



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-10) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (15-9)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 – PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX – 7:15 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two straight and six of the last seven games after starting the spring 10-4...are 6-4 in one-run games and six of the A's 10 losses have been by two runs or fewer...are 7-5 at Hohokam and 4-5 on the road...have scored 21 runs in the last seven games after tallying 61 runs in the previous five contests...committed two errors last night but have just 16 for the spring, which is tied for second fewest in the majors (Washington, 14)...last spring, the A's committed 45 errors, which was six more than any other team (39, Chicago-NL)...have turned just 14 double plays, which is the fewest in the Cactus League and tied for second fewest in the majors...rank fourth in the CL in walks (85) but have the second fewest stolen bases (11) and fourth lowest batting average (.260)...the pitching staff is tied for the third fewest home runs allowed (20) but has the second highest ERA (5.58) to Seattle (5.68)...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.

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to Arizona at Hohokam, 10-6...Khris Davis had a two-run double in the first inning and Josh Phegley added a RBI single in the second to give Sean Manaea an early 3-0 lead...Manaea allowed just one unearned run in five innings of work (3 h, 1 bb, 5 so) and left with a 4-1 lead...Rajai Davis had a RBI single in the sixth inning to make the score 5-1, but the Diamondbacks began their comeback with two runs off Sean Doolittle in the seventh...Ross Detwiler then allowed five runs in the eighth inning, while recording just two outs, and took the loss...Ryan Madson (1.0 ip), Sam Bragg (0.1 ip) and Aaron Kurcz (0.1 ip) tossed scoreless relief...Phegley, Ryon Healy and Matt Chapman had two hits each.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Mariners this spring...the A's won the first game on March 5 by a score of 5-4, also in Peoria...last spring, the two clubs played to an 11-11 tie in Mesa on March 17 while the A's won 13-12 at Peoria on March 23

PLAYER NOTES: *Yonder Alonso* is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (8)...is 8-for-21 (.381) with five walks over his last 10 games after going 1-for-6 (.167) with three walks over his first four contests...is batting .338 (26-for-77) over the last two springs...*Mark Canha* has doubled in back-to-back games and has five for the spring, which is tied for seventh in the CL...has appeared in six games in right field, three in left field and two in center field...*Matt Chapman (NR)* is 7-for-16 (.438) over his last 12 games after going 1-for-12 (.083) over his first five contests...is tied for third in the CL in triples (2)...*Khris Davis* is 5-for-17 (.294) over his last six games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests...*Rajai Davis* has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-9, .333) after going 5-for-24 (.208) over his first nine contests...*Alejandro De Aza (NR)* is 2-for-18 (.111) over his last eight games after going 5-for-12 (.417) over his first six contests...has appeared in nine games in center field and eight in left field...*Jaff Decker (NR)* has appeared in nine games in center field, six in left field and two in right field...*Ryon Healy* is tied for the CL lead in RBI (13), ranks second in slugging percentage (.778) and tied for fifth in home runs (4)...is 5-for-11 (.455) with a double and two home runs over his last four games...has appeared in five games at first base, four at designated hitter and four at third base...*Matt Joyce* has nine walks, which is tied for the CL lead (Asche, CWS and Myers, SD)...is 0-for-11 with three walks over his last five games...*Ryan Lavanway (NR)* is 0-for-3 in three games since returning from the World Baseball Classic...started all six games for Israel in the WBC and hit .444 (8-for-18) with five walks, two doubles, one home run and six RBI...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...*Jed Lowrie* is 7-for-18 (.389) over his last six games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five contests...is batting .351 (26-for-74) over the last two springs...*Bruce Maxwell* is 2-for-6 (.333) over his last four games after going 2-for-21 (.095) over his first 11 contests...*Chris Parmelee (NR)* is 5-for-9 (.556) over his last nine games after starting the spring 1-for-14 (.071)...has appeared in eight games in right field, six at first base and two in left field...*Josh Phegley* went 2-for-2 last night against Arizona after going 1-for-9 (.111) with six strikeouts over his previous four games...*Trevor Plouffe* is 1-for-12 (.083) over his last four games after going 8-for-14 (.571) over his previous six contests...*Adam Rosales*

is 3-for-9 (.333) over his last four games after going 1-for-16 (.063) over his first eight contests...has appeared in eight games at shortstop and four at second base...*Marcus Semien* is 0-for-9 over his last four games after hitting safely in each of his previous four contests (6-for-11, .545)...*Stephen Vogt* is 5-for-17 (.294) with four doubles over his last six games.

