



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-4) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (4-7-3)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – CSNCA

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won five straight and seven of the last eight games, which does not include Wednesday's exhibition game win over Italy's World Baseball Classic club...are 9-4 (.692) overall, which is the best record in the Cactus League and fourth best in the majors...have scored 52 runs over the last four CL games (13.0 per game) after tallying 37 runs over the first nine contests (4.1 per game)...however, have allowed 51 runs in the last six games (49 er in 54.0 ip, 8.17 ERA) after yielding 24 over the first seven contests (3.25 ERA)...have a 5.56 ERA overall, which is fourth highest in the CL...have committed 10 errors, which is second fewest in the CL (Arizona, 7)...are 5-2 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 Texas at Hohokam by a score of 8-7...Ryon Healy hit a two-run home run in the first inning and Khris Davis had a RBI double in the third to give Oakland a 3-1 lead...the Rangers scored a run in the fourth off starting pitcher Andrew Triggs (3.1 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 so), two in the fifth off John Axford and two in the sixth off Ryan Madson...the A's trailed 7-5 entering the bottom of the eighth but Renato Nunez tied the game with a pinch hit two-run home run...Max Schrock had a pinch hit RBI double in the bottom of the ninth for the walk-off win...Logan Shore picked up the win after retiring the side in order in the top of the ninth...Healy had three hits and Davis and Franklin Barreto had two each.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...Oakland lost the first meeting in the Cactus League opener on Feb. 25 at Sloan Park, 4-3...the clubs return to Sloan March 29 to close out CL play...last spring, the A's played to a 3-3 tie at Hohokam on March 13 and lost 9-5 at Sloan on March 29...are 1-4-2 against the Cubs over the last three springs.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...is 5-for-10 (.500) over his last five games after going 1-for-6 (.167) over his first four...*Franklin Barreto* has appeared in seven games at shortstop and four at second base...*Mark Canha* is tied for 10th 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)* is 2-for-3 (.677) with four walks, three runs scored and four RBI over his last four games...*Khris Davis* had his first two-hit game yesterday and is 3-for-5 (.600) with two doubles over his last two games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests...*Jaff Decker (NR)* had his first two-hit game Friday night at Kansas City and is 5-for-12 (.417) with two walks over his last seven games...*Ryon Healy* went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI yesterday against Texas...he has now driven in at least one run in six of his seven games and ranks in the CL with 10 RBI (Blash, SD 12)...has hit safely in each of his last four games (6-for-12, .500) after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...has appeared in three games at designated hitter, two at first base and two at third base...*Matt Joyce* has reached base safely in six of his seven games and is tied for fifth in the CL in walks (6)...*Jed Lowrie* went 3-for-4 Thursday against Cincinnati after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five games...*Renato Nunez* is 6-for-10 (.600) with two home runs and four RBI over his last five games after going 0-for-6 over his first four contests...*Josh Phegley* is 2-for-5 (.400) over his last two games after going 0-for-5 over his first three contests...*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 three games and has nine overall, which is tied for third in the CL...went 3-for-3 with four RBI Tuesday against Arizona...is now 5-for-9 (.556) over his last three games after going 3-for-15 (.200) over his first five.

IN CAMP: After reassigning nine non-roster invitees this morning, the A's have 54 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 14 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 25 pitchers, six catchers, 14 infielders and nine 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 has started all four games for undefeated Israel and is 7-for-13 (.538) with four walks, one double, one home run and four RBI...Lavarney is tied for second in the WBC in hits and tied for sixth in RBI...he earned Pool A MVP honors after going 5-for-9 (.556) with four walks, a home run and three RBI in three games in Seoul...minor leaguer Joey Wagman is also pitching 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 plays the Netherlands tomorrow at 3:00 am MST and squares off against Japan Wednesday at 3:00 am MST...another minor leaguer, Jake Sanchez, pitched for Mexico last night against Puerto Rico (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so).

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: A's minor leaguers had their first full squad workout yesterday...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 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 eight 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 today 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
March 12	Jermaine Curtis, Felix Doubront, Andrew Lambo, Richie Martin, Max Muncy, Rangel Ravelo, Josh Rodriguez, Tyler Sturdevant and Kenny Wilson 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

#50 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (0-0, 4.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and first start of the spring... has allowed at least one run in each of his last two appearances... however, opponents are 6-for-31 (.194)... is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in innings pitched (8.2)... made both his Triple-A and Major League debuts in 2016... started the season at Double-A Midland, was moved up to Triple-A Nashville July 21 and was promoted to Oakland Sept. 5... went 1-3 with a 7.25 ERA and .333 opponents batting average in five starts with the A's... surrendered nine home runs in 22.1 innings, an average of 3.63 per nine innings... based on a minimum of 20 innings pitched, that was the third highest average in the American League and second highest in Athletics history to Dillon Overton, who had a mark of 4.44 in 2016... his opponents batting average broke down to .306 against left-handed hitters compared to .364 against right-handers... combined for a 9-6 record and a 3.58 ERA in 25 starts with Midland and Nashville... tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins and tied for eighth in strikeouts (105)... walked 30 batters in 135.2 innings (1.99 per nine innings)... allowed a .266 opponents batting average, including .256 against left-handed hitters compared to .273 against right-handers.

ALCANTARA'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	3-4	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
*March 2	Texas	5-1	-	1.80	3.0	1	1	1	1	2	0
*March 7	at Arizona	21-13	-	4.15	3.2	4	3	3	1	1	0
Totals (3 games, 0 starts)			0-0	4.15	8.2	6	4	4	2	4	0

*indicates relief appearance

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (2-5, 31 SV, 3.57 ERA in 2016)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring... was signed by the A's as a free agent to a two-year contract Jan. 20, 2017... went 2-5 with 31 saves and a 3.57 ERA in 62 relief appearances with San Francisco last year... ranked sixth in the National League in saves but had a career-high nine blown saves, which tied for the most in the majors (Jones, CWS)... his save percentage of 77.5% was fourth lowest in the NL... the saves were second most in his career to his 38 from 2015... struck out a career-high 65 batters in 58.0 innings... walked just 19 and his average of 2.95 walks per nine innings was the second lowest mark of his career (2.31 in 2014)... had a career-best strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.42... hit a career-high five batters and matched his career high by allowing eight home runs (also 2012)... allowed a .235 opponents batting average, including .215 against right-handed hitters compared to .265 against left-handers... opponents hit .173 with runners in scoring position, including .077 with RISP and two outs... allowed just 1-of-18 (5.6%) inherited runners to score.

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in four outings this spring (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Thursday against Cincinnati when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb)... opponents are 1-for-14 (.071) with one walk... 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.

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

Retired the side in order in his last outing last Wednesday in the exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic (1.0 ip, 1 so)... also retired the side in order in his only Cactus League appearance on March 3 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)

Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in his last appearance on Wednesday in the exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic team (3 h, 3 so)... made his only Cactus League appearance March 2 against Texas (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 was loaned to Italy for the exhibition game last Wednesday and allowed a home run to Ryon Healy (1.2 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)... has allowed at least one run in each of his two Cactus League appearances... 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 12 vs. Chicago (NL)

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, LHP Daniel Coulombe

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

March 14 vs. Colorado

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP John Axford, LHP Sean Doolittle

Rockies: RHP Jon Gray, RHP Jeff Hoffman, LHP Mike Dunn, RHP Carlos Estevez, RHP Miguel Castro

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	
March 11	Texas	W, 8-7	9-4	Shore	Wolff	6,072	36,267
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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