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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-5-2) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (4-9-2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Started the spring 2-0-1, lost five straight from Feb. 26 to March 3 and are now 5-0-1 over the last six games...have allowed three runs or fewer in each of the last four games (9 er in 36.0 ip, 2.25 ERA) after allowing seven or more runs in six of the previous seven contests...have a 5.93 ERA overall, which is the second highest mark in the majors (Arizona, 6.28)...have the third fewest home runs in the Cactus League (16) but have the third fewest strikeouts (114) and have issued the fourth most walks (61)...have committed 11 errors, which is third fewest in the CL...have the second fewest strikeouts in the CL (105) and are tied for fourth in stolen bases (14)...however, have the second fewest doubles (22)...are 4-2-2 at Hohokam and 3-3 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 shut out the Brewers on four hits and two walks at Maryvale yesterday in a 2-0 win...it was the A's first spring training shutout since March 29, 2015, also against Milwaukee (7-0)...A.J. Puk started for Oakland and picked up the win, allowing three of the hits while issuing both of the walks...Yusmeiro Petit followed with two scoreless innings, allowing just one base runner to reach on an error...Emilio Pagán and Santiago Casilla retired the side in order in the sixth and seventh innings respectively and Raul Alcántara allowed one hit over the final two innings for the save...the A's scored all of their runs in the first inning on a two-run home run by Khris Davis...Dustin Fowler had two of the A's six hits.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's lost the first game at Hohokam on March 1 by a score of 9-4 and then won at Hohokam on Tuesday, 5-3...Oakland won each of the two spring meetings last year, both in Mesa...won 5-1 on March 2 and 8-7 on March 11...are now 4-9-1 against the Rangers over the last six 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 seventh in slugging (.720) and tied for seventh in runs (7)...has appeared in six 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 four hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs and RBI (10)...has appeared in five games in left field and four at designated hitter...**Dustin Fowler** is 3-for-4 (.750) over his last two games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first four contests...has appeared exclusively in center field...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** hit his third home run Tuesday against Texas, which ties him for sixth in the CL...is 5-for-11 (.455) with two doubles, three home runs and four RBI over his last seven games...has appeared in five games in right field, three in left field and one in center field...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** stole his third base of the spring yesterday at Milwaukee, which is tied for fourth in the CL...has appeared in 10 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...has not played in a CL game since Sunday at San Diego (0-for-3)...**Ramon Laureano** is 4-for-11 (.364) with a walk over his last eight games after going 2-for-9 (.222) over his first five contests...**Nick Martini (NR)** is 3-for-4 (.750) with a walk, a double and two RBI over his last five games...**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 hit safely in each of his last four games (4-for-12, .333) after going 2-for-14 (.143) over his first five contests...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (three 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 six games in right field and one at designated hitter...**Marcus Semien** went 0-for-2 with a walk yesterday at Milwaukee after hitting safely in each of his first eight games (11-for-22, .500)...ranks second in the CL in batting (.458), third in on-base percentage (.481) and tied for fourth 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).

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is currently underway and pitchers and catchers have also begun to workout...position players report yesterday and the first full squad workout is scheduled for today...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...two remaining games will air in the Bay Area on MLB Network, including 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

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

#58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (0-1, 5.14 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and second start of the spring... has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing on Monday against Chicago (AL) when he retired all nine batters that he faced...opponents are 4-for-23 (.174) off him but he has also issued four walks...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.

BLACKBURN'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	9-8	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	5-7	-	9.00	2.0	3	4	4	2	2	0
*March 5	Chicago (AL)	9-9	-	5.14	3.0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals (3 games, 1 start)				0-1	5.14	7.0	4	4	4	6	0

*indicates relief appearance

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

Has not allowed an earned run in four outings this spring, including last Thursday against Los Angeles (AL) when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h)...opponents are 2-for-15 (.133)...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.

#75 JEREMY BLEICH LHP (0-0, 15.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless seventh inning in his last outing on Thursday against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 2 h) after allowing at least two runs in each of his first two appearances...opponents are 8-for-15 (.533)...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.

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

Has not allowed a run over his first four appearances (3.2 ip), including his last outing on Thursday against Los Angeles (AL) when he tossed a scoreless eighth inning (1.0 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 against left-handed hitters compared to .280 against righties...allowed 2-of-13 (15.4%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 3-for-23 (.130) with a walk and two hit by pitches.

#33 DANIEL MENGDEN RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has made two starts, including his last outing on Monday against Chicago-AL (2.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...tossed 3.0 scoreless innings in his only relief appearance on Feb. 28 at Chicago-NL (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are hitting .423 (11-for-26)...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.

#62 LOU TRIVINO RHP (0-0, 1.93 ERA)

Allowed a run in his first outing, but has not allowed a run in his last three appearances (3.2 ip), including his last outing on Thursday against Los Angeles (AL) when he retired all four batters that he faced (1.1 ip)...opponents are 1-for-14 (.071)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 10 at Texas

Rangers: LHP Mike Minor, RHP Nick Gardewine, RHP Tony Barnette, RHP Reed Garrett, RHP Chris Martin, RHP Kevin Jepsen, RHP Erik Goeddel

March 11 vs. Chicago (NL)

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Chris Hatcher, RHP Blake Treinen, LHP Danny Coulombe, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Bobby Wahl

Cubs: RHP Yu Darvish

March 12 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, LHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Ryan Buchter
Giants: RHP Chris Stratton, RHP Sam Dyson, RHP Jose Valdez, RHP Roberto Gomez]

March 13 at Kansas City

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman
Royals: LHP Danny Duffy

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	W, 2-0	7-5-2	Puk	Gallardo	4,990		March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV					March 25	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05 pm	(NBCSCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 10	at Texas	1:05 pm	(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)