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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (3-5-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (5-5)

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's snapped their five-game losing streak yesterday and are now 1-5 over the last six games after starting the spring 2-0-1...are 2-2-1 at Hohokam and 1-3 on the road...hit five home runs yesterday, which were their most in a spring game since March 9, 2004 when they also hit five against San Diego...now have 12 home runs in the last four games...committed four errors on Thursday after making just three errors over the first six games...now have eight errors...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)...had the second fewest strikeouts (247)...the offense tied for the fewest stolen bases in the CL (15) and ranked 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)...went 9-7 at Hohokam, 0-1 in Oakland and 7-10 on the road.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the Padres in Peoria, 12-4...Josh Phegley hit a solo home run in the third inning to give Oakland a lead it would not relinquish and Franklin Barreto added a two-run home run later in the inning...Frankie Montas started for the A's and picked up the win (2.1 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 3 so) and Yusmeiro Petit (1.2 ip) and Chris Hatcher (1.0 ip) followed with scoreless relief...Mark Canha added a two-run home run in the fourth inning to make the score 5-2 but Blake Treinen allowed a run in the sixth...Oakland then scored four times in the seventh inning on a RBI double by Anthony Garcia, a two-run double by Slade Heathcott and a sacrifice fly by Nick Martini...Kevin Merrell and Garcia hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning and Martini added a sacrifice fly...Danny Coulombe and Chris Bassitt also tossed a scoreless inning of relief each before Nolan Blackwood allowed an unearned run in the ninth.

A's vs. WHITE SOX: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...Oakland lost the first game at Camelback Ranch on Feb. 26 by a score of 7-6...meet again in Mesa on March 18...Oakland won both games last spring, winning 5-3 at Glendale March 22 and 8-2 in Mesa on March 24.

PLAYER NOTES: *Franklin Barreto* hit his second home run yesterday and four of his five hits this spring are for extra bases (also has two triples)...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 two at designated hitter...*Anthony Garcia* homered for the second time in his last three games yesterday...*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 nine games this spring...*Bruce Maxwell* has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-7, .429) after going 0-for-1 in his first contest...*Matt Olson* has reached base safely via hit or walk in all six of his games...*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 three games in right field and one at designated hitter...*Marcus Semien* has hit safely in each of his five games (6-for-14, .429).

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...Daren Bush returns as hitting coach and Scott Emerson returns as pitching coach while Mike Aldrete (assistant hitting coach), Marcus Jensen

(bullpen coach) an 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).

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.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers had their first workout yesterday...position players report this 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 will also 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 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

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#33 DANIEL MENGDEN RHP (0-0, 4.91 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...tossed 3.0 scoreless innings of relief in his last outing last Wednesday at Chicago (NL) after allowing two runs in 0.2 innings in his first appearance, a start in the A's spring opener on Feb. 23 against Los Angeles (AL)...combined to make just 18 starts between the majors and minors last year due to two stints on the disabled list...went 3-2 with a 3.14 ERA and .229 opponents batting average in seven starts over two stints with Oakland...was also 2-4 with a 4.17 ERA in nine starts with Triple-A Nashville and 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA in two starts with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League...walked just nine batters in 43.0 innings (1.88 per nine innings) with the A's for a .268 on-base percentage...went 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA and .371 opponents batting average in two starts during his first stint from May 29 to June 3...then went 3-1 with a 1.54 ERA and .189 opponents batting average in five starts after returning to Oakland Sept. 5 when the Sounds season concluded...his ERA during his second stint was fifth lowest in the American League over that span...his opponents batting average included a .187 (14-for-75) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .268 (22-for-82) against left-handers...allowed a .176 opponents batting average with runners in scoring position.

MENGDEN'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	9-8	-	27.00	0.2	5	2	2	1	0	0
*Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	5-7	-	4.91	3.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals (2 games, 1 start)				0-0	4.91	3.2	6	2	2	2	1

*indicates relief appearance

#58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Started and took the loss in his last outing last Wednesday at Chicago-NL (2.0 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so) after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings of relief in his first appearance on Feb. 23 against Los Angeles-AL (1 h, 2 bb, 1 so)...made both his Triple-A and Major League debuts in 2017...spent the first three months of the season at Nashville where he went 5-6 with a 3.05 ERA in 15 games, including 14 starts...was promoted to Oakland July 1 and compiled a 3-1 record and a 3.22 ERA in 10 starts before a right hand contusion ended his season Aug. 23...struck out just 22 batters in 58.2 innings with the A's, an average of 3.38 per nine innings...that was the lowest mark in the majors among pitchers with 50 or more innings pitched...went 1-1 with a 2.25 ERA and .212 opponents batting average over his first five starts through July 26...then went 2-0 despite a 4.39 ERA and .315 opponents average over his final five starts...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .225 (23-for-102) against left-handed hitters compared to .294 (35-for-119) against right-handers...was 2-1 with a 1.47 ERA and .222 opponents batting average in five starts on the road compared to 1-0 with a 5.14 ERA and .301 opponents average in five starts at home.

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

Has not allowed a run in his first two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance on Thursday against Texas when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 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)

Has allowed one run in each of his first two outings, including his last appearance on Thursday against Texas (1.0 ip, 1 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 (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.

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his first two outings, including his last appearance on Thursday against Texas when he allowed two runs in the eighth inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 5 vs. Chicago (AL)

White Sox: RHP Dylan Cease, LHP Ian Clarkin, LHP Xavier Cedeño, RHP Chris Volstad, RHP Danny Farquhar, RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Chris Beck

March 6 vs. Texas

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Emilio Pagán
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
Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales, RHP Chase De Jong, RHP David Phelps, LHP Marc Rzepczynski

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 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)