



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (3-0)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have started the spring 0-2 for the first time since 2006 when they opened the spring with a three-game losing streak... this is the A's 49th Spring Training in Arizona, their third 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 Angels at Hohokam, 5-3...Daniel Gossett started for Oakland and tossed 2.0 scoreless and hitless innings (2 bb) before César Valdez allowed a run in the third inning...Mark Canha tied the game with a RBI double in the bottom of the third and Paul Blackburn followed with 2.0 scoreless innings of relief (1 bb, 1 so)...Andrew Lambo scored on a wild pitch in the fifth inning but Daniel Coulombe surrendered an unearned run in the sixth and Aaron Kurcz yielded three runs in 0.1 innings in the seventh for the loss...Jaycob Brugman had a RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning to complete the A's scoring...Michael Brady and Tucker Healy closed out the game with a scoreless inning of relief each...Franklin Barreto had two of the A's six hits.

**A's vs. GIANTS:** This is the first of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the only other meeting in Arizona is on Friday in Mesa...will square off twice in San Francisco (March 30 and 31) and once in Oakland (April 1)...the A's went 4-2 last spring, winning one game in Mesa, two in Scottsdale and one in Oakland...the two losses came in San Francisco...the A's are now 17-6 over their last 23 spring games against the Giants...have a seven-game winning streak against the Giants in Arizona (four at Scottsdale, three at Mesa).

**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.

**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 hold 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 nine 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...Comcast SportsNet 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, five remaining games will be televised by MLB Network...two of those will air in the Bay Area, including: 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

**#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (10-11, 4.11 ERA in 2016)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...compiled a 10-11 record and a 4.11 ERA in a team-leading 31 starts in his second season with the A's last year...went 1-6 with a 5.36 ERA over his first nine starts, 9-2 with a 3.33 ERA over his next 16 starts from May 30 to Aug. 24, and 0-3 with a 4.71 ERA over his final six starts...in addition to starts, he also led the A's in wins and innings pitched (186.0)...averaged 5.23 strikeouts per nine innings, which was the third lowest mark in the American League...walked just 47 (2.27 per nine innings), which were the fewest in Athletics history by an A's team-leader, besting the previous low of 59 by Sonny Gray in 2015...averaged 4.16 runs of support per start, which was 10th lowest in the AL...received two runs of support or fewer in 12 of his 31 starts and was 0-8 in those games...went 10-3 in 19 starts with support of three or more...left with a lead five times in 2016 only to have the bullpen blow the save...had a .271 opponents batting average, which broke down to .270 against right-handed hitters compared to .272 against left-handers.

**#71 SIMON CASTRO RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)**

The non-roster invitee has made one appearance and it came on Saturday against the Cubs at Sloan Park when he retired the final batter of the second inning (0.1 ip)...spent the entire 2016 season at Triple-A Albuquerque in the Colorado organization and was 0-5 with 10 saves and a 3.38 ERA in a career-high 50 appearances, all in relief...the saves were the first of his career and the ERA was his lowest as a minor leaguer since logging a 3.27 ERA in 2010...struck out 58 batters in 53.1 innings, an average of 9.79 per nine innings...walked just 12 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.83...allowed a .255 opponents batting average, including .217 against right-handed hitters compared to .303 against left-handers...surrendered four of his five home runs to lefties and yielded just three extra base hits to righties (two doubles, one home run)...had a .261 slugging percentage against righties, .528 against lefties...converted 10-of-13 (76.9%) save opportunities...posted a 4.22 ERA in 31 games before the All-Star Break, a 2.11 ERA in 19 games after the break...pitched for Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and had a save and a 2.84 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

