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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-5-2) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (8-5-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST – MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY TO 8:00 P.M. PST/9:00 P.M. MST)

ABOUT THE A'S: Started the spring 2-0-1, lost five straight from Feb. 26 to March 3 and are now 4-0-1 over the last five games...have allowed three runs in each of the last three games after allowing seven or more runs in six of the previous seven contests...have a 6.39 ERA overall, which is the second highest mark in the majors (Arizona, 6.66)...have issued 59 walks, which is tied for third most in the Cactus League...have committed 10 errors, which is third fewest in the CL...the offense has struck out 94 times, which is second fewest in the CL (Kansas City, 88)...had their streak of eight consecutive games with a home run snapped yesterday...hit 19 home runs during the streak...are 4-2-2 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...also had a losing record in 2016, which 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 Angels at Hohokam, 7-3...Kendall Graveman (2.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 2 so) started for Oakland and allowed two runs in the first inning and one more in the third to give the Angels a 3-0 lead...the A's then scored seven unanswered runs, beginning with a Marcus Semien sacrifice fly in the third inning...Mark Canha added a RBI single in the fourth and Oakland scored four times in the fifth on a Jed Lowrie RBI single, a Khris Davis two-run triple and a Matt Olson sacrifice fly...Kevin Merrell completed the A's scoring with a RBI single in the seventh...Bobby Wahl tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief for the win and Lou Trivino (1.1 ip), Jeremy Bleich (1.0 ip), Simon Castro (1.0 ip) and Nolan Blackwood (1.0) also did not allow a run...Semien and Lowrie had two hits each.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...meet again in Maryvale on March 21 and then close out Cactus League play on March 24 in Mesa...Oakland won both games last spring, winning 15-5 at Hohokam on March 23 and 11-1 in Maryvale on March 26...the A's are 4-0-2 against the Brewers over the previous three springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** has seven hits, five of which are for extra bases (one double, two triples, two home runs)...is tied for second in the Cactus League in triples (2), ranks third in slugging (.818) and tied for sixth in runs (7)...has appeared in five games at second base and four at shortstop...**Mark Canha** has hit safely in each of his last four games (5-for-9, .556) after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first six contests...has appeared in six games at first base, two in left field and two in right field...**Khris Davis** has three hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, two home runs)...leads the A's with eight RBI...has appeared in five games in left field and three at designated hitter...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** hit his third home run Tuesday against Texas, which ties him for sixth 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...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** has appeared in nine 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-10 (.400) with a walk over his last seven 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...**Matt Olson** ranks ninth in the CL in slugging (.625)...**Josh Phegley** has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-5, .600) after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first three contests...**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** had his third multiple hit game yesterday against Los Angeles (AL) and has hit safely in each of his eight games (11-for-22, .500)...is tied for third in the CL in hits (11)...**Jake Smolinski** has appeared in three games in right field, three 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 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).

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 today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...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 today against Milwaukee (tape delay to 8:00 PM PST)...the other two are 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

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #30 A.J. PUK LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...allowed an unearned run in 3.0 innings of relief in his last outing last Saturday against San Diego after retiring each of the six batters he faced in his first outing Feb. 25, a start against Kansas City...split his first full professional season between Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland last year...combined for a 6-10 record and a 4.03 ERA in 27 games, including 24 starts...struck out 184 batters in 125.0 innings, an average of 13.24 per nine innings...ranked third in all of the minors in strikeouts behind Alec Hansen (191) and Triston McKenzie (186)...the strikeouts led the A's farm system and tied for the sixth best total by a minor leaguer in Oakland history...also ranked eighth in the A's farm system in ERA and innings pitched...was named the A's Organization Pitcher of the Year...walked 48 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.83...surrendered just three home runs, an average of 0.22 per nine innings...was named to the California League Midseason All-Star Team...represented the United States in the All-Star Futures Game...allowed a .227 opponents batting average, which included .227 against right-handed hitters compared to .228 against left-handers...was named the A's number one prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

PUK'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 25	Kansas City	4-4	-	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
*March 3	San Diego	4-10	-	0.00	3.0	1	1	0	1	3	0
Totals (2 game, 1 start)				0-0	0.00	5.0	1	1	0	4	0

*indicates relief appearance

#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.

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (0-0, 23.63 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his three outings, including his last appearance on Monday against Chicago-AL (0.2 ip, 4 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 hr)...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.

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

Has not allowed a run in his first three outings (2.1), including his last appearance Wednesday night at Seattle when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 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 sys-

tem...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.

#15 EMILIO PAGÁN RHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his four spring training appearances, including his last outing on Tuesday against Texas when he retired the side in order in the fourth inning (1.0 ip)...opponents are 2-for-13 (.154)...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...opponents hit .133 with runners in scoring position.

#36 YUSMEIRO PETIT RHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Retired all five batters he faced in his last outing on Sunday at San Diego (1.2 ip, 3 so) after allowing a run in the third inning of his first outing Feb. 27 at Cleveland (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...signed a two-year contract with a club option for 2020 on Dec. 7, 2017...spent the 2017 with Los Angeles (AL)...appeared in a career high 60 games and went 5-2 with a career-high four saves and a career-low 2.76 ERA...also had career-lows in opponents batting average (.207), on-base percentage (.249), slugging percentage (.321) and OPS (.571)...struck out 101 and walked just 18 (1.77 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.61...made one start and his 87.1 innings pitched in relief were the most among Major League relievers...tied for sixth among American League relievers in strikeouts (96)...stranded all 20 of his inherited runners, which tied for the most by any AL pitcher with no inherited runners scored dating back to 1974 (Shane Greene, DET 2016)...first batters faced were 8-for-58 (.138) with no walks...had the lowest first batter faced on-base percentage in the majors...his opponents batting average included a .186 (36-for-194) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .237 (33-for-139) against left-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 9 at Milwaukee

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, LHP Danny Coulombe, RHP Nolan Blackwood, LHP Jeremy Bleich, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP Simon Castro
Rangers: LHP Mike Minor

March 11 vs. Chicago (NL)

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Chris Hatcher, RHP Blake Treinen, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Bobby Wahl
Cubs: RHP Yu Darvish

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)	W, 7-3	6-5-2	Wahl	Middleton	5,239	33,547	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)