



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-2) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (2-0-1)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have started the spring 1-2 for the second consecutive season...won their first game yesterday at Scottsdale after losing each of the first two contests...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 best 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 defeated the Giants 5-4 at Scottsdale for their first win of the spring...Oakland scored twice in each of the first two innings, beginning with a solo home run by Matt Joyce...Stephen Vogt added a RBI single in the first and Ryon Healy plated two with a double in the second inning...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and tossed a scoreless first inning (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so) before Sean Manaea came on to blank the Giants in the second and third innings (1 bb, 2 so)...Oakland had a 4-1 lead entering the bottom of the seventh but Trey Cochran-Gill allowed three runs on four hits while retiring just one batter...Simon Castro recorded the final two outs of the seventh inning and picked up the win after Adam Rosales walked with the bases loaded in the eighth to force in the winning run... Kyle Finnegan retired the side in order in the bottom of the ninth for the save...Vogt and Rajai Davis paced the A's offense with two hits each.

A's vs. INDIANS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Indians this spring...meet again here in Hohokam on Saturday and square off in Goodyear on March 16...the A's lost both game last year, dropping a 10-8 decision at Goodyear on March 18 and a 6-4 game in Mesa on March 28.

PLAYER NOTES: *Franklin Barreto* is one of five players to appear in all three games...has appeared in two games at shortstop and one at second base...*Jaycob Brugman* is one of five players to appear in all three games...*Matt Chapman (NR)* is one of five players to appear in all three games...*Alejandro De Aza (NR)* has hit safely in each of his two games (2-for-2, 1.000)...*Matt Joyce* has homered in each of his two games and is one of four players in the Cactus League with two home runs...*Ryan Lavarney (NR)* has hit safely in each of his two games (2-for-3, .667)...*Matt Olson* is one of five players to appear in all three games...*Stephen Vogt* has hit safely in each of his two games (3-for-5, .600)...*Joey Wendle* is one of five players to appear in all three games.

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 10 remaining broadcasts this spring, including three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except March 5, plus the March 30 and 31 game at San Francisco (31st on 102.9 FM KBLX)...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

#45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (2-0, 2.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...was one of three players acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers for Rich Hill and Josh Reddick at the 2016 trading deadline and made his Major League debut with Oakland in September...went 2-0 with a 2.15 ERA and .185 opponents batting average in five starts with the A's...walked just four batters in 29.1 innings (1.23 per nine innings)...his opponents batting average included a .146 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .217 against right-handers...yielded a .167 average with runners in scoring position...combined with Triple-A Oklahoma City and Nashville for an 11-6 record and a 4.31 ERA in 28 games, 22 starts...led the Pacific Coast League, ranked second in Triple-A and tied for 12th in all of minor league baseball with 155 strikeouts...also led the PCL in opponents batting average (.214) and tied for 10th in wins (11)...held left-handed hitters to a .192 average compared to .229 against right-handers...was rated as the A's No. 4 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#48 ROSS DETWILER LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring last Saturday at Chicago (NL) and tossed a scoreless fifth inning (1 h, 1 so)...was on the Cleveland Indians Opening Day roster in 2016 but finished the season with the A's...in between, he combined for a 6-4 record and a 4.40 ERA in 16 games, 15 starts, with Triple-A Columbus and Triple-A Nashville...had no decisions and a 5.79 ERA in seven relief appearances with Cleveland and was 2-4 with a 6.14 ERA in nine games (seven starts) with Oakland...combined for a 6.10 ERA in 16 big league games overall...struck out 26 batters in 48.2 innings for a career-low average of 4.81 strikeouts per nine innings...was 2-3 with a 4.70 ERA and .283 opponents batting average in his seven starting assignments, 0-1 with an 11.32 ERA and .340 opponents average in nine relief appearances...allowed 1-of-4 (25.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 2-for-8 (.250) with a walk...opponents hit .296, including .237 by left-handed hitters and .311 by right-handers.

#79 A.J. PUK LHP (0-4, 3.03 ERA in minors in 2016)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was the A's first round selection in the 2016 draft and was assigned to Vermont of the Short Season Single-A New York-Penn League after signing on June 30...went 0-4 with a 3.03 ERA in 10 starts with the Lake Monsters...did not allow an earned run in five of his six no decisions (0.98 ERA)...did not allow a run in three of those games, but tossed fewer than five innings in all but one start...struck out 40 batters in 32.2 innings (11.02 strikeouts per nine innings) and did not allow a home run...held the opposition to a .185 batting average, including .157 (14-for-89) against right-handed hitters compared to .257 (9-for-35) against left-handers...opponents were 3-for-32 (.094) with four walks (.194 on-base percentage) when leading off an inning...yielded a .353 average with runners in scoring position and two outs...combined for a 1.40 ERA in the first and second inning...had a 5.40 ERA from the third inning on.

#75 JOSH SMITH RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee made his first appearance of the spring Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and recorded the final two outs of the seventh inning (1 so)...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.

#60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (1-1, 4.31 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was claimed off waivers from Baltimore during the spring last year and went 1-1 with a 4.31 ERA and .255 opponents batting average in 24 games (six starts) over eight stints in his Major League debut with the A's...the eight stints are believed to be the most in one season in Oakland history...had three one-day stints and two two-day stints...struck out 55 and walked just 13 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.23...compiled an 8.00 ERA and .312 opponents batting average in 10 relief appearances over his first four stints through June 3...then went 1-1 with a 2.58 ERA and .224 opponents batting average in 14 games (six starts), over his final four stints...his opponents batting average included a .235 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .277 against left-handers...went 2-1 with two saves and a 2.95 ERA in 16 appearances with Nashville, all in relief...did not surrender a home run in 18.2 innings...allowed a .225 batting average, including .130 against left-handed hitters compared to .271 against right-handers.

#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Saturday at Chicago (NL) and tossed a scoreless eighth inning (1 h, 2 so)...spent most of the 2016 season at Double-A Midland but pitched at three different levels in the A's farm system and was a combined 1-1 with 14 saves, a 2.65 ERA and .194 opponents batting average in 45 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton, the RockHounds and Triple-A Nashville...the saves were the most in the A's farm system and a career-high...also had career highs in strikeouts (65), games, innings pitched (54.1) and walks (28)...averaged 10.77 strikeouts per nine innings...surrendered just three home runs, an average of 0.50 per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a .186 mark against left-handed pitching compared to .198 against right-handers...allowed a .207 batting average and two of his three home runs with the bases empty, .175 with runners on base...opponents hit .214 with runners in scoring position but that marked dropped to .130 with RISP and two outs...converted 14-of-15 (93.3%) save opportunities, including each of his final 14 chances...allowed 2-of-9 (22.2%) inherited runners to score.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

February 28 vs. Cleveland

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: RHP Trevor Cahill

March 2 vs. Texas

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Raul Alcántara, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Trey Cochran-Gill, RHP Heath Fillmyer

Rangers: TBA

2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-4	0-1	Berg	C.Smith	14,929		March 15	OFF DAY		
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-5	0-2	Miller	Kurcz	4,072	4,072	March 16	at Cleveland	1:05	
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	W, 5-4	1-2	Castro	Suarez	7,385		March 17	Arizona	1:05	
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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									
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	102.9 FM KBLX/A's Radio Network								
April 1	San Francisco (at Oak)	12:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network								