



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-4) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (2-10-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four straight and six of the last seven games, which does not include Wednesday's exhibition game win over Italy's World Baseball Classic club...are 8-4 (.667) overall, which is the second best record in the Cactus League to the Angels (9-4, .692)...have scored 11 or more runs in each of the last three CL games and have 44 runs total over that stretch...tallied just 37 runs over the first nine contests... however, have allowed 44 runs in the last five games (43 er in 45.0 ip, 8.60 ERA) after yielding 24 over the first seven contests (3.25 ERA)...have a 5.52 ERA overall, which is third highest in the CL...have committed eight errors, which is second fewest in the CL (Arizona, 7)...are 4-2 at Hohokam and 4-2 on the road...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 Kansas City at Surprise, 11-7...Jharel Cotton started for the A's and pitched 3.1 hitless innings for the win (1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 5 so)...Matt Olson opened the scoring with a leadoff home run in the second inning and Jaff Decker added a RBI double later in the inning... Oakland led 2-1 after six innings but then scored four times in the seventh and five times in the eighth...Chad Pinder had a three-run home run in the seventh and Andrew Lambo added a two-run blast in the eighth to highlight the scoring...Decker and Renato Nuñez had two hits each...Simon Castro (0.2 ip), Ryan Dull (1.0 ip), Sam Bragg (0.2 ip) and Lou Trivino (1.0 ip) added scoreless relief.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's won the first game on March 2 by a score of 5-1, also here in Mesa...Oakland lost all three games last spring, losing 10-3 in Mesa on March 8, 14-5 at Surprise on March 12 and 12-1 in Mesa on March 24...are now 2-8-1 against the Rangers over the last five springs.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (6)...has not struck out in 19 plate appearances...is 4-for-7 (.571) over his last four games after going 1-for-6 (.167) over his first four... *Franklin Barreto* has appeared in seven games at shortstop and three at second base...*Mark Canha* is tied for seventh in the CL in doubles (3)... has appeared in three games in right field, two in left field and one in center field...*Matt Chapman (NR)* was 2-for-2 with a triple and four RBI Tuesday at Arizona, all in the sixth inning...*Rajai Davis* is tied for ninth in the CL in stolen bases (2)...*Jaff Decker (NR)* had his first two-hit game last night at Kansas City and is 5-for-10 (.500) with two walks over his last six games... *Ryon Healy* has driven in at least one run in five of his six games and is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (7)...has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-9, .333) after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...has appeared in three games at designated hitter, two at first base and one at third base...*Matt Joyce* has reached base safely in six of his seven games and is tied for third in the CL in walks (6)...is also tied for 10th in home runs (2)...*Jed Lowrie* went 3-for-4 Thursday against Cincinnati after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five games...*Renato Nuñez* is 5-for-9 (.556) over his last four games after going 0-for-6 over his first four contests...*Matt Olson* has homered in back-to-back games and is tied for 10th in the CL in home runs (2)...*Josh Phegley* is 2-for-5 (.400) over his last two games after going 0-for-5 over his first three contests...*Chad Pinder* hit his second home run last night, which is tied for 10th in the CL...*Trevor Plouffe* has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-5) and has now hit safely in each of his last five contests (7-for-11, .636)...*Adam Rosales* has appeared in four games at shortstop and two at second base...*Marcus Semien* has six RBI in his last two games and has nine overall, which ranks second in the CL (Blash, SD 12)...went 3-for-3 with four RBI Tuesday against Arizona.

IN CAMP: The A's 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 Lavarnway 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...Lavarnway 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 opens second round play in Tokyo tonight against Cuba at 8:00 pm MST.

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 and position players join them today...Triple-A and Double-A games begin on Monday and Single-A games start next Saturday, 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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and first start of the spring... has not allowed an earned run in his first two appearances (4.0 ip)... 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.

TRIGGS' 2017 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 28	Cleveland	5-4	-	0.00	2.0	2	1	0	0	3	0
*March 5	at Seattle	5-4	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)			0-0	0.00	4.0	3	1	0	0	4	0

*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.

