



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (3-5)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three of the last four games after losing each of the first two contests this spring...are 2-1 at Hohokam and 1-2 on the road...have scored 21 runs, which is tied for second fewest in the majors (Texas, 20)...have the second fewest doubles (5)...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)...the offense struck out 225 times, which was second fewest among CL teams...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 Texas here at Hohokam by a score of 5-1...Oakland scored twice in the first inning on a Marcus Semien RBI double and a Ryon Healy sacrifice fly, and added another run in the third on a Healy fielders choice...Jesse Hahn started for the A's and picked up the win, allowing three hits and no walks while striking out three in 3.0 innings...John Axford followed with a scoreless fourth inning, Raul Alcantara allowed a run in three innings of relief and Frankie Montas closed out the game with 2.0 scoreless innings...Jaycob Brugman added a two-run single in the sixth inning to complete the A's scoring...Matt Joyce collected two of Oakland's 10 hits.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the second of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...Oakland won the first game at Scottsdale on Monday, 5-4 and now has an eight-game winning streak against San Francisco in Arizona (five at Scottsdale, three at Mesa)...the remaining three games this year are in the Bay Area as the two clubs 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...Oakland is now 18-6 over its last 24 spring games against the Giants.

PLAYER NOTES: **Rajai Davis** has reached base safely in each of his four games (4-for-11, one walk)...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (2) and tied for fifth in batting (.364)...**Alejandro De Aza (NR)** has hit safely in three of his four games (3-for-6, .500)...**Ryon Healy** is just 1-for-8 (.125) but has a team-leading four RBI...**Matt Joyce** has hit safely in three of his four games (4-for-8, .500)...homered in each of his first two contests and is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2)...**Rangel Ravelo (NR)** hit the game winning home run in his first at bat of the spring Tuesday against Cleveland in the eighth inning...**Marcus Semien** has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-9, .333) after going 0-for-3 in his first contest...**Stephen Vogt** has hit safely in three of his four games (4-for-9, .444).

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 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 tomorrow with the first workout scheduled for Sunday...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 complementary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate and to the right as your 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 games 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

#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...tossed a scoreless first inning in his first start last Monday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

GRAVEMAN'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	5-4	-	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)				0-0	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	0

#58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) and tossed a scoreless fourth and fifth innings (2.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

#71 SIMON CASTRO RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in either of his two outings this spring (1.0 ip), including his last appearance on Monday at San Francisco when he picked up the win (0.2 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.

#66 RYAN DULL RHP (5-5, 3 SV, 2.42 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...compiled a 2.42 ERA and .186 opponents batting average in 70 relief appearances in his rookie campaign last year...led American League rookies and tied for ninth among all AL pitchers in games pitched...fell one short of the Oakland rookie record for games pitched...his ERA was fifth best in Oakland history by a rookie with 70 or more innings pitched...also ranked second among

AL rookies in saves (3), ninth in innings (74.1) and strikeouts (73) and tied for ninth in wins (5)...ranked third among all AL relievers in opponents on-base percentage (.228), tied for sixth in innings and seventh in opponents batting average...struck out 73 and walked just 15 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.87...averaged 1.82 walks per nine innings...allowed 7-of-52 (13.5%) inherited runners to score, which was the third lowest percentage in the AL...first batters faced hit .121 with two walks (.143 on-base percentage)...ranked second in the AL in first batter on-base percentage and OPS (.355), third in batting average and fourth in slugging percentage (.212).

#78 DANIEL GOSSETT RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...was the starting pitcher in his first outing last Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) when he pitched 2.0 scoreless innings (2 bb)...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.

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-4, 3.76 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...compiled a 3.76 ERA and .270 opponents batting average in 53 relief appearances in his first season with the A's last year...had an 8.27 ERA and .394 opponents batting average in 11 games before going on the disabled list in early May with a strained right triceps...logged a 2.23 ERA and .222 opponents batting average in 42 games following his return from the DL...struck out 71 batters in 64.2 innings for the second consecutive season and matched his career high in strikeouts...has an average of 9.88 strikeouts per nine innings over his last two seasons after posting a mark of 5.87 over his first four seasons...walked just 14 (1.95 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.07...posted a 0-4 record after going 5-0 in 2015...allowed just 5-of-34 (14.7%) inherited runners to score, which was the fourth lowest mark in the AL...first batters faced hit .231 with one walk (.245 on-base percentage)...his opponents batting average included a .228 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .297 against right-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 3 vs. San Francisco

Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija, RHP Chris Stratton, RHP Dan Slania, RHP Samuel Coonrod

March 4 vs. Cleveland

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP César Valdez, RHP Zach Neal, RHP Bobby Wahl, RHP Josh Smith, RHP Heath Fillmyer, RHP Trey Cochran-Gill, RHP Tucker Healy, RHP Aaron Kurcz
Indians: RHP Mike Clevinger, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Perci Garner, RHP Travis Banwart, LHP Kyle Crockett, RHP Josh Martin, RHP Adam Plutko

March 5 at Seattle

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Andrew Triggs, LHP Ross Detwiler, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Michael Brady, LHP Daniel Coulombe
Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez, RHP Evan Scribner, SHP Pat Venditte, LHP James Pazos, RHP Chase DeJong, RHP Peter Tago, RHP Casey Fien

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
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	W, 5-4	1-2	Castro	Suarez	7,385	
Feb. 28	Cleveland	W, 5-4	2-2	J.Smith	Russell	3,108	7,180
March 1	at San Diego	L, 0-5	2-3	Bawcom	Coulombe	1,864	
March 2	Texas	W, 5-1	3-3	Hahn	Hauschild	3,326	10,506
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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	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