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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-5-2) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (3-6-2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's had their second tie game of the spring yesterday, marking the sixth time in the last seven years Oakland has at least two tie games...are 1-5-1 over the last seven games after starting the spring 2-0-1...are 2-2-2 at Hohokam and 1-3 on the road...have compiled a 7.45 ERA, which is the highest mark in the majors (Arizona, 7.11)...have issued 47 walks, which is third most in the Cactus League...the defense has turned 12 double plays, which is tied for second most in the CL...have hit 15 home runs in the last six games after connecting for three home runs over the first four contests...have 15 doubles, which is tied with Seattle for the fewest in the CL...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)...the offense had 300 strikeouts, which were the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (previous: 248 in 2009)...went 9-7 at Hohokam, 0-1 in Oakland and 7-10 on the road.

YESTERDAY: The A's and White Sox played to a 9-9 tie here at Hohokam...Oakland starting pitcher Daniel Mengden (2.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so) allowed two runs in the first inning and two more in the third to give the White Sox a 4-0 lead before Liam Hendriks recorded the final two outs of the third (0.2 ip)...Santiago Casilla (0.2 ip, 4 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 hr) then allowed five runs in the fourth inning to make the score 9-0...Jed Lowrie started the Oakland comeback with a two-run home run in the fifth inning and Santiago Chávez added a two-run single in the sixth to make the score 9-4...Slade Heathcott had a sacrifice fly in the seventh and the A's then scored four unearned runs in the ninth to tie the game...the first two runs scored on errors before Chavez had a RBI single to pull Oakland to within one...Tyler Ramirez then tied the game with a RBI single before Eli White flied out with runners on second and third to end the game...Lou Trivino (1.1 ip, 1 bb), Ryan Buchter (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so) and Paul Blackburn (3.0 ip, 3 so) closed out the game with scoreless relief.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's lost the first game here at Hohokam on March 1 by a score of 9-4...meet again 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 3-9-1 against the Rangers over the last six springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** hit his second home run Sunday at San Diego and four of his five hits this spring are for extra bases (also has two triples)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (2), ranks fourth in slugging (.882) and tied for sixth in runs (6)...has appeared in four games at second base and three at shortstop...**Mark Canha** has appeared in four games at first base, two in left field and one in right field...**Khris Davis** homered in back-to-back games on Wednesday and Thursday...has appeared in three games in left field and three at designated hitter...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** is 4-for-7 (.571) with two doubles, two home runs and three RBI over his last four games...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** is tied for fifth in the CL in runs scored (6)...has appeared in seven games at first base, one in left field and one in right field...**Matt Joyce** has appeared in two games in right field, two at designated hitter and one in left field...**Nick Martini (NR)** is the only Athletic to appear in all 10 games this spring...**Chad Pinder** has appeared in two games at third base, one at second base, one at shortstop, one in left field and one at first base...**Stephen Piscotty** has appeared in four games in right field and one at designated hitter...**Marcus Semien** has hit safely in each of his six games (8-for-17, .471)...**Jake Smolinski** has appeared in three games in right field, two in center field, one in left field and one at designated hitter.

IN CAMP: The A's have 59 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 31 pitchers, six catchers, 11 infielders and 11 outfielders.

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).

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.

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 had their first workout yesterday...position players report this Friday with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...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+).

TRANSACTIONS

March 4	Jairo Labourt claimed off waivers from Cincinnati; Brandon Moss designated for assignment
March 6	Brandon Moss released

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

#55 SEAN MANAEA LHP (12-10, 4.37 ERA in 2017)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...compiled a 12-10 record and a 4.37 ERA in 29 starts in his second season in the majors last year...went 1-3 with a 5.52 ERA and .179 opponents batting average over his first six starts, 7-2 with a 2.92 ERA and .246 opponents average over an 11-start span from May 20 to July 16 and 4-5 with a 5.55 ERA and .328 opponents average over his final 12 starts...led the A's in wins, games started, innings pitched (158.2), strikeouts (140), hits (167), walks (55) and hit batters (10)...now has 264 career strikeouts, which are third most in Oakland history by a pitcher in his first two seasons in the majors (Hudson, 301; Zito, 283), and 19 wins, which are tied for sixth most...allowed a .268 opponents batting average, including .227 (30-for-132) against left-handed hitters compared to .279 (137-for-491) against right-handers...surrendered 16 of his 18 home runs and issued 49 of his 55 walks to righties...had a .593 OPS against lefties, .809 against righties.

