



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-10) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (13-13-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (delayed to March 25 at 6:00 AM PDT)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won three straight after losing six of the previous seven contests...are now 14-10 (.583), which is the second best record in the Cactus League to Seattle (16-11, .593)...the 14 wins are two more than last spring when Oakland went 12-17-3 (.422)...that was the fifth worst record in the CL...it marked the first time the A's finished Spring Training with a losing record since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...the A's hit a spring-high four home runs yesterday after going homerless in each of the five previous contests...are tied for the second fewest stolen bases in the CL (12) but have the fourth most doubles (59)...have committed just 17 errors, which is tied with Minnesota 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 16 double plays, which is the fewest in the CL and tied for second fewest in the majors...the pitching staff has allowed 21 home runs, which is second fewest in the CL (SF, 18)...has the fourth highest ERA (5.42)...are 6-4 in one-run games and six of the A's 10 losses have been by two runs or fewer...are 8-5 at Hohokam and 6-5 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).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's defeated Milwaukee here at Hohokam, 15-5...Oakland scored an unearned run in the first inning and then added five more runs in the second on a pair of two-run home runs by Yonder Alonso and Max Schrock and a RBI double by Marcus Semien...Trevor Plouffe and Alonso hit back-to-back home runs in the third inning and the A's scored four more unearned run in the fifth, highlighted by a Chris Parmelee three-run double...that gave Oakland starter Raul Alcantara a 12-0 lead and he blanked the Brewers on three hits over the first five innings before allowing two runs in the sixth (5.1 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 3 so)...Daniel Coulombe (2.1 ip), Nolan Blackwood (0.1 ip) and Tucker Healy (0.1 ip) pitched scoreless relief...the A's added three more runs in the seventh on an Andrew Lambo two-run double and a Viosergy Rosa RBI single...Oakland collected 18 hits, including two each by Plouffe, Alonso, Parmelee, Schrock and Alejandro De Azxa.

**A's vs. WHITE SOX:** This is the second of two meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...Oakland won the first game on Wednesday at Camelback Ranch, 5-3...last spring, the A's won 12-3 at Glendale on March 9 but lost in Mesa 6-2 on March 20...the A's have won each of their last four games against the White Sox at Glendale.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Yonder Alonso** homered twice yesterday against Milwaukee for his fourth two-hit game of the spring...is now 12-for-28 (.429) with four home runs and 11 RBI over his last 12 games...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (9) and tied for seventh in home runs (4)...is batting .357 (30-for-84) over the last two springs...**Mark Canha** has appeared in six games in right field, three in left field and three in center field...**Matt Chapman (NR)** is 0-for-7 with four strikeouts over his last two games after going 7-for-16 (.438) over his previous 12 contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...**Khris Davis** is 7-for-21 (.333) over his last seven games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests...**Rajai Davis** has three stolen bases in his last five games and five for the spring, which is tied for second in the CL...has hit safely in each of his last six games (6-for-19, .316) after going 5-for-24 (.208) over his first nine contests...**Alejandro De Aza (NR)** had his second two-hit game of the spring yesterday against Milwaukee and is 5-for-12 (.417) over his last six games...has appeared in 11 games in left field and nine in center field...**Jaff Decker (NR)** has not played since March 17 (oblique)...has appeared in nine games in center field, six in left field and two in right field...**Ryan Healy** went 0-for-4 yesterday against Milwaukee but is 7-for-18 (.389) with two doubles and two home runs over his last six contests...is tied for the CL lead with 14 RBI (O'Brien, KC)...also ranks third in slugging (.721), tied for seventh in home runs (4) and tied for eighth in total bases (31)...has appeared in six games at first base, five at designated hitter and four at third base...**Matt Joyce** is tied for the CL lead in walks (10)...is 1-for-14 with four walks over his last six games...**Ryan Lavarney (NR)** is 2-for-7 (.286) with a double in six 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-21 (.333) over his last seven games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five contests...is batting .338 (26-for-77) over the last two springs...**Bruce Maxwell** had his

first two-hit game Tuesday night at Seattle and is now 5-for-11 (.455) over his last six games after going 2-for-21 (.095) over his first 11 contests...**Chris Parmelee (NR)** has back-to-back multiple hit games and is 5-for-6 (.833) with a walk, four doubles and three RBI over his last three games...went 4-for-4 over a three-game stretch earlier this spring...is 1-for-18 in his other 13 games...has appeared in 10 games in right field, six at first base and two in left field...**Josh Phegley** is 3-for-15 (.200) with eight strikeouts over his last six games...**Trevor Plouffe** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4-for-7, .571) after going 1-for-12 (.083) over his previous four contests...**Adam Rosales** had his first two-hit game Tuesday night at Seattle and is 5-for-15 (.333) over his last six games after going 1-for-16 (.063) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop and five at second base...**Marcus Semien** is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (12)...is 2-for-16 (.125) over his last six games after hitting safely in each of his previous four contests (6-for-11, .545)...**Stephen Vogt** had his third two-hit game Wednesday at Chicago (AL) and is 7-for-21 (.333) with five doubles over his last seven games...**Joey Wendle** has not played since March 7 (right shoulder)...is 2-for-6 (.333) over his last two games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five.