IN CAMP: The A's have 40 players in camp...the total includes 32 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 20 pitchers, four catchers, nine infielders and seven 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).

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.

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 has five remaining broadcasts this spring, including two games next weekend and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...four of those will air in the Bay Area on 95.7 FM The Game and the March 31 game at San Francisco will air 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, four remaining games will be televised by MLB Network...one of those will air in the Bay Area: 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
March 17	Franklin Barreto, Matt Olson and Chad Pinder optioned to Nashville
March 19	Daniel Gossett, Matt McBride, Sean Murphy, Max Schrock and Chris Smith reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (1-0, 3.68 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...also pitched in a Triple-A game last Wednesday...has allowed one run in each of his three starts...has not allowed a hit in two of those games and opponents are 2-for-24 (.083)...was one of three players acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers for Rich Hill and Josh Reddick at the 2016 trading deadline and made his Major League debut with Oakland in September...went 2-0 with a 2.15 ERA and .185 opponents batting average in five starts with the A's...walked just four batters in 29.1 innings (1.23 per nine innings)...his opponents batting average included a .146 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .217 against right-handers...yielded a .167 average with runners in scoring position...combined with Triple-A Oklahoma City and Nashville for an 11-6 record and a 4.31 ERA in 28 games, 22 starts...led the Pacific Coast League, ranked second in Triple-A and tied for 12th in all of minor league baseball with 155 strikeouts...also led the PCL in opponents batting average (.214) and tied for 10th in wins (11)...held left-handed hitters to a .192 average compared to .229 against right-handers...was rated as the A's No. 4 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

COTTON'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 28	Cleveland	5-4	-	4.50	2.0	0	1	1	1	4	0
March 5	at Seattle	5-4	-	4.50	2.0	2	1	1	2	1	0
March 10	at Kansas City	11-7	W	3.68	3.1	0	1	1	1	5	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				1-0	3.68	7.1	2	3	3	4	0

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in seven outings this spring (4.2 ip), including his last appearance on Friday against Arizona when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 1-for-15 (.067) 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.

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

Has not allowed a run in his four Cactus League appearances (4.1 ip), including his last outing Sunday at Colorado (1.0 ip)...also faced Italy in an exhibition game March 8 and retired the side in order (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.

#73 CÉSAR VALDEZ RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has allowed one run in each of his two Cactus League appearances...has not pitched since March 4 against Cleveland (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so, 1 hr)...pitched for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic and made one appearance in the first round on March 12 against Colombia (1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...spent the entire 2016 campaign at Triple-A Fresno in his first season with a Major League organization since 2011...was 12-1 with a 3.12 ERA in 30 games (18 starts) with the Grizzlies...led the Pacific Coast League in winning percentage (.923), ranked third in ERA and tied for fourth in wins...walked just 13 batters in 138.1 innings, an average of 0.84 per nine innings...struck out 114 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.77...was 2-1 with a 5.40 ERA over his first 15 games (four starts) through June 5...then went 10-0 with a 2.20 ERA over his final 15 games (14 starts) beginning June 11...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .257 against right-handed hitters compared to .282 against left-handers...yielded a .182 average with RISP and two outs...11 of his first 12 appearances came in relief...17 of his final 18 outings were starting assignments...was 11-1 with a 3.47 ERA and .276 opponents batting average in his 18 starts, 1-0 with a 1.25 ERA and .213 opponents average in 12 relief appearances.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 21 at Seattle

Mariners: RHP Chris Heston, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Dan Altavilla, LHP Dean Kiekhefer, RHP Ryan Weber

March 22 at Chicago (AL)

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Santiago Casilla

White Sox: RHP Miguel Gonzalez, RHP Tommy Kahnle, RHP Zach Putnam, LHP Cory Luebke, LHP Jace Fry, RHP Jake Petricka

March 23 vs. Milwaukee

A's: RHP Raul Alcantara, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP John Axford

Brewers: RHP Junior Guerra

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	
March 17	Arizona	L, 2-3	10-8	Bradley	Alcantara	8,210	60,694
March 18	San Diego	W, 2-1	11-8	Dull	Lee	7,303	67,997
March 19	at Colorado	L, 2-9	11-9	Gray	Hahn	8,682	
March 20	Arizona	L, 6-10	11-10	Wilhelmsen	Detwiler	7,412	75,409
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 21	at Seattle	7:10					
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				