...since 1990 (first year data is available), 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 7.03 ERA (81 er in 103.2 ip) compared to 5.92 (104 er in 158.0 ip) by relievers...the offense ranks fifth in the CL in walks (100) and has the third fewest strikeouts (216)...has the fewest stolen bases (13)...the A's went 5-7-3 at Hohokam Stadium and are 6-9 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)...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 at San Francisco, 3-1...Chris Bassitt started for the A's and took the loss, allowing one run in the fourth inning (4.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 3 so)...Marc Rzepczynski (0.2 ip) and Liam Hendriks (1.0 ip) also allowed a run each before Patrick Schuster (1.1 ip) and Fernando Rodriguez (1.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief...Billy Burns led off the game with a triple, but the A's would not get another base runner until Billy Butler singled to lead off the seventh...Butler scored the A's only run two batters later when Stephen Vogt tripled for the A's third and final hit.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fifth of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have won three of the first four games, winning 10-3 in Mesa and 9-1 and 6-4 at Scottsdale before losing 3-1 at San Francisco last night...meet again tomorrow in Oakland...the A's went 5-2 against the Giants 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 16-5 over their last 21 spring games against the Giants

PLAYER NOTES: Yonder Alonso is 6-for-11 (.545) with a double, home run and three RBI over his last four games...had no extra base hits and two RBI over his first 14 contests...has just two strikeouts in 52 plate appearances...*Billy Burns* is 1-for-9 (.111) over his last three games after going 7-for-16 (.438) over his previous four contests...is batting .358 this year and has a .367 (50-for-136) average over the last two springs...leads the A's with 19 hits after topping the club with 31 last spring...also tops the club in triples (2) and stolen bases (5)...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in stolen bases and tied for eighth in triples... Billy Butler is 13for-33 (.394) over his last 13 games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four contests...four of his last six hits have been doubles...leads the A's and is tied for 10th in the CL in walks (9)...has appeared in 11 games at designated hitter and five at first base... Mark Canha is 3-for-28 (.107) over his last nine games after going 4-for-12 (.333) over his first five contests... has appeared in five games in left field, five at first base and two in center field... Matt Chapman (NR) is 4-for-9 (.444) with four RBI over his last three games...hit his fifth home run Wednesday against Arizona, which is tied for the team lead and tied for fifth in the CL...is also tied for the club lead with 13 RBI and a .674 slugging percentage... Chris Coghlan is 8-for-21 (.381) with a double, triple, three home runs and nine RBI over his last eight 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 a week ago today 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 is 11-for-28 (.393) over his last 10 games after going 4-for-22 (.182) over his first eight contests...went 3-for-3 Monday against Cleveland...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-18 (.389) over his last seven games and is batting .395 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)...is tied for the team lead in slugging (.674)...has appeared in 15 games at second base and two at shortstop... **Bruce Maxwell (NR)** is 2-for-11 (.182) with a home run and two RBI in nine 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 Wednesday 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 nonroster invitee but was reassigned to minor league camp March 20...hit his second home run Wednesday against Arizona... Josh Reddick is 0-for-4 over his last two games after reaching base safely in each of his first 15 contest...flew out in his only at bat Wednesday against Arizona to snap a nine-game hitting streak (12-for-28, .429)...is batting .378 with a .472 on-base percentage and is tied for the team lead in runs scored (11)... **Marcus Semien** is 0 for his last 19 and is batting .173...**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 eight games this spring as a minor league extra, including last night at San Francisco, and is 2-for-5 (.400) with a double and two RBI...**Danny Valencia** is 2-for-18 (.111) over his last six 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 total bases (33) and is tied for the lead in runs (11), home runs and RBI (13)...has made all 17 of his appearances at third base... Stephen Vogt is 4-for-24 (.167) over his last 10 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 40 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.

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.

**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 probables can be found on page two)...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 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 #49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (1-1, 4,98 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and fifth start of the spring. allowed one run in 7.0 innings in his last start after posting a 6.75 ERA over his first four games...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	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	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		
March 27	Kansas City	10-1	W	4.98	7.0	4	1	1	1	6	1		
Totals (5 g	1-1	4.98	21.2	21	13	12	9	14	4				
*indicates	relief appearance												

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

Has not allowed a run in his eight outings this spring (7.1 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday at Chicago (NL) when he tossed a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 2 bb, 1 so)...it was his first road game of the spring...has not allowed a hit in seven of his eight games and opponents are 1-for-23 (.043)...however, has issued six walks in 7.1 innings...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).

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

Has allowed at least one run in three of his six outings, including his last appearance Wednesday against Arizona when he struck out the side in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 so)...has pitched just three times in a Major League game since March 13 (3.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 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).

