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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-3-1) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (1-3-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have lost each of their last three games, all on the road, after going 2-0-1 over the first three games, all at home...have committed just three errors, which is the fewest in the Cactus League...the pitching staff has a 7.53 ERA, which is the highest in the majors...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 Cubs at Sloan Park, 7-5...Oakland scored two unearned runs in the first inning on a two-run home run by Khris Davis, but A's starter Paul Blackburn allowed four runs in the bottom of the first (2.0 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...Danny Coulombe then allowed two runs in the third inning to give the Cubs a 6-3 lead...Matt Olson hit a solo home run in the fourth and Anthony Garcia and Greg Deichmann hit back-to-back home runs in the ninth to complete the A's scoring...Daniel Mengden tossed 3.0 scoreless innings of relief (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so) and Blake Treinen retired the side in order in the eighth inning.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...meet again here at Hohokam on March 6 and square off in Surprise on March 10...Oakland won each of the two spring meetings last year, both in Mesa...won 5-1 on March 2 and 8-7 on March 11...are now 3-8-1 against the Rangers over the previous five springs.

PLAYER NOTES: *Franklin Barreto* had two triples Tuesday at Cleveland, which ties him for the Major League lead (Floral, NYY)...has appeared in two games at second base and two at shortstop...*Slade Heathcott (NR)* is one of three Athletics to appear in all six games this spring (Laureano, Martini)...*Ramon Laureano* is one of three Athletics to appear in all six games this spring (Heathcott, Martini)...*Nick Martini (NR)* is one of three Athletics to appear in all six games this spring (Heathcott, Laureano)...*Brandon Moss* has hit safely in each of his two games (3-for-6, .500)...*Sean Murphy (NR)* has hit safely and driven in a run in each of his two games this spring (2-for-4, three RBI)...*Matt Olson* homered for the second time in four games yesterday at Chicago (NL) and is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in home runs...has reached base safely via hit or walk in all four games...*Chad Pinder* has appeared in one game at second base, one at third base, one at shortstop and one in left field...*Marcus Semien* has hit safely in each of his three games (4-for-9, .444).

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.

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 (Gagneau, 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 Lombardozi, 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, Lombardozi, 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 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 RADIO: The A's radio network will broadcast 11 games this spring, including eight from Arizona and three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will carry each game except March 27 against San Francisco...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 with the exception of March 15...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 #45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring...tossed a scoreless third and fourth inning in his first outing last Saturday against San Diego...went 9-10 with a 5.58 ERA in 24 starts over two stints with the A's last year...ranked second among American League rookies in strikeouts (105), games started and innings pitched (129.0) and tied for second in wins...did not have enough innings to qualify for the league leaders...however, based on a minimum of 125 innings pitched, he had the sixth highest ERA in the AL and eighth highest in Oakland history...allowed 28 home runs, which broke the Athletics rookie record of 27 (Dan Pfister, 1962; Trevor Cahill, 2009)...allowed an average a 1.95 home runs per nine innings, which is the highest mark in Athletics history among pitchers with 110 or more innings pitched...went 4-6 with a 6.98 ERA in 13 starts in Oakland compared to 5-4 with a 3.94 ERA in 11 starts on the road...was 7-3 with a 3.73 ERA and .196 opponents batting average in 12 starts during the day compared to 2-7 with a 7.78 ERA and .339 opponents average in 12 starts at night...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, which included .257 (56-for-218) against left-handed hitters compared to .275 (77-for-280) against right-handers.

COTTON'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 24	San Diego	8-3	-	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	1	5	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)		0-0	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0

*indicates relief appearance

#50 RAUL ALCÁNTARA RHP (1-0, 16.20 ERA)

Allowed three runs in his last outing Monday at Chicago-AL (0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb) after retiring the side in order in his first outing last Friday against Los Angeles (AL)...went 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA in eight games, including four starts, over two stints with the A's in 2017...allowed a .239 opponents batting average but issued 12 walks in 24.0 innings (4.50 per nine innings) for a .343 on-base percentage...12 of the 22 hits (54.5%) he allowed were for extra bases for a .478 slugging percentage...his opponents average included a mark of .238 (10-for-42) against left-handed hitters compared to .240 (12-for-50) against right-handers...began the season in the starting rotation but made just one start and two relief appearances before he was designated for assignment April 25 and outrighted to Triple-A Nashville April 29...returned to Oakland Sept. 5 and made two relief appearances before his final three outings were starts...compiled a 1-2 record, four saves and a 2.67 ERA in 18 games, including three starts, with Nashville...was on the disabled list from May 26 to July 28 with a strained right elbow.

#52 RYAN BUCHTER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing last Sunday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...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.

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Pitched the third inning in his first outing on Monday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...began the 2017 season as the A's closer and saved a team-leading 16 games before Blake Treinen took over in July...had the fewest saves by an A's team leader since Dennis Eckersley and Jay Howell had 16 in 1987...was 16-for-23 (69.6%) in save opportunities and had the second lowest save percentage in the majors (Dyson, TEX-SF 66.7%)...it was the fifth lowest mark in Oakland history and second lowest over the last 30 years (Cook, 66.7% in 2012)...tied for second in the American League in blown saves (7)...compiled a 4.27 ERA in 63 relief appearances in his first season

with Oakland since 2009...the ERA was his highest since that year (5.96)...logged a 2.57 ERA over his first 14 games, a 5.96 ERA over a 25-game stretch from May 12 to July 26, and a 3.63 ERA over his final 24 contests...allowed a .259 opponents batting average, including .256 against left-handed hitters compared to .261 against right-handers...held first batters faced to a .200 batting average...allowed 4-of-6 (66.7%) inherited runners to score...opponents hit .139 with two strikes and .169 with runners in scoring position.

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Allowed a run in the third inning of his first appearance Sunday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er)...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.

#60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (0-0, 16.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...started in his first outing last Saturday against San Diego and had a no decision (1.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 2 so, 1 hr)...was on the A's Opening Day roster last year and went 5-6 with a 4.27 ERA in 12 starts before his season ended June 10 with a hip injury...had surgery to repair the labrum in his left hip July 13...was 5-2 with a 2.12 ERA and .209 opponents batting average over his first eight starts...then went 0-4 with a 9.64 ERA and .381 opponents average over his final four starts...allowed a .266 opponents batting average, which included .215 (23-for-107) against left-handed hitters compared to .302 (45-for-149) against right-handers...despite missing 3½ months of the season, he tied for seventh in the American League in unearned runs (11) and stolen bases allowed (15)...held the opposition to a .211 batting average with two outs but surrendered six of his nine home runs in that situation...allowed a .188 average against the opponents clean-up hitter and has a .175 (10-for-57) average in that situation in his career...opponents were 3-for-8 (.375) with a triple and two home runs with the bases loaded...the two grand slams tied for the most in the majors.

#62 LOU TRIVINO RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring Sunday against Kansas City in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 1 vs. Texas

Rangers: RHP Clayton Blackburn, RHP Paolo Espino, LHP David Hurlbut, RHP Nick Gardewine, RHP Kevin Jepsen, RHP Steve Delabar

March 2 OFF DAY

March 3 vs. San Diego

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman
Padres: TBA

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	
Feb. 27	at Cleveland	L, 8-16	2-2-1	DeMasi	Wahl	2,275	
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-7	2-3-1	Hendricks	Blackburn	8,313	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
	at San Francisco (ss)	4:05 pm	
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)