



OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-0-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (2-1)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have two wins and a tie over the first three games, which marks just the second time over the last 18 springs Oakland has been undefeated after three games...the 2015 club was also 2-0-1 and would improve to 4-0-1 before suffering its first loss...have stolen two bases in each of the first three games and are tied with the Cubs for the Major League lead in stolen bases (6)...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 and Royals played to a 4-4 tie...A.J. Puk started for Oakland and retired all six batters that he faced (2.0 ip, 1 so)...Liam Hendriks allowed a run in the third inning and Ryan Buchter pitched a scoreless fourth before Jake Smolinski hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth to give the A's a 3-1 lead...Bobby Wahl tossed a scoreless fifth inning but Lou Trivino and Jarret Martin allowed single runs in the sixth and seventh to tie the game at 3-3...Kyle Finnegan blanked Kansas City in the eighth and B.J. Boyd had a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth to give Oakland a 4-3 lead...Tucker Healy then allowed a run in the ninth.

A's vs. WHITE SOX: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...meet again in Mesa on March 5 and 18...Oakland won both games last spring, winning 5-3 at Glendale March 22 and 8-2 in Mesa on March 24...the A's have won each of their last four games against the White Sox at Glendale.

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 (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 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 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 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

#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (6-4, 4.19 ERA in 2017)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...went 6-4 with a 4.19 ERA in 19 starts last year in a season shortened due to two stints on the disabled list with a strained right shoulder...the ERA was a career high as was his opponents batting average (.280), on-base percentage (.338), slugging percentage (.442) and OPS (.780)...allowed 12 home runs and his average of 1.03 home runs per nine innings was a career low...his 19 starts are his fewest in his three seasons with Oakland...his opponents batting average broke down to .238 (44-for-185) against left-handed hitters compared to .315 (70-for-222) against right-handers...entered the season with a .273 career average against lefties, .272 against righties...opponents batted .266 with runners in scoring position but just .186 with RISP and two outs...went 5-0 with a 2.94 ERA in 11 starts at home compared to 1-4 with a 6.39 ERA in eight starts on the road...joins Kenny Rogers (11-0 in 1998) and Todd Burns (5-0 in 1988) as the only starting pitchers in Oakland history to go undefeated at home with five or more decisions.

#50 RAUL ALCÁNTARA RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and retired the side in order in the ninth inning for the win (1.0 ip)...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.

#74 NOLAN BLACKWOOD RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his spring debut last Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee spent the entire 2017 season at Single-A Stockton and was 1-5 with 19 saves and a 3.00 ERA in 44 relief appearances...led the A's farm system and ranked second in the California League in saves (21, Dylan Rheault, SJ)...ranked second among Cal League relievers in opponents batting average (.205)...converted 19-of-20 (95.0%) save opportunities and allowed just 3-of-25 (12.0%) inherited runners to score...surrendered just two home runs in 57.0 innings, an average of 0.32 per nine innings...allowed a .205 opponents batting average, including .167 (19-for-114) against right-handed hitters compared to .253 (23-for-91) against left-handers...yielded a .194 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .118 with RISP and two outs...had a 3.45 ERA and surrendered both of his home runs in 19 games before the All-Star Break...then logged a 2.54 ERA and .180 opponents batting average after the break...converted each of his 11 save opportunities after the break and stranded all nine of his inherited runners.

#75 JEREMY BLEICH LHP (0-0, 36.00 ERA)

Made his first outing of the spring last Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and allowed four runs in the eighth inning (1.0 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 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 ballparks 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.

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (4-5, 16 saves, 4.27 ERA in 2017)

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 (23-for-90) against left-handed hitters compared to .261 (35-for-134) 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.

#67 SIMON CASTRO RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless ninth inning in his first outing Saturday against San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee began the 2017 season at Triple-A Nashville and was 3-5 with four saves and a 3.32 ERA in 33 relief appearances when he was promoted to Oakland July 16...spent the remainder of the season with the A's and went 1-3 with a 4.38 ERA in a career-high 26 appearances...had just 15 career games over his first two seasons in the majors...surrendered seven home runs in 37.0 innings...had a 2.25 ERA, .179 opponents batting average and averaged 1.69 walks per nine innings over his first 12 games through Aug. 14...then compiled a 6.00 ERA, .275 opponents average and averaged 4.71 walks per nine innings over his final 14 contests...allowed a .235 opponents batting average but 15 of the 32 hits he allowed were for extra bases for a .449 slugging percentage...his opponents batting average included a mark of .180 (11-for-61) against left-handed hitters compared to .280 (21-for-75) against right-handers...allowed just 2-of-13 (15.4%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 3-for-23 (.130) with no extra base hits, one walk and two hit by pitches (.231 on-base percentage)

#70 ERIK JOKISCH RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Friday against Los Angeles (AL) and tossed 1.1 scoreless innings (1 h, 2 bb, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Dec. 6, 2017...began the 2017 season at Double-A Jackson and went 0-0 with a 1.50 ERA in one start before he was transferred to Triple-A Reno April 12...spent the remainder of the season with the Aces and was 8-8 with a 4.21 ERA in 28 games, 21 starts...combined with both clubs for a 4.09 ERA...his 29 games pitched were his most ever as a minor leaguer (had 26 games with Iowa and four games with the Chicago Cubs in 2014)...ranked fourth in the Pacific Coast League in ERA (4.21) and fifth in opponents batting average (.267)...was ninth in the Diamondbacks farm system in ERA (4.09)...allowed a .267 opponents batting average with Jackson and Reno, including .251 (93-for-370) by right-handed hitters and .299 (52-for-174) by left-handers...surrendered seven of his 13 home runs to lefties for a .500 slugging percentage...had a .359 slugging percentage against righties...yielded a .227 batting average and .287 on-base percentage to batters leading off an inning.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

February 26 at Chicago (AL)

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

February 27 at Cleveland

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, RHP Emilio Pagán, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Bobby Wahl, LHP Jarret Martin, RHP Kyle Finnegan

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

February 28 at Chicago (NL)

A's: RHP Daniel Mengden, RHP Paul Blackburn

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, LHP Mike Montgomery

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
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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)