



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-0) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (1-0)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have started the spring 2-0 for just the second time over the last 15 years...were also 2-0 in 2015 (tied game three)...have not won each of their first three spring games since 1999...this is the A's 50th Spring Training in Arizona, their fourth 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 32 games this spring...the total includes 29 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 25-27)...the A's went 16-18 (.471) last spring, which was the fourth worst record in the Cactus League...went 12-17-3 (.422) in 2016, which was fifth worst in the CL...this marks the first time Oakland has finished with a losing record in back-to-back springs since 2010-11...compiled a 5.93 ERA, which was second highest in the majors to Cincinnati (6.13)...it was the second highest spring ERA by an Oakland team over the last 18 years (6.10 in 2016)...surrendered 37 home runs, which tied for fifth fewest in the CL...had the second fewest strikeouts (247) and tied for the fifth fewest walks (121)...the offense ranked fourth in the CL in walks (133), tied for fourth in triples (11) and fifth in on-base percentage (.351)...also tied for the fewest stolen bases (15), ranked third in fewest hit by pitches (10) and fourth in most strikeouts (300)...the strikeouts were the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (previous: 248 in 2009)...the defense committed 28 errors, which was fourth fewest in the CL...however, turned just 23 double plays, which was the fewest in the CL and tied for third fewest in the majors...went 9-7 at Hohokam, 0-1 in Oakland and 7-10 on the road.

**YESTERDAY:** The A's defeated the Padres here in Mesa, 8-3...Andrew Triggs started for Oakland and allowed two runs in the first and one in the second (1.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...the A's got two of those runs back when Franklin Barreto homered in the bottom of the first and Sheldon Neuse had a RBI single in the second...Oakland trailed 3-2 entering the bottom of the fifth when they scored two unearned runs, tying the game on a Barreto sacrifice fly and taking the leading on an error...the A's added three more runs (one earned) in the sixth, highlighted by a Slade Heathcott sacrifice fly...Ramon Laureano complete the A's scoring with a RBI single in the seventh...Ben Bracewell (0.1 ip), Jharel Cotton (2.0 ip), Chris Hatcher (1.0 ip), Blake Treinen (1.0 ip), Danny Coulombe (1.0 ip), Chris Bassitt (1.0 ip) and Simon Castro (1.0 ip) all tossed scoreless relief with Hatcher picking up the win.

**A's vs. ROYALS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...meet again in Surprise on March 13...the two clubs split two games last spring, with the A's winning 11-7 at Surprise on March 10 and losing 10-3 in Mesa on March 27...the win marked the first time the A's defeated the Royals in Surprise since March 21, 2007 (11-10)...over the previous 10 springs, the A's are 2-1 in Mesa, 5-1-1 in Phoenix and 1-8-1 at Surprise.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 59 players in camp, which is 11 fewer than last spring when they had 70...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 30 pitchers, six catchers, 11 infielders and 12 outfielders.

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his seventh full season with the A's, welcomes three new coaches to his staff including bench coach Ryan Christensen, first base coach Al Pedrique and third base coach Matt Williams...Darren Bush returns as hitting coach and Scott Emerson returns as pitching coach while Mike Aldrete (assistant hitting coach), Marcus Jensen (bullpen coach) and Mark Kotsay (quality control coach) also return in different roles.

**CONTRACT STATUS:** The A's have two players under contract beyond the 2018 season...Yusmeiro Petit is signed through 2019 with a club option for 2020 and Stephen Piscotty is signed through 2022 with a club option for 2023...Brandon Moss has a mutual option for 2019.

**HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT:** Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, seven were drafted by the A's (Chapman, 1st round in 2014; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Gossett, 2nd in 2014; Maxwell, 2nd in 2012; Olson, compensation following 1st round in 2012; Pinder, competitive balance round B in 2013; Trivino, 11th in 2013)...one was signed as a non-drafted agent (Nuñez), three were signed as free agents (Casilla, Joyce, Petit) and three were claimed off waivers (Garneau, Smolinski, Triggs)...the other 26 were all acquired in trades...12 of the 40 players were not in the A's organization last spring and 31 have joined the A's organization since the end of the 2014 season...the longest tenured Athletics in camp are Renato Nuñez (signed July 2, 2010) and Raul Alcantara (acquired in a Dec. 28, 2011 trade).

