



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-4) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (5-7)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four of the last five games, not including a win in an exhibition game yesterday against Italy's World Baseball Classic club...have also won six of the last eight games after losing each of the first two contests this spring...are 3-2 at Hohokam and 3-2 on the road...scored 21 runs in their most recent Cactus League game Tuesday 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 CL in fewest errors (8) and tied for fourth in most home runs (12)...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).

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated Italy in an exhibition game 7-0 as four A's pitchers combined to shutout the Italians on six hits...Kendall Graveman started for Oakland and picked up the win, allowing one hit in 3.0 innings...Liam Hendriks retired the side in order in the fourth, Jesse Hahn allowed two hits in 3.0 innings and Frankie Montas allowed three hits over the final two innings...Max Muncy opened the A's scoring with a RBI single in the second inning and Matt Chapman added a two-run double in the fourth...Ryon Healy homered off Zach Neal, who was loaned to Italy, in the fifth inning and Oakland added two unearned runs in the sixth...Chad Pinder completed the A's scoring with a leadoff home run in the eighth.

A's vs. REDS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...meet again in Goodyear next Monday and square off in Mesa on March 25...Oakland won both games last spring, including 9-4 at Goodyear on March 11 and 7-6 in Mesa on March 19.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* has not struck out in 16 plate appearances...*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...also went 1-for-3 with a triple in the exhibition game against Italy...*Jaycob Brugman* has a three-game hitting streak (4-for-9, .444), not including an 0-for-1 performance against Italy...went 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) but went 0-for-3 against Italy...*Matt Chapman (NR)* was 2-for-2 with a triple and four RBI Tuesday at Arizona, all in the sixth inning...also went 1-for-2 with a double and two RBI yesterday against Italy...*Rajai Davis* is tied for seventh 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) but was 0-for-2 against Italy...*Jaff Decker (NR)* has a three-game hitting streak (3-for-5, .600) but went 0-for-1 against Italy...was 1-for-5 over his first four games...*Matt Joyce* is tied for seventh 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...added a 1-for-3 performance against Italy yesterday...*Marcus Semien* went 3-for-3 with four RBI Tuesday 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 was named MVP of Pool A in Seoul after going 5-for-9 (.556) with four walks, a home run and three RBI in three games for Israel...Lavarney started all three games at catcher for Israel, which went 3-0 in the first round...minor leaguer Joey Wagman also pitched for Israel and made his only appearance Wednesday against the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r,

1 er, 1 bb)...Israel advances to the second round in Tokyo and will play the number two seed from Pool B on Saturday at 8:00 pm MST.

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 tomorrow with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...Triple-A and Double-A games begin on Monday, March 13 and Single-A games start on Saturday on March 18.

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 #55 SEAN MANAEA LHP (0-1, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring... allowed five runs in 1.2 innings for the loss in his last start Saturday against Cleveland after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings of relief in his first appearance Feb. 27 at San Francisco...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.

MANAEA'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 27	at San Francisco	5-4	-	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0
March 4	Cleveland	5-15	L	9.82	1.2	5	5	4	1	2	0
Totals (2 games, 1 start)				0-1	9.82	3.2	5	5	4	2	4

*indicates relief appearance

#61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in either of his two appearances (2.0 ip), including his last outing last Sunday at Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...went 6-4 with three saves and a 3.97 ERA in 68 relief appearances in his first season with the A's last year...struck out 60 batters in 65.2 innings and his average of 8.22 strikeouts per nine innings was the lowest mark of his career...had a 2.70 ERA over his first 26 games and a 2.19 ERA over his final 24 but logged a 9.42 ERA in 18 games in between (June 15 to July 25)...tied for second among American League relievers in blown saves (7), but only one came in the ninth inning or later...tied for fourth in most walks (30) and has now issued 215 free passes since the start of the 2010 season, which are the most in the majors by a reliever...tied for seventh among AL relievers in 2016 in wins (6)...allowed 8-of-16 (50.0%) inherited runners to score... first batters faced hit .281 but he issued just three walks (.324 on-base percentage) and allowed just two doubles (.313 slugging percentage)... opponents hit .258, including .256 (30-for-117) by left-handed hitters and .259 (35-for-135) by right-handers.

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or a hit in four outings this spring (2.2 ip), including his last appearance on Tuesday against Arizona (0.1 ip, 1 so)...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.

#48 ROSS DETWILER LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in three outings this spring (3.0 ip), including his last appearance Sunday at Seattle when he picked up the win (1.0 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 1-for-11 (.091) with no walks...

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.

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run or hit in two outings this spring (4.0 ip), including his last appearance last Friday against San Francisco when he tossed a scoreless fifth and sixth inning (2.0 ip, 1 bb)...started in his first outing Feb. 26 against Los Angeles (AL)...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.

#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing Saturday against Cleveland when he tossed a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 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

March 9 vs. Cincinnati

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, LHP Daniel Coulombe

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

March 11 vs. Texas

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, RHP Tyler Sturdevant

Rangers: 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
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	
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	W, 7-0		Graveman	Oberto	3,204	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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