



OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-5-2) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (5-6-1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018 – PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX – 6:40 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY TO 9:00 PM PST/10:00 PM MST)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have two wins and a tie over the last three games after losing five straight...are 3-2-2 at Hohokam and 1-3 on the road...have compiled a 7.03 ERA, which is the highest mark in the majors (Arizona, 6.71)...have issued 51 walks, which is third most in the Cactus League...the defense has turned 13 double plays, which is tied for third most in the CL...have hit 16 home runs in the last seven games after connecting for three home runs over the first four contests...have 17 doubles, which is second fewest in the CL to Seattle (15)...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 defeated the Rangers in Mesa, 5-3...Sean Manaea started for Oakland and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 2 bb, 3 so) but Eric Jokisch allowed a run in the third inning to give Texas a 1-0 lead...the A's came back with two runs in the bottom of the third as Marcus Semien scored on an error and Matt Olson had a RBI double...Emilio Pagán retired the side in order in the fourth inning and Andrew Triggs followed with four innings of relief (2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...Triggs picked up the win when the A's scored three times in the bottom of the eighth to take a 5-3 lead...Anthony Garcia led off the inning with a pinch hit home run to tie the game and Nick Noonan added a two-run single to give the A's the lead...Jesus Luzardo pitched a scoreless ninth inning (1 h, 1 so) and recorded the save.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...meet again in Mesa on March 15 and 17...the two clubs met twice last spring, both times in Peoria, and the A's won both games...had a 5-4 decision on March 5 and an 8-5 victory on March 21.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** hit his second home run Sunday at San Diego and four of his six hits this spring are for extra bases (also has two triples)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (2), ranks fifth in slugging (.800) and tied for ninth in runs (6)...has appeared in five games at second base and three at shortstop...**Mark Canha** has appeared in five games at first base, two in left field and one in right field...**Chris Davis** homered in back-to-back games last Wednesday and Thursday...has appeared in four games in left field and three at designated hitter...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** hit his third home run yesterday against Texas, which ties him for fifth in the CL...is 5-for-8 (.625) with two doubles, three home runs and four RBI over his last five games...has appeared in four games in right field, two in left field and one in center field...**Dustin Garneau** doubled in the seventh inning yesterday against Texas after going 0-for-7 over his first five games...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** is tied for ninth in the CL in runs scored (6)...has appeared in seven games at first base, one in left field, one in center 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...**Ramon Laureano** is 4-for-7 (.571) with a walk over his last five games after going 2-for-9 (.222) over his first five contests...**Nick Martini (NR)** is 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI over his last three games...is the only Athletic to appear in all 11 games this spring...**Chad Pinder** has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (two games at third base, one at second base, one at shortstop, one in left field, one in right 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 seven games (9-for-20, .450)...ranks second in the CL in batting average (.450) and fourth in on-base percentage (.476)...**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 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).

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 and pitchers and catchers have also begun to workout...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 remaining webcasts.

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, including tonight's game against the Mariners which will be tape delayed 9:00 PM PST and 6:00 AM PST tomorrow morning...the other three are 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

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| 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 #45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief in his first outing but then allowed four runs in 2.0 innings in a start in his second outing...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 |
| March 1 | Texas | 4-9 | L | 9.00 | 2.0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals (2 games, 1 start) | | | | 0-1 | 9.00 | 4.0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 |

**indicates relief appearance*

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing Sunday at San Diego when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning (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.

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

Has not allowed a run over his first three appearances (2.2 ip), including his last outing on Saturday against San Diego (0.2 ip, 1 h)...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).

#35 DANNY COULOMBE RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing Sunday at San Diego when he retired the side in order in the seventh inning (1.0 ip, 2 so)...made a team-leading 72 appearances last year in his first full season in the majors and was 2-2 with a 3.48 ERA and .240 opponents batting average...ranked fifth in the American League in games

pitched...tossed just 51.2 innings as he pitched fewer than one inning in 42 of his 72 appearances...averaged 12.6 pitches per game, which was fourth lowest among AL relievers...had a 1.78 ERA and .198 opponents batting average over his first 31 games through June 24...then logged a 5.13 ERA and .277 opponents batting average over his final 41 contests...his opponents batting average broke down to .214 (22-for-103) against left-handed hitters compared to .270 (24-for-89) against right-handers...surrendered three of his four home runs to righties...had a .596 OPS against lefties, .851 against righties...allowed 15-of-49 (30.6%) inherited runners to score and had the seventh most inherited runners in the AL...first batters faced hit .238 but he walked eight and hit one for a .333 on-base percentage...went 2-0 with a 2.25 ERA at home, 0-2 with a 5.49 ERA on the road.

#48 DANIEL GOSSETT RHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Made his first appearance of the spring last Saturday against San Diego and it came in relief (0.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hr)...went 4-11 with a 6.11 ERA in 18 starts over two stints with Oakland in his Major League debut last year...his .267 winning percentage was third lowest in the American League and tied for fourth lowest in Oakland history...based on a minimum of 90 innings pitched, he had the second highest opponents slugging percentage in the AL (.549), the fourth highest batting average (.306) and OPS (.906) and the fifth highest ERA...ranked fifth among AL rookies in games started (18), sixth in innings pitched (91.1) and eighth in strikeouts (72)...his opponents batting average included a .296 (63-for-213) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .319 (53-for-166) against left-handers...compiled a 4-4 record with a 3.66 ERA and .239 opponents batting average in 14 starts with Nashville...surrendered just six home runs in 76.1 innings, an average of 0.71 per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a mark of .230 (37-for-161) against right-handed hitters compared to .250 (33-for-132) against left-handers.

#63 BOBBY WAHL RHP (0-1, 20.25 ERA)

Has allowed at least two runs in each of his last two outings (6 er in 1.2 ip, 32.40 ERA) after tossing a scoreless inning in his first appearance...his last outing was on Saturday against San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 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

March 7 at Seattle

Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales, RHP Chase De Jong, RHP David Phelps, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, RHP Mike Morin, RHP Juan Nicasio

March 8 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman

Angels: LHP Tyler Skaggs, RHP Keynan Middleton, LHP Jose Alvarez, RHP Jake Jewell, RHP Noe Ramirez, RHP Eduardo Paredes

March 9 at Milwaukee

A's: LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Yusmeiro Petit

Brewers: RHP Yovani Gallardo, RHP Jacob Barnes, LHP Boone Logan, RHP Jeremy Jeffress, RHP Michael Brady, RHP Taylor Williams, RHP J.J. Hoover

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 | |
| March 1 | Texas | L, 4-9 | 2-4-1 | Blackburn | Cotton | 3,043 | 15,024 |
| March 2 | OFF DAY | | | | | | |
| March 3 | San Diego | L, 4-10 | 2-5-1 | Lyles | Graveman | 5,251 | 20,275 |
| March 4 | at San Diego | W, 12-4 | 3-5-1 | Montas | Richard | 4,676 | |
| March 5 | Chicago (AL) | T, 9-9 | 3-5-2 | — | — | 4,302 | 24,577 |
| March 6 | Texas | W, 5-3 | 4-5-2 | Triggs | Rodriguez | 3,731 | 28,308 |
| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | RADIO/TV | | | | |
| 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) |