**OFF SEASON MOVES:** The A's signed one free agent this offseason: Yusmeiro Petit...the A's also acquired four 40-man players via trade, including Emilio

Pagan (Seattle, Nov. 15), Stephen Piscotty (St. Louis, Dec. 14), and Ryan Buchter and Brandon Moss (Kansas City, Jan. 29).

**NON-ROSTER INVITEES:** The Athletics have 19 non-roster invitees in Major League camp...the players include RHP Nolan Blackwood, LHP Jeremy Bleich, RHP Simon Castro, C Santiago Chavez, RHP Kyle Finnegan, OF Anthony Garcia, OF Slade Heathcott, RHP Grant Holmes, LHP Eric Jokisch, IF Steve Lombardozzi, LHP Jarret Martin, OF Nick Martini, C Sean Murphy, IF Sheldon Neuse, IF Nick Noonan, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Logan Shore, C Beau Taylor and RHP Bobby Wahl...six of the 19 non-roster players have Major League experience (Castro, Heathcott, Jokisch, Lombardozzi, Noonan, Wahl).

**A'S TOP PROSPECTS:** Six of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: A.J. Puk (#1), Franklin Barreto (#2), Jorge Mateo (#3), Dustin Fowler (#4), Sean Murphy (#7) and Logan Shore (#10)...the others are Jesus Luzardo (#5), Austin Beck (#6), James Kaprielian (#8) and Lazaro Armenteros (#9).

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report Saturday, March 3 with the first workout scheduled for March 4...position players report Friday, March 9 with the first workout scheduled for March 10...Double-A and Triple-A games begin Tuesday, March 13 and Single-A games start on March 16.

**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 RADIO:** The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 11 games this spring, including eight from Arizona and three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the Cactus League schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except March 11, plus the March 12 game against San Francisco...Ken Korach returns for his 23rd year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (13th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 33rd season in the booth...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...Donny Baarns will call the action on the webcasts, with the exception of March 5 and 6 when Dom Cotroneo will fill in.

**A'S ON TELEVISION:** NBC Sports California will televise two games, including March 15 against Seattle (7:05 pm) and March 25 against the Giants in Oakland (1:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...four games will air in the Bay Area on MLB Network: March 7 vs. Seattle (tape delay to 9:00 PM PST and 6:00 AM PST on March 8), March 9 vs. Milwaukee (tape delay to 8:00 PM PST), March 19 vs. Los Angeles-NL (tape delay to 9:00 PM PDT) and March 21 vs. Milwaukee (live)...three A's vs. Giants will air live in the Bay Area: March 17 (NBC), March 26 (NBCSBA) and March 27 (NBCSBA+).

## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

**#30 A.J. PUK LHP (6-10, 4.03 ERA in minors in 2017)**

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...split his first full professional season between Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland last year...combined for a 6-10 record and a 4.03 ERA in 27 games, including 24 starts...struck out 184 batters in 125.0 innings, an average of 13.24 per nine innings...ranked third in all of the minors in strikeouts behind Alec Hansen (191) and Triston McKenzie (186)...the strikeouts led the A's farm system and tied for the sixth best total by a minor leaguer in Oakland history...also ranked eighth in the A's farm system in ERA and innings pitched...was named the A's Organization Pitcher of the Year...walked 48 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.83...surrendered just three home runs, an average of 0.22 per nine innings...was named to the California League Midseason All-Star Team...represented the United States in the All-Star Futures Game...allowed a .227 opponents batting average, which included .227 against right-handed hitters compared to .228 against left-handers...was named the A's number one prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

