



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (1-0)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) — MLB NETWORK (8:00 P.M. PST, 9:00 P.M. MST)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 49th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with a 4-3 loss to the Cubs at Sloan Park...this is the A's third spring at Hohokam since returning to Mesa in 2015 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 34 games this spring plus an exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic club...the total includes 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 30-April 1)...the A's went 12-17-3 (.422) last spring, which was the fifth worst record in the Cactus League...it marked the first time the A's finished Spring Training with a losing record since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...committed 45 errors, which was six more than any other team (39, Chicago-NL)...they were the most by an A's team since at least 2000...the pitching staff issued 125 walks, which was the most among CL teams and second most in the majors to Boston (129)...the walks were the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990, surpassing the previous high of 123 in 1997, 2000 and 2010...compiled a 6.10 ERA, which was third highest in the majors to San Diego (6.89) and San Francisco (6.37)...the ERA was second highest by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (6.22 in 1999)...starting pitchers had a 6.81 ERA (83 er in 109.2 ip) compared to 5.64 (106 er in 169.0 ip) by relievers...the offense struck out 225 times, which was second fewest among CL teams...ranked fifth in most walks (106)...stole just 13 bases, which was the fewest in the CL and fourth fewest in the majors...hit 40 home runs, which was the most by an A's team during the spring since 2004 (50)...went 5-7-3 at Hohokam Stadium, 1-0 in Oakland and 6-10 on the road...it marked the third time in the last four springs the A's have played at least three tie games (13 ties total).

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to the Cubs, 4-3, in Mesa...Jesse Hahn started for the A's and tossed 1.2 innings (4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 2 so), while Rual Alcántara tossed two scoreless frames of relief...Chris Smith took the loss after allowing one run in two innings of work, striking out a pair of Cubs batters...the A's scored all three of their runs via the long ball...Matt Joyce homered in the fourth inning in his second spring plate appearance with the A's...Matt Chapman followed with a two-run opposite field homer in the same frame...Rajai Davis walked and stole two bases, and Yonder Alonso singled and walked in two plate appearances...Alejandro De Aza and Ryan Lavanway both went 1 for 1 off the bench...Bobby Wahl struck out two batters in a scoreless eighth inning.

A's vs. ANGELS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...the two clubs meet again in Tempe on March 28...last year, the A's lost all three spring games with the Angels, losing at Tempe on March 3 (8-2) and March 22 (6-5) and in Mesa on March 25 (11-3)...went 3-0 against the Angels in 2015.

IN CAMP: The A's have 70 players in camp, which are their most players in camp since 1982 when they had 78 (35 roster, 43 non-roster)...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 30 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 34 pitchers, six catchers, 19 infielders and 11 outfielders.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC: The A's organization has seven players on World Baseball Classic rosters, including three 40-man players, two non-roster invitees and two other minor leaguers...two players, Khris Davis and Liam Hendriks, were on the rosters for Mexico and Australia, respectively, but have since withdrawn...the seven players represent five different countries...the 40-man players include John Axford (Canada), Santiago Casilla (Dominican Republic), and Sonny Gray (United States)...the two non-roster invitees are Ryan Lavanway (Israel) and César Valdez (Dominican Republic)...the other two are Jake Sanchez (Mexico) and Joey Wagman (Israel)...Israel begins play in Seoul on March 6 at 2:30 am MST, Mexico opens at home in Estadio Charros de Jalisco on March 9 at 7:00 pm MST and Canada, the United States and the Dominican Republic are in Pool C in Miami which starts on March 9...the WBC Championship Game will be played on March 22 at 6:00 pm MST at Dodger Stadium.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his sixth full season with the A's, welcomes back six coaches from last year along with the return of Chip Hale to the A's organization...Hale takes over at third base for the A's after spending two seasons managing the Arizona Diamondbacks...he previously served as bench coach with the A's under Melvin from 2012-14...the remainder of the coaching staff remains the same with Mike Aldrete as first base coach, Darren Bush as hitting coach, Scott Emerson as bullpen coach, Marcus Jensen as assistant hitting and catching coach, Mark Kotsay as bench coach, and Curt Young as pitching coach.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have four players under contract beyond the 2017 season...Santiago Casilla, Sean Doolittle, Matt Joyce and Ryan

Madson are signed through 2018 with the A's holding club options on Doolittle for 2019 and 2020...Jed Lowrie has a club option for 2018.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, nine were drafted by the A's (Brugman, 17th round in 2013; Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Gray, 1st in 2011; R. Healy, 3rd in 2013; Maxwell, 2nd in 2012; Olson, compensation pick following the first round in 2012; Pinder, Competitive Balance Round B in 2013; Wahl, 5th in 2013)...two were signed as non-drafted agents (Muñoz, Nuñez), two were claimed off waivers (Smolinski, Triggs) and seven were signed as free agents (Axford, Casilla, R. Davis, Joyce, Madson, Plouffe, Rosales)...the other 20 were all acquired in trades...27 of the 40 players have joined the A's organization since the end of the 2014 season...the longest tenured Athletics in camp are Sean Doolittle (drafted in June, 2007), Renato Nuñez (signed July 2, 2010) and Sonny Gray (drafted in June, 2011).