#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring Tuesday at Arizona and allowed two runs in the fourth inning (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er)... saved a team-leading 30 games in his first season with Oakland last year to become just the second A's pitcher over the last 10 years to save 30 or more games (Balfour, 38 in 2013)... it was his second career 30-save season (32 in 2011)... ranked ninth in the American League in saves but tied for second with seven blown saves... had the fourth lowest save percentage (81.1%)... was charged with all seven of his blown saves against AL West competition (Texas 3, Houston 2, Los Angeles 1, Seattle 1)... had a 5.73 ERA and .331 opponents batting average in 32 games against the West compared to a 1.42 ERA and .165 opponents average in his other 31 contests... was 10-for-17 (58.9%) in saves against the West, 20-for-20 against everyone else... was 6-7 with a 3.62 ERA in 63 appearances... tied for third among AL relievers in losses (7), tied for seventh in wins (6) and tied for 10th in opponents grounded into double plays (8)... allowed a .244 batting average against left-handed hitters compared to .270 against right-handers.

#58 CHRIS SMITH RHP (0-1, 3.60 ERA)

The non-roster invitee did not allow a run in his last outing Tuesday at Arizona (1.0 ip) after yielding at least one run in each of his first two appearances, both 2.0 innings... opponents are 3-for-18 (.067) with no walks... began the 2016 season in the starting rotation at Triple-A Nashville but finished it in the bullpen with Oakland... was 6-8 with a 3.93 ERA in 22 starts with the Sounds when he was selected by the A's Aug. 7... had no decisions and a 2.92 ERA in 13 relief appearances with Oakland... it was his first Major League action since 2010 with Milwaukee... held the opposition to a .165 batting average but allowed almost as many walks (13) than hits (14) for a .270 on-base percentage... struck out 29 batters in 24.2 innings (10.58 per nine innings)... allowed a .151 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .188 against left-handers... yielded a .176 average with runners in scoring position, .103 with two outs and .058 with two strikes... first batters faced were 0-for-8 but he walked four and surrendered a sacrifice fly for a .308 on-base percentage... while at Nashville, he ranked second in the Pacific Coast League in opponents batting average (.239), sixth in strikeouts (121) and ninth in ERA.

#85 TYLER STURDEVANT RHP (0-1, 3.93 ERA in 2016)

The non-roster invitee made his only appearance of the spring last Wednesday when he was loaned to team Italy to face the A's... retired the side in order in the seventh inning... made his Major League debut with Tampa Bay last year and was 0-1 with a 3.93 ERA in 16 relief appearances over three stints... surrendered just one home run in 18.1 innings... allowed a .273 opponents batting average, including .250 by left-handed hitters compared to .283 by right-handers... three of the five hits by lefties were for extra bases... opponents hit .111 with two strikes... allowed 2-of-10 (20.0%) inherited runners to score... first batters faced hit .375... spent the balance of the season with Durham and went 3-2 with four saves and a 3.66 ERA in 34 relief appearances... struck out 49 in 39.1 innings, an average of 11.21 per nine innings... walked just 12 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.08... allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .259 against left-handed hitters compared to .272 (25-for-92) against right-handers... had a .321 opponents average with the bases empty, .200 with runners on base... opponents hit .171 with runners in scoring position.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 11 vs. Texas

Rangers: RHP Eddie Gamboa, RHP Anthony Bass, RHP Tony Barnett, RHP Brady Draggmire

March 12 vs. Chicago (NL)

A's: RHP Raul Alcantara, LHP Ross Detwiler, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Zach Neal, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Bobby Wahl

Cubs: RHP Jake Arrieta, LHP Rob Zastryzny, RHP Koji Uehara, RHP Justin Grimm, RHP Williams Perez

March 13 at Cincinnati

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Ryan Dull, RHP Simon Castro

Reds: RHP Anthony DeSclafani, LHP Amir Garrett, RHP Jackson Stephens, RHP Lisalberto Bonilla

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	
March 9	Cincinnati	W, 12-5	7-4	Manaea	Adelman	4,779	30,195
March 10	at Kansas City	W, 11-7	8-4	Cotton	Hammel	6,507	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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