**#52 RYAN BUCHTER RHP (4-3, 1 save, 2.89 ERA in 2017)**

Was acquired from Kansas City Jan. 29 with Brandon Moss and cash considerations for Jesse Hahn and Heath Fillmyer...began the 2017 season with San Diego and was 3-3 with a save and a 3.05 ERA in 42 relief appearances when he was traded to Kansas City July 23...went 1-0 with a 2.67 ERA in 29 appearances with the Royals and combined for a 2.89 ERA in a career-high 71 appearances overall...allowed a .187 opponents batting average, including .176 (15-for-85) against left-handed hitters compared to .193 (29-for-150) against right-handers...yielded a .159 average with runners in scoring position...first batters faced hit .141, which was 17th-best among Major League relievers...allowed 8-of-26 (30.8%) inherited runners to score...posted a 1.53 ERA and .136 opponents batting average in 39 games on the road...combined for a 4.50 ERA and .239 opponents average in 32 games in Petco Park and Kauffman Stadium...surrendered seven of his 10 home runs in his home ballparks...eight were solo shots...yielded a .146 batting average with two strikes and has a .120 (33-for-275) career average in that situation.

**#68 KYLE FINNEGAN RHP (2-4, 12 saves, 3.88 ERA in minors in 2017)**

The non-roster invitee started the 2017 season at Double-A Midland but made his Triple-A debut with Nashville in late June and combined for a 2-4 record, 12 saves and a 3.88 ERA in 46 relief appearances...the saves were a career high and ranked second in the A's farm system...his games pitched were also a career high...converted 12-of-14 (85.7%) save opportunities...went 1-3 with nine saves and a 3.19 ERA in 29 games with the RockHounds and was named to the Texas League Midseason All-Star team...was also 1-1 with a 4.94 ERA in 17 relief appearances with the Sounds and converted all three of his save opportunities...combined for a .262 opponents batting average, including .255 (36-for-141) against right-handed hitters and .272 (25-for-92) against left-handers...surrendered six of his eight home runs to righties...yielded a .229 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .205 with RISP and two outs...allowed 6-of-21 (28.6%) inherited runners to score, including 1-of-11 (9.1%) with Nashville.

**#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (4-2, 1 save, 4.22 ERA in 2017)**

Was 4-2 with a save and a 4.22 ERA in a career-high 70 games in 2017...also had career highs in strikeouts (78), saves and wild pitches (6) and a career-low in opponents batting average (.229)...his average of 3.23 walks per nine innings was a career high...tossed 64.0 innings after pitching 64.2 innings in each of the previous two seasons...tied for eighth in the American League in games pitched...tied for eighth among AL relievers in runs allowed (34), ranked 10th in pitches (1164) and tied for 10th in earned runs (30)...logged a 5.40 ERA and .260 opponents batting average in 38 games before the All-Star Break...then posted a 2.63 ERA and .182 opponents average in 32 games after the break...his opponents batting average broke down to .206 (20-for-97) against left-handed hitters, .243 (37-for-152) against right-handers...first batters faced hit .190 but he walked seven, which tied for seventh most in the AL...allowed 8-of-37 (21.6%) inherited runners to score, which tied for the seventh lowest percentage in the AL.

**#71 JARRET MARTIN LHP (4-2, 5 saves, 1.71 ERA in minors in 2017)**

The non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Nov. 21, 2017...started the 2017 season with York of the independent Atlantic League and was 0-0 with four saves and a 0.98 ERA in 18 relief appearances before

signing a minor league contract with the San Francisco Giants June 3...was assigned to Double-A Richmond where he went 4-2 with a save and a 2.04 ERA in 37 games, including one start...combined with both clubs for a career-low 1.71 ERA in a career-high 55 appearances...struck out 67 batters in 58.0 innings (10.40 per nine innings) but walked 40 (6.21 per nine innings)...did not allow a home run...ranked third in the Eastern League with 10 holds...with Richmond, he allowed a .167 opponents batting average...that included .158 (9-for-57) against left-handed hitters compared to .173 (13-for-75) against right-handers...allowed a .128 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .136 with RISP and two outs...yielded a .185 batting average to hitters leading off an inning but had a .405 on-base percentage in that situation...allowed 3-of-22 (13.6%) inherited runners to score.