**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).

**THE STARTING ROTATION:** Yesterday, A's Manager Bob Melvin named Kendall Graveman as the Opening Day starting pitcher for Monday, April 3 against Los Angeles (AL)...first pitch is at 7:05...Graveman is scheduled to become Oakland's 11th different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last 12 years...Melvin also announced that Sean Manaea will start on Tuesday, April 4, and Jharel Cotton will face the Angels on Wednesday, April 5.

**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.

**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.

**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 this 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: today vs. Chicago-AL (delayed to 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

**#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (1-1, 2.84 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of Cactus League play...has allowed one run or fewer in three of his four starts...opponents are 8-for-43 (.186)... also started the exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic team on March 8 and picked up the win (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...compiled a 10-11 record and a 4.11 ERA in a team-leading 31 starts in his second season with the A's last year...went 1-6 with a 5.36 ERA over his first nine starts, 9-2 with a 3.33 ERA over his next 16 starts from May 30 to Aug. 24, and 0-3 with a 4.71 ERA over his final six starts...in addition to starts, he also led the A's in wins and innings pitched (186.0)...averaged 5.23 strikeouts per nine innings, which was the third lowest mark in the American League...walked just 47 (2.27 per nine innings), which were the fewest in Athletics history by an A's team-leader, besting the previous low of 59 by Sonny Gray in 2015...averaged 4.16 runs of support per start, which was 10th lowest in the AL...received two runs of support or fewer in 12 of his 31 starts and was 0-8 in those games...went 10-3 in 19 starts with support of three or more...left with a lead five times in 2016 only to have the bullpen blow the save...had a .271 opponents batting average, which broke down to .270 against right-handed hitters compared to .272 against left-handers.

## GRAVEMAN'S 2017 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	5-4	-	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
March 3	San Francisco	6-1	W	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
*March 8	Italy (WBC)	7-0	W		3.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
March 13	at Cincinnati	1-3	L	4.05	3.2	4	3	3	1	1	1
March 18	San Diego	2-1	-	2.84	6.0	2	1	1	0	6	1
<b>Totals (4 games, 4 starts)</b>			<b>1-1</b>	<b>2.84</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

\*exhibition game (does not count in stats)

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

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in eight outings this spring (6.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday night at Seattle (1.1 ip, 3 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 4-for-22 (.182) with one walk...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.

## #66 RYAN DULL RHP (2-0, 2.08 ERA)

Has not allowed a run or a hit in four of his five appearances, including his last outing last Saturday against San Diego when he retired the side in order in the seventh inning for the win (1.0 ip, 2 so)...opponents are 2-for-15 (.133)...compiled a 2.42 ERA and .186 opponents batting average in 70 relief appearances in his rookie campaign last year...led American League rookies and tied for ninth among all AL pitchers in games pitched...fell one short of the Oakland rookie record for games pitched...his ERA was fifth best in Oakland history by a rookie with 70 or more innings pitched...also ranked second among AL rookies in saves (3), ninth in innings (74.1) and strikeouts (73) and tied for ninth in wins (5)...ranked third among all AL relievers in opponents on-base percentage (.228), tied for sixth in innings and seventh in opponents batting average...struck out 73 and walked just 15 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.87...averaged 1.82 walks per nine innings...allowed 7-of-52 (13.5%) inherited runners to score, which was the third lowest percentage in the AL...first batters faced hit .121 with two walks (.143 on-base percentage)...ranked second in the AL in first batter on-base percentage and OPS (.355), third in batting average and fourth in slugging percentage (.212).

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

Has not allowed a run in his five Cactus League appearances (5.1 ip), including his last outing Tuesday night at Seattle when he retired the side in order in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 4-for-20 (.200) with no walks...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.

## UPCOMING PROBABLES

### March 24 vs. Chicago (AL)

**White Sox:** LHP Carlos Rodon, RHP Anthony Swarzak, RHP Jake Petricka, LHP Matt Purke

### March 25 vs. Cincinnati

**A's:** LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Santiago Casilla, RHP Ryan Madson, LHP Sean Doolittle

**Reds:** LHP Amir Garrett, LHP Lucas Luetge

### March 25 at Los Angeles (NL)

**A's:** RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP César Valdez, RHP Ryan Dull

**Dodgers:** LHP Rich Hill

### March 26 at Milwaukee

**A's:** RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP John Axford, LHP Sean Doolittle, LHP Ross Detwiler

**Brewers:** RHP Matt Garza, RHP Corey Knebel, RHP Jhan Marínez, RHP Taylor Jungmann

### March 27 vs. Kansas City

**A's:** RHP Andrew Triggs

**Royals:** LHP Jason Vargas, RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Chris Young

# 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
March 21	at Seattle	W, 8-5	12-10	Cotton	Heston	8,080	
March 22	at Chicago (AL)	W, 5-3	13-10	Triggs	Gonzalez	3,895	
March 23	Milwaukee	W, 15-5	14-10	Alcantara	Guerra	6,164	81,573
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				