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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-6-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (9-7-2)

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 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 6-1-1 over the last eight games...are 5-2-2 at Hohokam and 3-4 on the road...now have a record of 33-17-5 (.645) at Hohokam Park since moving back to Mesa in 2015...A's pitchers have compiled a 3.23 ERA (19 er in 53.0 ip) over the last six games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...have a 5.85 ERA overall, which is third highest in the Cactus League...have the third fewest home runs allowed in the CL (19) but have the fourth fewest strikeouts (130)...have committed 12 errors, which is second fewest in the CL (COL, 10)...the offense has struck out 119 times, which is second fewest in the CL (KC, 118) and third fewest in the majors (MIN, 106)...has 26 doubles, which is tied with Seattle for second fewest in the majors (WAS, 21)...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).

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the Cubs here at Hohokam Park by a score of 7-2...Sean Manaea started for Oakland and allowed two runs in the second inning, but those were the only runs the A's pitching staff would allow...Manaea (4.0 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 so, 2 hr) picked up the win after Oakland scored four times in the bottom of the fourth on a RBI single by Matt Olson and a three-run home run by Matt Chapman...Bruce Maxwell added a solo home run in the seventh inning and Mark Canha hit a two-run home run in the eighth to complete the A's scoring...Chris Hatcher and Blaken Treinen retired the side in order in the fifth and sixth inning respectively and Andrew Triggs closed out the game by retiring all nine batters that he faced...Olson had two of the A's 11 hits.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the first of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...square off in Scottsdale on Saturday and then meet three times in the Bay Area, playing in Oakland on Sunday, March 25, and in San Francisco on March 26 and 27...went 2-3 against the Giants last spring, winning 5-4 in Scottsdale on Feb. 27 and 6-1 in Mesa on March 3...lost both games in San Francisco on March 30 (3-0) and 31 (2-1) and also lost 6-3 in Oakland on April 1...Oakland is now 19-9 over its last 28 spring games against the Giants...have a nine-game winning streak against San Francisco in Arizona (five at Scottsdale, four at Mesa).

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** has eight 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) and ranks sixth in slugging (.679)...has appeared in seven games at second base and four at shortstop...**Mark Canha** is 6-for-13 (.462) with a double, two home runs and five RBI over his last six games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first six contests...has appeared in eight games at first base, two in left field and two in right field...**Matt Chapman** started the spring 0-for-15 before hitting a three-run home run in the fourth inning yesterday against the Cubs...**Khris Davis** has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (10) and tied for eighth in home runs...has appeared in six 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 last Tuesday against Texas, which ties him for eighth in the CL...has appeared in five games in right field, four in left field and one in center field...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** stole his third base of the spring Friday at Milwaukee, which is tied for sixth in the CL...has appeared in 11 games at first base, one in left field, one in center field and one in right field...**Matt Joyce** went 1-for-4 in a start at designated hitter yesterday against Chicago (NL) in his first CL appearance in a week...each of his last two games have come as the designated hitter and he has not played the outfield since March 1...overall, has appeared in three games as the designated hitter, two in right field and one in left field...**Jed Lowrie** is 4-for-10 (.400) over his last four games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Nick Martini (NR)** is 4-for-6 (.667) with two walks over his last seven games...**Matt Olson** has reached base safely via hit or walks in 10 of his 11 games this spring...ranks eighth in the CL in slugging (.621)...**Chad Pinder** has hit safely in each of his last five games (5-for-15, .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, two in left field, one at short-

stop, one in right field and one at first base)...**Stephen Piscotty** has appeared in seven games in right field and one at designated hitter...**Marcus Semien** is 0-for-5 over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his first eight contests (11-for-22, .500)...ranks third in the CL in batting (.407) and seventh in on-base percentage (.433)...**Jake Smolinski** hit his third home run Saturday at Texas, which is tied for eighth in the CL...has appeared in four games in center field, three in right field, two in left field and one at designated hitter.

