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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-5-2) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (6-7)

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Started the spring 2-0-1, lost five straight from Feb. 26 to March 3 and are now 3-0-1 over the last four games...have compiled a 6.69 ERA, which is the second highest mark in the majors (Arizona, 6.71)...have issued 56 walks, which is tied for second most in the Cactus League (Chicago-NL, 57)...have hit 19 home runs in the last eight games after connecting for three home runs over the first four contests...have struck out 87 times, which is tied for second fewest in the majors (Kansas City, 83)...are 3-2-2 at Hohokam and 2-3 on the road...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 Mariners in Peoria last night, 7-3...Jharel Cotton (4.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 5 so) started for Oakland and retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced before allowing a run in the fourth inning...the A's were held scoreless on two hits and a two walks over the first five innings before scoring five times in the sixth...Sheldon Neuse opened the inning with a home run, Jake Smolinski followed with a two-run shot, Franklin Barreto scored on a wild pitch and Chad Pinder hit a solo home run...Oakland scored two more runs in the eighth inning on an error and a Beau Taylor RBI single...Chris Bassitt allowed two runs in an inning of relief but picked up the win...Danny Coulombe (1.0 ip), Daniel Gossett (2.0 ip) and Kyle Finnegan (1.0 ip) followed with scoreless relief...Mark Canha had two of the A's 10 hits.

A's vs. ANGELS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's won the Cactus League opener here at Hohokam on Feb. 23 by a score of 9-8, snapping a five-game spring training losing streak to Los Angeles...meet again in Tempe March 23...the A's lost both games last spring, dropping a 5-3 decision in Mesa on Feb. 26 and a 14-3 loss at Tempe March 28.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** has seven hits, five of which are for extra bases (one double, two triples, two home runs)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (2), ranks fifth in slugging (.818) and tied for fifth in runs (7)...has appeared in five games at second base and four at shortstop...**Mark Canha** had his first multiple hit game last night at Seattle and is 4-for-6 (.667) over his last three games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first six contests...has appeared in six games at first base, two in left field and one in right field...**Khris Davis** has appeared in four games in left field and three at designated hitter...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** hit his third home run Tuesday against Texas, which ties him for fifth in the CL...is 5-for-10 (.500) with two doubles, three home runs and four RBI over his last six games...has not struck out in 17 at bats this spring...has appeared in four games in right field, three in left field and one in center field...**Dustin Garneau** doubled in the seventh inning Tuesday against Texas after going 0-for-7 over his first five games...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** is tied for ninth in the CL in walks (5)...has appeared in eight 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-9 (.444) with a walk over his last six games after going 2-for-9 (.222) over his first five contests...**Nick Martini (NR)** is 3-for-4 (.750) with a double and two RBI over his last four games...is the only Athletic to appear in all 12 games this spring...**Chad Pinder** has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (two games at third base, two at second base, one at shortstop, one in left field, one in right field and one at first base)...**Stephen Piscotty** has appeared in five games in right field and one at designated hitter...**Marcus Semien** has hit safely in each of his seven games (9-for-20, .450)...**Jake Smolinski** hit a two-run home run last night at Seattle and now leads the A's with seven RBI...has appeared in three games in right field, two in center field, two 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 Ble-

ich, 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).

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 and pitchers and catchers have also begun to workout...position players report tomorrow 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 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 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...three remaining games will air in the Bay Area on MLB Network, including tomorrow 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

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#49 KENDALL GRAVEMAN RHP (0-2, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...allowed four runs in 1.1 innings in his last start after surrendering one run in 2.0 innings in his first outing...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.

GRAVEMAN'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	6-7	L	4.50	2.0	4	1	1	0	3	0
March 3	San Diego	4-10	L	13.50	1.1	4	4	4	2	0	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)			0-2	13.50	3.1	8	5	5	2	3	0

#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 at 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 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.

#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).

#70 ERIK JOKISCH RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

Allowed a run in the third inning in his last outing on Tuesday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so, 1 hr) after tossing 1.1 scoreless innings in each of his first two outings...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.

#62 LOU TRIVINO RHP (0-0, 2.70 ERA)

Allowed a run in his first outing, but has not allowed a run in his last two appearances, including his last outing on Monday against Chicago-AL (1.1 ip, 1 bb)...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...allowed a .317 batting average to batters leading off an inning.

#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 8 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

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

March 10 at Texas

A's: RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Daniel Mengden
Rangers: 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	
March 6	Texas	W, 5-3	4-5-2	Triggs	Rodriguez	3,731	28,308	March 21	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm	
March 7	at Seattle	W, 7-3	5-5-2	Bassitt	Phelps	4,571		March 22	Colorado	1:05 pm	
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm						March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	
March 9	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm						March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm	
March 10	at Texas	1:05 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)