**#74 TREY COCHRAN-GILL RHP (4-5, 3.07 ERA in minors in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent his first season in the A's organization at Double-A Midland last year and went 4-5 with a 3.07 ERA in 42 relief appearances...had career highs in strikeouts (58), hits allowed (71) and hit batters (6) and matched his high in losses...did not save a game for the first time in three professional seasons...surrendered six home runs in 73.1 innings after allowing no home runs over his first two seasons (111.2 ip)...allowed a .259 opponents batting average, including .236 by right-handed hitters compared to .304 by left-handers...yielded five of his six home runs to righties...opponents hit .222 with runners in scoring position and two outs...had a 4.20 ERA in 22 games before the All-Star Break...then compiled a 1.65 ERA in 20 games after the break...tied for the Texas League lead in holds (9)...allowed 2-of-6 (33.3%) inherited runners to score...pitched for Mesa in the Arizona Fall League following the season and logged a 1.84 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

**#77 HEATH FILLMYER RHP (7-6, 3.29 ERA in minors in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the 2016 season at Single-A Stockton and was 5-6 with a 3.60 ERA in 18 games (16 starts) when he was promoted to Double-A Midland in late July...went 2-0 with a 2.54 ERA in eight starts with the RockHounds and was a combined 7-6 with a 3.29 ERA in 26 games (24 starts) overall...yielded just seven home runs in 134.0 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...ranked sixth in the A's farm system in strikeouts (118), ninth in innings pitched and 10th in ERA...allowed a .253 opponents batting average, including .246 against right-handed hitters and .260 against left-handers...surrendered five of his seven home runs to righties...all seven home runs were solo shots...had a .281 opponents batting average with runners in scoring position...went 2-2 with a 1.63 ERA in nine starts at home for Stockton and 2-0 with a 1.89 ERA in four starts at home

with Midland...combined at both levels to go 3-4 with a 4.96 ERA in 13 games on the road...had a 1.13 ERA in the first inning.

**#55 SEAN MANAEA LHP (7-9, 3.86 ERA in 2016)**

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut with the A's last year following an April 29 promotion and went 7-9 with a 3.86 ERA in 25 games, including 24 starts...ranked second among American League rookies in strikeouts (124), innings pitched (144.2) and games started and tied for fifth in wins...the strikeouts tied for sixth most in Oakland history by a rookie...allowed a .248 opponents batting average and walked 37 batters for a .298 on-base percentage...was 2-4 with a 6.02 ERA and .282 opponents batting average in nine starts when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 14 with a left pronator strain...was reinstated June 29 and went 5-5 with a 2.74 ERA and .229 opponents batting average in 16 games, 15 starts, following his return...his ERA following his return from the DL was fifth lowest in the AL...his opponents batting average included .180 against left-handed hitters compared to .263 against right-handers...based on a minimum of 140 innings pitched, the mark against lefties was second lowest in the AL.

**#36 ZACH NEAL RHP (2-4, 2 SV, 4.24 ERA in 2016)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut last year and went 2-4 with two saves and a 4.24 ERA in 24 games (six starts) over four stints with the A's...allowed a .265 opponents batting average but issued just six walks in 70.0 innings for a .281 on-base percentage...averaged 0.77 walks per nine innings...based on a minimum of 70 innings pitched, that was the second lowest mark in the majors (Kershaw, LAD 0.66) and third lowest in Athletics history...however, struck out just 27 for an average of 3.47 per nine innings...using the 70 inning minimum, that was the lowest mark in the majors...was 1-1 with an 8.04 ERA and .368 opponents batting in eight games (one start) over his first three stints, all before the All-Star Break...was recalled for his final stint July 21 and went 1-3 with a 3.15 ERA and .230 opponents batting average in 16 games (five starts) after the break...his opponents batting average included a .235 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .294 against right-handers.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

**February 27 at San Francisco**

**Giants:** RHP Jeff Samardzija, LHP Kraig Sitton, RHP Chris Stratton

**February 28 vs. Cleveland**

**A's:** RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Andrew Triggs, LHP A.J. Puk, LHP Ross Detwiler, RHP Bobby Wahl, RHP Josh Smith

**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

**March 1 at San Diego**

**A's:** RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Chris Smith, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Michael Brady, RHP Tucker Healy, RHP Aaron Kurcz

**Padres:** TBA

## 2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-4	0-1	Berg	C.Smith	14,929	
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-5	0-2	Miller	Kurcz	4,072	4,072
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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