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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-1-1) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (1-2-1)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's lost their first game of the spring yesterday after going 2-0-1 over the first three contests...have stolen at least one base in each of the first four games and have seven stolen bases overall, which is tied with the Cubs for second most in the majors (Colorado, 8)...have committed just two errors, which is tied with Kansas City and Cleveland for the fewest in the Cactus League...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 lost to the White Sox at Camelback Ranch, 7-6...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and took the loss, allowing a run in the second inning (2.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 so)...Santiago Casilla surrendered a run in the third and Raul Alcántara was charged with three runs in the fourth inning while recording just two outs...Oakland scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings on RBI singles by Bruce Maxwell and Mark Canha to make the score 5-2...the A's trailed 7-2 entering the ninth but scored four times, highlighted by a two-run double by Sean Murphy and a RBI single by Kevin Merrell...Brandon Moss had two of the A's nine hits and Eric Jokisch (1.1 ip), Nolan Blackwood (1.0 ip) and Simon Castro (1.0 ip) added scoreless relief.

A's vs. INDIANS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Indians this spring...meet again in Mesa on March 16...Oakland lost two of three to Cleveland last spring, winning 5-4 in Mesa on February 28, losing 15-5 in Mesa on March 4 and losing 6-5 in Goodyear on March 16...the A's have now lost five of their last six spring games to Cleveland.

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 Christenson, 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 Alcántara (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+).

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

#47 FRANKIE MONTAS RHP (1-1, 7.03 ERA in 2017)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...was on the A's Opening Day roster last year and compiled a 7.03 ERA and .302 opponents batting average in 23 games over two stints with Oakland...also went 0-2 with a 5.22 ERA in nine games, eight starts, with Triple-A Nashville before an oblique injury ended his season in mid-August...issued 20 walks in 32.0 innings (5.63 per nine innings) with the A's for a .408 opponents on-base percentage...had a .566 opponents slugging percentage and .974 OPS...the OPS was the highest in Oakland history by a reliever, the slugging percentage was second highest and the on-base percentage was third highest...had the highest OPS and on-base percentage among Major League relievers in 2017...had the second highest opponents slugging percentage among AL relievers and the sixth highest opponents batting average...struck out 36 for an average of 10.13 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed 10 home runs, an average of 2.81 home runs per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a .257 (19-for-74) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .364 (20-for-55) against left-handers.

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Retired the side in order in the eighth inning in his first outing last Saturday against San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 so)...began the 2017 season on Oakland's disabled list as he continued his recovery from May 6, 2016 UCL reconstruction surgery and spent the entire season in the minors...went 0-1 with a 2.77 ERA in seven games, all starts, with Single-A Stockton and 4-2 with a 6.21 ERA in 17 games, two starts, with Triple-A Nashville...combined for a 5-3 record and a 5.33 ERA in 24 games, nine starts, overall...allowed a .260 opponents batting average, including .243 (26-for-107) against right-handed hitters compared to .282 (24-for-85) against left-handers...surrendered three home runs in 50.2 innings, an average of 0.53 per nine innings...all three of his home runs came with runners on base...yielded a .341 average with runners in scoring position, but that dropped to .167 with RISP and two outs...opponents hit .174 with a .269 on-base percentage when leading off an inning...was 1-2 with a 4.37 ERA in his nine starting assignments, 3-1 with a 6.11 ERA in 15 relief appearances...tossed at least two innings in 10 of his 15 relief outings.

#68 KYLE FINNEGAN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his first outing Sunday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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.

#71 JARRET MARTIN LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance Sunday against Kansas City in the seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...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 in-

ning but had a .405 on-base percentage in that situation...allowed 3-of-22 (13.6%) inherited runners to score.

#15 EMILIO PAGÁN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and tossed a scoreless seventh inning (1 h, 2 so)...was acquired from Seattle with Alexander Campos for Ryon Healy on Nov. 15, 2017...made his Major League debut with the Mariners last year and was 2-3 with a 3.22 ERA in 34 relief appearances over four stints...struck out 56 batters in 50.1 innings (10.01 strikeouts per nine innings) and walked just eight (1.43 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 7.00...ranked fifth among American League relievers in walks per nine innings, sixth in strikeout-to-walk ratio and 10th in opponents on-base percentage (.246)...allowed a .212 opponents batting average, which included .189 against right-handed hitters compared to .258 against left-handers...had a .172 opponents batting with runners in scoring position...began the season at Tacoma and went 2-1 with five saves and a 2.56 ERA in 23 relief appearances with the Rainiers...did not allow a home run in 31.2 innings...struck out 36, an average of 10.23 per nine innings...allowed a .171 opponents batting average, including .157 against right-handed hitters compared to .195 against left-handers...opponents hit .133 with runners in scoring position.

#36 YUSMEIRO PETIT RHP (5-2, 4 saves, 2.76 ERA in 2017)

Signed a two-year contract with a club option for 2020 on Dec. 7, 2017...spent the 2017 with Los Angeles (AL)...appeared in a career high 60 games and went 5-2 with a career-high four saves and a career-low 2.76 ERA...also had career-lows in opponents batting average (.207), on-base percentage (.249), slugging percentage (.321) and OPS (.571)...struck out 101 and walked just 18 (1.77 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.61...made one start and his 87.1 innings pitched in relief were the most among Major League relievers...tied for sixth among American League relievers in strikeouts (96)...stranded all 20 of his inherited runners, which tied for the most by any AL pitcher with no inherited runners scored dating back to 1974 (Shane Greene, DET 2016)...first batters faced were 8-for-58 (.138) with no walks...had the lowest first batter faced on-base percentage in the majors...his opponents batting average included a .186 (36-for-194) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .237 (33-for-139) against left-handers.

#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his first outing on Sunday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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 27 at Cleveland

Indians: RHP Corey Kluber, RHP Nick Goody, RHP Cam Hill, LHP Adam Wilk, LHP Rob Zarate

February 28 at Chicago (NL)

A's: RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Daniel Mengden, RHP Chris Hatcher, RHP Blake Treinen, LHP Danny Coulombe, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP Nolan Blackwood, LHP Jeremy Bleich
Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, LHP Mike Montgomery

March 1 vs. Texas

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Andrew Triggs
Rangers: RHP Clayton Blackburn

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcántara	Pinder	4,315	4,315
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837
Feb. 25	Kansas City	T, 4-4	2-0-1	—	—	4,144	11,981
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	L, 6-7	2-1-1	Kopech	Graveman	2,826	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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)				

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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)