**#62 LOU TRIVINO RHP (8-3, 5 saves, 3.03 ERA in minors in 2017)**

Began the 2017 season at Double-A Midland and was 7-1 with a save and a 2.43 ERA in 23 relief appearances when he was promoted to Triple-A Nashville June 20...went 1-2 with four saves and a 3.60 ERA in 25 games with the Sounds...combined for an 8-3 record, five saves and a 3.03 ERA in 48 relief outings overall...had career highs in games pitched and saves...tied for seventh in the A's farm system in saves...did not allow a home run in 68.1 innings...allowed a .245 batting average, which included .216 (36-for-167) against right-handed hitters compared to .298 (28-for-94) against left-handers...opponents hit .170 with runners in scoring position at Midland but that mark jumped to .342 at Nashville...allowed a .247 average with RISP overall, including 147 with RISP and two outs...compiled a 1.66 ERA in the ninth inning...did not allow a run in six day games (8.2 ip)...allowed 8-of-20 (40.0%) inherited runners to score, including 5-of-6 (83.3%) with Nashville...allowed a .317 batting average to batters leading off an inning.

**#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (0-0, 4.70 ERA in 2017)**

The non-roster invitee began the 2017 season at Triple-A Nashville but was promoted to Oakland May 3 and made his Major League debut...compiled a 4.70 ERA in seven relief appearances before going on the disabled list May 24 with a strained right shoulder...made five rehab appearances before undergoing thoracic outlet surgery on his right arm Aug. 14...missed the remainder of the season...allowed a .258 opponents batting average, including .211 (4-for-19) against right-handed hitters and .333 (4-for-12) against left-handers...did not allow a home run in 7.2 innings...was 1-1 with three saves and a 4.15 ERA in 11 appearances with Nashville and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in two games with Stockton...combined for a 3.60 ERA in 13 minor league games overall...struck out 28 batters in 15.0 innings (16.80 per nine innings) but surrendered three home runs...allowed a .220 opponents batting average, including .200 (7-for-35) against right-handed hitters compared to .250 (6-for-24) against lefties...yielded a .158 average with runners in scoring position.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

**February 25 vs. Kansas City**

**Royals:** RHP Trevor Oaks, RHP Heath Fillmyer, RHP Andres Machado, LHP Foster Griffin, RHP Josh Staumont, RHP Scott Blewett

**February 26 at Chicago (AL)**

**A's:** RHP Kendall Graveman, LHP Eric Jokisch, RHP Santiago Casilla, RHP Raul Alcantara, LHP Jeremy Bleich, RHP Simon Castro

**White Sox:** RHP Michael Kopech, RHP Dylan Covey, LHP Aaron Bummer, RHP Chris Beck, LHP Jace Fey, RHP Thyago Vieria, RHP Tyler Danish

**February 27 at Cleveland**

**A's:** LHP Sean Manaea

**Indians:** TBA

## 2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcantara	Pinder	4,315	4,315
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
Feb 25	Kansas City	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
Feb 26	at Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm					
Feb 27	at Cleveland	1:05 pm					
Feb 28	at Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm					
March 1	Texas	1:05 pm					
March 2	Off Day						
March 3	San Diego	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
March 4	at San Diego	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
March 5	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm					
March 6	Texas	1:05 pm					
March 7	at Seattle	6:40 pm					
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm					
March 9	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm					
March 10	at Texas	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 11	Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 12	San Francisco	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 13	at Kansas City	1:05 pm	
March 14	Off Day		
March 15	Seattle	7:05 pm	(NBCSCA)
March 16	Cleveland	1:05 pm	
March 17	Seattle (ss)	1:05 pm	
	at San Francisco (ss)	4:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 18	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	7:05 pm	
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 21	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm	
March 22	Colorado	1:05 pm	
March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	
March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm	
March 25	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05 pm	(NBCSCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 26	at San Francisco (at SF)	7:15 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 27	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:05 pm	(A's Radio Network)