OFF SEASON MOVES: The A's signed five free agents this offseason, including Matt Joyce (Nov. 30), Rajai Davis (Jan. 3), Trevor Plouffe (Jan. 18), Santiago Casilla (Jan.20) and Adam Rosales (Jan. 25)...the A's also acquired one 40-man player via trade on Nov. 12 when they received Paul Blackburn from Seattle for Danny Valencia

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Nine of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Franklin Barreto (#1), A.J. Puk (#2), Matt Chapman (#3), Jharel Cotton (#4), Frankie Montas (#5), Chad Pinder (#7), Daniel Gossett (#8), Richie Martin (#9), and Bruce Maxwell (#10)...the other is Grant Holmes (#6).

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report Saturday, March 4 with the first workout scheduled for March 5...position players report Friday, March 10 with the first workout scheduled for March 11.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning approximately one hour prior to team stretch...stretch time varies from day to day; media are asked to check @AsMediaAlerts on Twitter daily for updated clubhouse hours...the clubhouse may close for team meetings, etc. at certain times...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once games begin, the clubhouse also will open to media during games for access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media in the first base dugout during team stretch time...Melvin will also be available on the field immediately following the game...media are permitted in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play, at which point media will be asked to leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...TV camera crews and still photographers with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...TV camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse pregame, or in the training room or weight room at any time...still photographers are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room at any time...lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials in the landing area at the top of Section 209...the A's provide complimentary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate and to the right as you enter the parking lot at the home plate entrance.

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 10 remaining broadcasts this spring, including two games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except March 5, plus the March 30 game at San Francisco...Ken Korach returns for his 22nd year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (12th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 32nd season in the booth...CSN California will televise two games, including March 12 against the Cubs (1:05 pm) and April 1 against the Giants in Oakland (12:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, six remaining games will be televised by MLB Network...three of those will air in the Bay Area, including: today vs. Los Angeles-AL (8:00 PM PST), Mar. 21 at Seattle (10:00 PM PDT) and Mar. 24 vs. Chicago-AL (Mar. 25 at 6:00 AM PDT).

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at <http://pressbox.athletics.com>

WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#78 DANIEL GOSSETT RHP (10-6, 2.69 ERA in minors in 2016)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first start of the spring... pitched at three different levels in the A's farm system last year and combined for a 10-6 record and a 2.69 ERA in 27 starts with Single-A Stockton, Double-A Midland and Triple-A Nashville...led the A's farm system in strikeouts (151), ranked second in innings pitched (153.2), tied for second in wins and sixth in ERA...had career highs in wins, innings pitched, strikeouts and wild pitches (18) and matched his high in games and games started...surrendered just eight home runs, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...was 5-4 with a 3.47 ERA over his first 16 starts through July 7... then went 5-2 with a 1.66 ERA over his final 11 starts beginning July 13... was charged with two runs or fewer in 10 of those 11 starts...allowed a .221 opponents batting average, including .219 against right-handed hitters and .224 against left-handers...yielded six of his eight home runs to righties...six came with the bases empty...held the opposition to a .154 batting average when leading off an inning.

#58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (9-5, 3.28 ERA in minors in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from Seattle for Danny Valencia Nov. 12, 2016...began the 2016 season at Double-A Tennessee in the Chicago Cubs organization and was 6-4 with a 3.17 ERA in 18 starts when he was traded to the Seattle Mariners organization with Daniel Vogelbach for Mike Montgomery and Jordan Pries on July 20...was assigned to Double-A Jackson and went 3-1 with a 3.54 ERA in eight games (seven starts) with the Generals...combined for a 9-5 record and a 3.28 ERA in 26 games (25 starts) overall...surrendered just eight home runs in 143.0 innings, an average of 0.50 per nine innings...ranked fourth in the Southern League in fewest walks per nine innings (2.12), tied for fourth in games started, sixth in ERA and innings pitched and tied for eighth in wins...was named to the SL Midseason All-Star Game after going 4-2 with a 2.53 ERA in 14 starts before the All-Star Break...allowed a .256 opponents batting average, including .252 against right-handed pitchers compared to .259 against left-handers.

