



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-4) VS. ITALY (1-0)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four of the last five games and six of the last eight after losing each of the first two contests this spring...are 3-2 at Hohokam and 3-2 on the road...scored 21 runs yesterday at Arizona after tallying just 37 runs over the first nine games...allowed 13 runs against the Diamondbacks and have surrendered 32 runs in the last three games (31 er in 27.0 ip, 10.33 ERA) after yielding 24 over the first seven contests (3.25 ERA)...are tied for third in the Cactus League in home runs (12) and tied for fourth in fewest errors (8)...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...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).

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated Arizona at Salt River Fields, 21-13...the 21 runs were the A's most in a spring game since a 23-5 win over San Francisco at Scottsdale on March 1, 2008...Sonny Gray started for Oakland and allowed five runs in the first inning and two more in the second (2.0 ip, 5 h, 7 r, 7 er, 4 bb, 3 so)...however, the A's scored three times in the second and third and twice in the fourth and were trailing 10-8 after five innings...Oakland then sent 15 men to the plate in the sixth inning and scored 11 runs...Matt Chapman had a RBI single and a three-run triple in the sixth and finished the day 2-for-2 with four RBI...Marcus Semien was 3-for-3 with four RBI and Jaycob Brugman, Trevor Plouffe and Yonder Alonso had two hits each...Chris Smith (1.0 ip) and Simon Castro (0.1 ip) tossed scoreless relief for Oakland.

A's vs. WBC: This is the fourth time the A's have played an exhibition game against a World Baseball Classic team...the last time was in 2013 when they also played Italy, a 4-3 win on March 5...other two came against South Africa, a 13-1 win on March 4, 2006 and 6-1 victory on March 5, 2009.

PLAYER NOTES: *Franklin Barreto* has hit safely in each of his last four games (4-for-8, .500) and is 6-for-13 (.462) in eight games overall...*Jaycob Brugman* has a three-game hitting streak (4-for-9, .444) after going 1-for-4 over his first four games...*Mark Canha* has hit safely in each of his last three games (4-for-8, 2 doubles)...*Matt Chapman (NR)* was 2-for-2 with a triple and four RBI yesterday at Arizona, all in the sixth inning...*Rajai Davis* is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in stolen bases (2)...*Alejandro De Aza (NR)* has hit safely in five of his six games (5-for-12, .417)...*Jaff Decker (NR)* has a three-game hitting streak (3-for-5, .600) after going 1-for-5 over his first four games...*Matt Joyce* is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (2)...*Trevor Plouffe* has hit safely in each of his last four games (5-for-8, .625) after going 0-for-3 in his first contest...*Adam Rosales* went 1-for-3 on Sunday at Seattle after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...*Marcus Semien* went 3-for-3 with four RBI yesterday against Arizona...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (7).

IN CAMP: After reassigning seven non-roster invitees to minor league camp on Sunday, the A's now have 63 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 23 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 27 pitchers, six catchers, 19 infielders and 11 outfielders... began the spring with 70 players in camp, which were the A's most players in camp since 1982 when they had 78 (35 roster, 43 non-roster).

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC: Non-roster invitee Ryan Lavarney is playing for Israel in the World Baseball Classic in Pool A at Seoul...he has started each of Israel's two games at catcher, both wins, and is 3-for-6 (.500) with two walks, a home run and two RBI...Israel's next game is tonight against the Netherlands at 8:00 pm MST...they will advance to the second round in Tokyo, which begins on March 12 local time.

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

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is underway...pitchers and catchers have started working out...position players report on Friday with the first workout scheduled for Saturday.

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 three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the schedule includes all remaining Saturday and Sunday games, 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).

TRANSACTIONS

March 5 Michael Brady, Trey Cochran-Gill, Heath Fillmyer, Tucker Healy, Aaron Kurcz, A.J. Puk and Josh Smith reassigned to minor league camp

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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 (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and start of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first two starts (3.0 ip), including his last start on Friday against San Francisco when he picked up the win (2.0 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
March 3	San Francisco	6-1	W	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)				1-0	0.00	3.0	2	0	2	2	0

#35 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his three appearances, including his last outing Sunday at Seattle (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er)...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.

#32 JESSE HAHN RHP (1-0, 5.79 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...his first two outings were starts...tossed 3.0 scoreless innings for the win in his last start last Thursday against Texas after allowing three runs on four hits in 1.2 innings in a no decision in his first start Feb. 25 at Chicago (NL)...had four separate stints with the A's last year and went 2-4 with a career-high 6.02 ERA in nine starts...also had career highs in opponents batting average (.313), on-base percentage (.376) and slugging percentage (.484)...allowed a career-high eight home runs in 46.1 innings (1.55 per nine innings) after surrendering nine home runs in 170.0 innings over his first two seasons (0.48 per nine innings)...struck out just 23 batters and walked 19 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 1.21, which was the lowest in the AL and fifth lowest in the majors among pitchers with 40 or more innings pitched...his opponents batting average included a mark of .273 against right-handed hitters compared to .361 against left-handers...went 1-7 with a 4.32 ERA in 15 starts with Nashville...the starts were the first of his career at the Triple-A level...surrendered just four home runs in 68.2 innings, an average of 0.54 per nine innings...allowed a .276 opponents batting average, including .255 against right-handers compared to .304 against left-handers.

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Retired the side in order in the fourth inning in his first outing last Friday against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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.

#72 FRANKIE MONTAS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Thursday against Texas and tossed a scoreless eighth and ninth innings (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...was one of three players acquired by the A's from Los Angeles in the 2016 trading deadline deal that sent Rich Hill and Josh Reddick to the Dodgers, but missed nearly the entire season due to rib cage injuries...began the year on the Dodgers 60-day disabled list with a fractured right rib cage, an injury suffered during the offseason...was sent to Double-A Tulsa on a rehab assignment May 22 and logged a 1.93 ERA in three games, including one start...was transferred to Triple-A Oklahoma City May 30 and made three additional rehab appearances before he was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Oklahoma City June 12...made one more appearance before going on the Triple-A DL June 19 with an inflamed right rib cage...missed the remainder of the season...logged a 2.38 ERA in four games (three starts) with Oklahoma City and was 0-0 with a 2.25 ERA in seven games (four starts) overall...struck out 22 batters in 16.0 innings (12.38 per nine innings) and walked just three (1.69 per nine innings).

#36 ZACH NEAL RHP (0-0, 7.36 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has allowed at least one run in each of his two appearances, including his last outing Saturday against Cleveland (1.2 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...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

March 8 vs. Italy (WBC)

Italy: LHP Orlando Oberto

March 9 vs. Cincinnati

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Daniel Gossett, LHP Ross Detwiler, RHP John Axford, RHP Bobby Wahl, RHP Simon Castro

Reds: RHP Tim Adleman, RHP Robert Stephenson, RHP Keury Mella, RHP Jackson Stephens, RHP Barrett Astin, RHP Alejandro Chacin, RHP Kevin Shackelford

March 10 at Kansas City

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Ryan Dull

Royals: RHP Jason Hammel, RHP Kelvin Herrera, LHP Matt Strahm, LHP Scott Alexander, RHP Miguel Almonte, RHP Yender Caramo, RHP Andrew Edwards

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
March 3	San Francisco	W, 6-1	4-3	Graveman	Samardzija	8,203	18,709
March 4	Cleveland	L, 5-15	4-4	Clevinger	Manaea	6,707	25,416
March 5	at Seattle	W, 5-4	5-4	Detwiler	DeJong	6,639	
March 6	OFF DAY						
March 7	at Arizona	W, 21-13	6-4	Dull	Bradley	8,208	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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					

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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