#### #44 RYAN MADSON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in his first seven appearances (7.0 ip), including his last outing Monday against Cleveland when he retired the side in order in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...has made all seven of his appearances at Hohokam Stadium...was signed as a free agent to a three-year contract, Dec. 11, 2015...returned to the Major Leagues for the first time since the 2011 season and was 1-2 with three saves and a career-low 2.13 ERA in 68 games with Kansas City...also had career lows in opponents batting average (.205) and on-base percentage (.254)...ranked ninth among American League relievers in ERA and opponents on-base percentage... walked just 14 batters in 63.1 innings and his average of 1.99 walks per nine innings was the best of his career...his .205 opponents batting average included a .205 mark against left-handed hitters and .205 against right-handers...allowed a .164 batting average with runners in scoring position...first batters faced hit .169...ranked seventh in the AL in opponents on-base percentage (.206) and slugging percentage (.215) against first batters faced and was 10th in batting average...went 2-0 with a 5.40 ERA in nine postseason appearances for the World Champion Royals...struck out 15 batters in 8.1 innings (16.20 per nine innings).

#### #48 ERIC SURKAMP RHP (1-1, 5.54 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring, including two starts...allowed five runs in his last outing March 23 at Seattle but picked up the win (4.0 ip, 5 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 5 so)...yielded just three runs in 9.0 innings over his first four games...was signed by the A's to a minor league contract Dec. 4, 2015...began the 2015 season at Triple-A Charlotte in the Chicago White Sox organization and finished it with Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system...in between, he made one appearance for the Dodgers in July...was selected July 6, pitched that day against Philadelphia (3.1 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 4 so), and was designated for assignment the next day...pitched mostly in relief at Charlotte, going 3-0 with a save and 2.81 ERA in 10 relief appearances and one start...then made 15 starts and one relief appearance with Oklahoma City where he was 9-3 with a 3.57 ERA...combined at the Triple-A to post a 12-3 record and a 3.39 ERA in 27 games, including 16 starts...the 12 wins were his most as a minor leaguer, as were his 11 home runs allowed...tied for third among all Triple-A pitchers in wins...allowed a .264 opponents batting average, including .244 against right-handed hitters compared to .305 against left-handers.

#### **UPCOMING PROBABLES**

April 1 at San Francisco Giants: RHP Jake Peavy

April 2 vs. San Francisco

A's: LHP Felix Doubront, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, RHP Ryan Dull, LHP Eric Surkamp, LHP Patrick Schuster

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

							HOME								HOME
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 2-8	0-1	Morin	R.Doolittle	4,071		March 19	Cincinnati	W, 7-6	7-7-3	Walter	Wood	6,769	59,871
March 4	Colorado	W, 9-4	1-1	Manaea	Carle	3,535	3,535		at San Francisco	W, 9-1	8-7-3	Doubront	Bumgarne	r 12,095	
	at Arizona	L, 3-6	1-2	Wagner	Smith	9,875		March 20	Chicago (AL)	L, 2-6	8-8-3	Fulmer	Castro	7,668	67,539
March 5	Milwaukee	T, 8-8	1-2-1	_	_	5,218	8,753	March 21	at San Francisco	W, 6-4	9-8-3	Bassitt	Samardzija	a 12,056	
March 6	at San Diego	W, 6-5	2-2-1	Rzepczynsk	i Perdomo	5,339		March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 5-6	9-9-3	Achter	Bassitt	7,530	
March 7	Kansas City	W, 6-4	3-2-1	Santos	Binford	4,615	13,368	March 23	at Seattle	W, 13-12	10-9-3	Surkamp	Peralta	10,014	
March 8	Texas	L, 3-10	3-3-1	Holland	Surkamp	4,224	17,592	March 24	Texas	L, 1-12	10-10-3	Griffin	Doubront	6,057	73,596
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	W, 12-3	4-3-1	Gray	Turner	3,484		March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-11	10-11-3	Weaver	Manaea	10,112*	83,708
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	I, 3-8	4-4-1	Maeda	Hill	6,304	23,896	March 26	at Kansas City	L, 2-5	10-12-3	Wang	Bassitt	10,264	
March 11	at Cincinnati	W, 9-4	5-4-1	Bassitt	Moscot	3,668		March 27	Kansas City	W, 10-1	11-12-3	Graveman	Young	7,172	90,880
March 12	at Texas	L, 5-14	5-5-1	Klein	Graveman	6,842		March 28	Cleveland	L, 4-6	11-13-3	Salazar	Hahn	4,399	95,279
March 13	Chicago (NL)	T, 3-3	5-5-2	_	_	10,040*	33,936	March 29	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-9	11-14-3	Arrieta	Gray	15,469	
March 14	San Francisco	W, 10-3	6-5-2	Gray	Cueto	10,080*	44,016	March 30	Arizona	L, 9-12	11-15-3	Bracho	Cochran-G	il 5,335	100,614
March 15	at Colorado	L, 2-6	6-6-2	DeLaRosa	Hill	8,207		March 31	San Francisco (at S	F)L, 1-3	11-16-3	Samardzija	Bassitt	41,241	
March 16	OFF DAY							DATE	ATE OPPONENT TIME RADIO/TV						
March 17	Seattle	T, 11-11	6-6-3	_	_	9,086	53,102	April 1	San Francisco (at S	F)	7:15 95.7 F	M The Gam	e/A's Radio	Network/N	BC
March 18	at Cleveland	L, 8-10	6-7-3	Adams	Alvarez	5,442		April 2	San Francisco (at C	Oak)	1:05 CSNC	CA/95.7 FM T	he Game/A	s Radio No	etwork