#67 MICHAEL BRADY RHP (3-6, 2.89 ERA in minors in 2016)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the 2016 season on the disabled list with a strained left oblique muscle and missed the first two months of the season...spent most of the year at Double-A Harrisburg where he was 3-6 with a 3.04 ERA in 17 games (11 starts)...also made one start with Triple-A Syracuse in August and was 3-6 with a 2.89 ERA in 18 games (12 starts) overall...issued just 13 walks in 81.0 innings, an average of 1.44 per nine innings...allowed a .242 opponents batting average, including .239 against left-handed hitters and .244 against right-handers...surrendered five of his seven home runs to righties...six came with the bases empty...yielded a .186 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .115 with RISP and two outs...made his first six appearances of the season out of the bullpen and was 1-0 with a 2.61 ERA...each of his final 12 outings were starts and he went 2-6 with a 2.93 ERA in those games...walked one batter or fewer in nine of his 12 starts and more than two just once.

#35 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (3-1, 4.53 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was 3-1 with a 4.53 ERA and .216 opponents batting average in 35 games over five stints with the A's last year...struck out 54 batters in 47.2 innings (10.20 per nine innings)...his opponents average included a .208 mark by right-handed hitters compared to .227 by left-handers...allowed five of his six home runs and issued 14 of his 17 walks to righties...had a .557 OPS against lefties, .692 against righties...first batters faced hit .156 with two walks (.200 on-base percentage) and a double (.188 slugging percentage)...allowed 3-of-12 (25.0%) inherited runners to score...had a .255 opponents average over his first 15 pitches in a game, .148 after that...had no decisions, a 1.08 ERA and .200 opponents batting average in 20 relief appearances for Triple-A Nashville...did not allow a home run in 25.0 innings and struck out 35 (12.6 per nine innings)...allowed a .179 batting average against left-handed hitters compared to .216 against right-handers...opponents hit .111 with runners in scoring position.

#75 JOSH SMITH RHP (3-3, 4.68 ERA in 2016)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent most of the 2016 season with Cincinnati where he went 3-3 with a 4.68 ERA in 32 games (two starts) over two stints...allowed a .247 opponents batting average, including .219 by right-handed hitters compared to .287 by left-handers...held the opposition to a .217 batting average with the bases empty, .284 with runners on base...yielded a .245 batting average with runners in scoring position...allowed 5-of-25 (25.0%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 7-for-28 (.250) with two walks (.300 on-base percentage)...was 3-1 with a 4.88 ERA in his 30 relief appearances, 0-2 with a 3.38 ERA in his two starts...had a 3.45 ERA and .171 opponents batting average in 16 games at Great American Ballpark, a 6.04 ERA and .317 opponents batting average in 16 games on the road...was 4-4 with a 3.80 ERA in nine games (eight starts) with Triple-A Louisville...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .240 by right-handed hitters compared to .297 by left-handers.

#73 CÉSAR VALDEZ RHP (12-1, 3.12 ERA in minors in 2016)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent the entire 2016 campaign at Triple-A Fresno in his first season with a Major League organization since 2011...was 12-1 with a 3.12 ERA in 30 games (18 starts) with the Grizzlies...led the Pacific Coast League in winning percentage (.923), ranked third in ERA and tied for fourth in wins...walked just 13 batters in 138.1 innings, an average of 0.84 per nine innings...struck out 114 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.77...was 2-1 with a 5.40 ERA over his first 15 games (four starts) through June 5... then went 10-0 with a 2.20 ERA over his final 15 games (14 starts) beginning June 11...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .257 against right-handed hitters compared to .282 against left-handers...yielded a .182 average with RISP and two outs...11 of his first 12 appearances came in relief...17 of his final 18 outings were starting assignments...was 11-1 with a 3.47 ERA and .276 opponents batting average in his 18 starts, 1-0 with a 1.25 ERA and .213 opponents average in 12 relief appearances.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

February 26 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

Angels: RHP Bud Norris, RHP Daniel Wright

February 27 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Zach Neal

Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija

February 28 vs. Cleveland

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Andrew Triggs

Indians: RHP Mike Clevinger, LHP Andrew Miller, RHP Joe Colon, RHP Steve Delabar, RHP Perci Garner, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Travis Banwart, LHP James Russell

2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	W, x-x	1-0	xxx	xxx	xx,xxx	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN				
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	1:05					
Feb. 28	Cleveland	1:05					
March 1	at San Diego	1:05					
March 2	Texas	1:05					
March 3	San Francisco	1:05					
March 4	Cleveland	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 5	at Seattle	1:05					
March 6	OFF DAY						
March 7	at Arizona	1:05					
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	1:05					
March 9	Cincinnati	1:05					
March 10	at Kansas City	6:05					
March 11	Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 12	Chicago (NL)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 13	at Cincinnati	1:05					
March 14	Colorado	1:05					

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 15	OFF DAY		
March 16	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 17	Arizona	1:05	
March 18	San Diego	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 19	at Colorado	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 20	Arizona	7:05	
March 21	at Seattle	7:10	MLBN
March 22	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 23	Milwaukee	1:05	
March 24	Chicago (AL)	1:05	MLBN
March 25	Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
March 26	at Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 27	Kansas City	1:05	
March 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	
March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 30	at San Francisco	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 31	at San Francisco	7:15	
April 1	San Francisco (at Oak)	12:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network