#50 RAUL ALCÁNTARA RHP (1-0, 9.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing last Saturday against San Diego (1.1 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

#75 JEREMY BLEICH LHP (0-0, 22.50 ERA)

Has allowed at least two runs in each of his two outings this spring, including his last appearance Feb. 26 against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee signed with the A's Jan. 9 after spending the 2017 season in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization...was 5-3 with three saves and a 3.22 ERA in 31 games with Triple-A Oklahoma City and 0-1 with a 6.17 ERA in seven appearances with Double-A Tulsa...combined for a 3.77 ERA in 38 games overall...allowed a .261 opponents batting average, including .228 (37-for-162) against right-handed hitters compared to .329 (25-for-76) against left-handed hitters...yielded a .301 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .324 with RISP and two outs...opponents were 12-for-52 (.231) with no walks when leading off an inning...allowed 10-of-27 (37.0%) inherited runners to score...compiled an 8.18 ERA in the sixth inning, a 3.54 ERA in all other innings...posted a 4.55 ERA in 19 games in his home ballpark and a 2.97 ERA in 19 games on the road...did not allow a home run in 31.2 innings at home...tossed at least one inning in 32 of his 38 appearances, including two innings or more 15 times.

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

Has not allowed a run in his first two outings, including his last appearance a week ago today at Cleveland when he struck out the only batter he faced (0.1 ip, 1 so)...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, 27.00 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his first two appearances, including his last outing a week ago today at Cleveland (0.2 ip, 1 h, 4 r, 4 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 inning but had a .405 on-base percentage.

#15 EMILIO PAGÁN RHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Allowed a run in the seventh inning of his last outing last Saturday against San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) after tossing a scoreless inning in each of his first two appearances...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.

#60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (0-0, 7.71 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...pitched in relief in his last outing Thursday against Texas (3.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 1 er, 3 so) after starting in his first outing Feb. 24 against San Diego (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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 6 vs. Texas

Rangers: RHP Bartolo Colón, LHP Alex Claudio, RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx, LHP David Hurlbut, RHP Jose Leclerc

March 7 at Seattle

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Bobby Wahl, LHP Danny Coulombe, RHP Chris Hatcher, RHP Blake Treinen, RHP Chris Bassitt

Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales, RHP Chase De Jong, RHP David Phelps, LHP Marc Rzepczynski

March 8 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman

Angels: TBA

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcántara	Pinder	4,315	4,315	March 11	Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm	
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837	March 12	San Francisco	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
Feb. 25	Kansas City	T, 4-4	2-0-1	—	—	4,144	11,981	March 13	at Kansas City	1:05 pm	
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	L, 6-7	2-1-1	Kopech	Graveman	2,826		March 14	OFF DAY		
Feb. 27	at Cleveland	L, 8-16	2-2-1	DeMasi	Wahl	2,275		March 15	Seattle	7:05 pm	(NBCSCA)
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-7	2-3-1	Hendricks	Blackburn	8,313		March 16	Cleveland	1:05 pm	
March 1	Texas	L, 4-9	2-4-1	Blackburn	Cotton	3,043	15,024	March 17	Seattle (ss)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 2	OFF DAY								at San Francisco (ss)	4:05 pm	
March 3	San Diego	L, 4-10	2-5-1	Lyles	Graveman	5,251	20,275	March 18	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 4	at San Diego	W, 12-4	3-5-1	Montas	Richard	4,676		March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	7:05 pm	
March 5	Chicago (AL)	T, 9-9	3-5-2	—	—	4,302	24,577	March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV								
\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)								
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)								