



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-7) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (10-9)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three straight after winning six in a row...are 8-4 over the last 12 games and 10-7 (.588) overall...that is the second best record in the Cactus League to Seattle (12-8, .600)...each of the A's last two losses have been by one run and five of Oakland's seven for the spring have been by two runs or fewer...are 6-3 at Hohokam and 4-4 on the road...are tied with Arizona and Los Angeles (AL) for the fewest errors in the CL (14)...rank fourth in walks (78) but are tied for the second fewest stolen bases (9)...the pitching staff is tied for second in fewest home runs (17) and ranks third in fewest walks (61) but has the fourth highest ERA (5.56)...Oakland has scored nine runs in the last three games after tallying at least eight runs in each of the previous five contests...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 lost to Cleveland at Goodyear, 6-5...Franklin Barreto homered in the first inning to give Oakland a 1-0 lead but Andrew Triggs allowed three runs in the bottom of the first and three more in the fourth for the loss (3.2 ip, 5 h, 6 r, 6 er, 2 bb, 3 so)...the A's bullpen did not allow a run, including scoreless outings by Liam Hendriks (1.1 ip), Ross Detwiler (2.0 ip) and Chris Smith (1.0 ip)...Adam Rosales homered in the second inning, Ryon Healy hit a two-run shot in the fifth and J.P. Sportman added a RBI single in the seventh to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's won the first game at Salt River Fields on March 7, 21-13...face each other again in Mesa on Monday...Oakland lost both meetings last spring, dropping a 6-3 decision at Salt River Fields on March 4 and a 12-9 game in Mesa on March 30...are 8-3-2 against the Diamondbacks over the last six springs.

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in walks (7)...has reached base safely in each of his last seven games (7-for-13, four walks) after going 1-for-6 (.167) with three walks over his first four contests...*Franklin Barreto* had his third multiple hit game yesterday at Cleveland, including his first home run...is 6-for-10 (.600) over his last five games and 12-for-25 (.480) in 15 games overall...has appeared in nine games at shortstop and seven at second base...*Mark Canha* has appeared in five games in right field, three in left field and one in center field...*Matt Chapman (NR)* is 4-for-11 (.364) with four walks and five RBI over his last eight games...*Khris Davis* had his first two-hit game last Saturday against Texas and is 3-for-8 (.375) with two doubles over his last three games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests...*Rajai Davis* stole his third base of the spring yesterday at Cleveland, which is tied for eighth in the CL...*Jaff Decker (NR)* collected his fourth double yesterday at Cleveland, which is tied for eighth in the CL...*Ryon Healy* has driven in at least one run in seven of his 10 games and ranks second in the CL in RBI (12)...is tied for fifth in home runs (3)...went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI last Saturday against Texas...has appeared in four games at designated hitter, four at first base and two at third base...*Matt Joyce* has reached base safely in eight of his nine games and is tied for the CL lead in walks (8)...*Jed Lowrie* has driven in a run in each of his last three games (3 RBI total)...*Matt Olson* has five hits this spring, four of which are for extra bases (one double, one triple, two home runs)...*Chris Parmelee (NR)* is 4-for-6 (.667) over his last five games after starting the spring 1-for-14 (.071)...*Josh Phegley* is 3-for-9 (.333) over his last four games after going 0-for-5 over his first three contests...*Trevor Plouffe* has hit safely in seven of his last eight games (9-for-20, .450)...*Adam Rosales* has appeared in seven games at shortstop and two at second base...*Marcus Semien* is 6-for-13 (.462) over his last five games after going 3-for-15 (.200) over his first five contests.

IN CAMP: The A's have 48 players in camp...the total includes 35 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 13 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 22 pitchers, six catchers, 12 infielders and eight 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 Cesar Valdez made his first appearance of the WBC last Sunday for the Dominican Republic in a 10-3 win over Colombia (1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...the Dominican Republic has advanced to Pool F play at San Diego and plays against Team USA tomorrow at 7:00 MST...non-roster invitee Ryan Lavanway started all six games for Israel in the World Baseball Classic and hit .444 (8-for-18) with five walks, two doubles, one home run and six RBI...he is tied for seventh in the WBC in hits and 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 also pitched for Israel and made one appearance against the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...minor leaguer Jake Sanchez pitched twice for Mexico (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so).

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 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 seven 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 has one remaining broadcast on April 1 against the Giants in Oakland (12:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...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	Renato Nuñez optioned to Nashville; Jermaine Curtis, Felix Doubront, Andrew Lambo, Richie Martin, Max Muncy, Zach Neal, Rangel Ravelo, Josh Rodriguez, Tyler Sturdevant and Kenny Wilson reassigned to minor league camp
March 13	Paul Blackburn, Jaycob Brugman, Yairo Muñoz and Bobby Wahl optioned to Nashville

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#50 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (0-0, 4.76 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and second start of the spring... has allowed five runs in his last two outings (6.1 ip, 7.10 ERA) after surrendering one over his first two (1.80 ERA)...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
March 12	Chicago (NL)	9-8	-	4.76	2.2	5	2	2	1	1	1
Totals (4 games, 1 starts)				0-0	4.76	11.1	11	6	6	3	5

*indicates relief appearance

#61 JOHN AXFORD RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his four appearances, including his last outing Tuesday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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.

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring on Sunday against the Cubs (0.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in six outings this spring (3.2 ip), including his last appearance on Tuesday against Colorado when he retired the only batter he faced (0.1 ip)...opponents are 1-for-12 (.083)

with no walks...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.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring on Tuesday against Colorado and retired the side in order in the sixth inning (1.0 ip)...was 2-3 with four saves and a 3.23 ERA in 44 games last year in a season shortened by a two-month stint on the disabled list with a strained left shoulder...struck out 45 batters in 39.0 innings (10.38 per nine innings) and walked just eight (1.85 per nine innings)...had a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.63, which tied for ninth among American League relievers...had a .231 opponents batting average and .272 on-base percentage...16 of the 33 hits he allowed were for extra bases...had career highs in home runs (6), slugging percentage (.434) and OPS (.705)...his opponents batting average included a .206 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .250 against right-handers... issued seven of his eight walks to righties...allowed a .099 batting average with two strikes and a .176 average with two outs...opponents hit .213 with runners in scoring position...allowed 5-of-18 (27.8%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced hit .350 with a .409 on-base percentage and .625 slugging percentage.

#44 RYAN MADSON RHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his last outing Tuesday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h) after allowing two runs in each of his first two appearances... 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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 17 vs. Arizona

Diamondbacks: RHP Archie Bradley, RHP Evan Marshall, RHP Braden Shipley, RHP Zack Godley

March 18 vs. San Diego

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Ryan Dull, LHP Daniel Coulombe

Padres: TBA

March 19 at Colorado

A's: RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Ross Detwiler

Rockies: RHP Jon Gray, RHP Adam Ottavino, RHP Scott Oberg, LHP Mike Dunn

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
March 12	Chicago (NL)	W, 9-8	10-4	Montas	Pugliese	10,606*	46,873
March 13	at Cincinnati	L, 1-3	10-5	Garrett	Graveman	3,075	
March 14	Colorado	L, 3-4	10-6	Estevez	Coulombe	5,611	52,484
March 15	OFF DAY						

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 16	at Cleveland	L, 5-6	10-7	McAllister	Triggs	6,314	
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
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			