IN CAMP: After agreeing to terms with Jonathan Lucroy today, the A's now have 50 players in camp...the total includes 39 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 11 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 23 pitchers, six catchers, 10 infielders and 11 outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: A's minor leaguers had their first full squad workout on Saturday...Double-A and Triple-A games begin tomorrow and Single-A games start on Friday, 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 remaining Cactus League schedule includes today against San Francisco and next Saturday and Sunday against the Mariners and White Sox...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 this Thursday...Donny Baarns will call the action on the remaining webcasts.

A'S ON TELEVISION: NBC Sports California will televise two games, including this Thursday 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
March 10	Grant Holmes and Logan Shore reassigned to minor league camp
March 11	Jairo Labourt and Lou Trivino optioned to Nashville; Nolan Blackwood, Jeremy Bleich, Santiago Chavez, Jarrett Martin, Nick Noonan and Bobby Wahl reassigned to minor league camp
March 12	Free agent Jonathan Lucroy agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Jairo Labourt designated for assignment

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, 5.63 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief in his first outing but has started in each of his two appearances since then...is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in strikeouts (11)...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
March 7	at Seattle	7-3	-	5.63	4.0	3	1	1	0	5	0
Totals (3 games, 2 starts)				0-1	5.63	8.0	8	5	5	3	11

*indicates relief appearance

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

Has not allowed a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip), including his last appearance a week ago today against Chicago (AL) when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 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, 17.18 ERA)

Retired the side in order in the seventh inning on Friday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 2 so) after allowing at least one run in each of his three outings (7 er in 2.2 ip, 23.63 ERA)...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.

#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 (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).

#48 DANIEL GOSSETT RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief in his last outing Wednesday night at Seattle (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so) after allowing two runs in 0.2 innings in his first outing March 3 against San Diego...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.

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 10.13 ERA)

Retired the only two batters he faced in his last outing on Monday against Chicago-AL (0.2 ip) after allowing at least one run in each of his first two outings (3 er in 2.0 ip, 13.50 ERA)...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 12 vs. San Francisco

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

March 14 OFF DAY

March 15 vs. Seattle

A's: LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Paul Blackburn
Mariners: LHP Ariel Miranda

March 16 vs. Cleveland

A's: RHP Daniel Mengden, RHP Andrew Triggs
Indians: RHP Carlos Carrasco

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 12	San Francisco	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837	March 13	at Kansas City	1:05 pm	
Feb. 25	Kansas City	T, 4-4	2-0-1	—	—	4,144	11,981	March 14	OFF DAY		
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	L, 6-7	2-1-1	Kopech	Graveman	2,826		March 15	Seattle	7:05 pm	(NBCSCA)
Feb. 27	at Cleveland	L, 8-16	2-2-1	DeMasi	Wahl	2,275		March 16	Cleveland	1:05 pm	
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-7	2-3-1	Hendricks	Blackburn	8,313		March 17	Seattle (ss) at San Francisco (ss)	1:05 pm 4:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 1	Texas	L, 4-9	2-4-1	Blackburn	Cotton	3,043	15,024	March 18	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 2	OFF DAY							March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	7:05 pm	
March 3	San Diego	L, 4-10	2-5-1	Lyles	Graveman	5,251	20,275	March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 4	at San Diego	W, 12-4	3-5-1	Montas	Richard	4,676		March 21	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm	
March 5	Chicago (AL)	T, 9-9	3-5-2	—	—	4,302	24,577	March 22	Colorado	1:05 pm	
March 6	Texas	W, 5-3	4-5-2	Triggs	Rodriguez	3,731	28,308	March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	
March 7	at Seattle	W, 7-3	5-5-2	Bassitt	Phelps	4,571		March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm	
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-3	6-5-2	Wahl	Middleton	5,239	33,547	March 25	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05 pm	(NBCSCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 9	at Milwaukee	W, 2-0	7-5-2	Puk	Gallardo	4,990		March 26	at San Francisco (at SF)	7:15 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 10	at Texas	L, 2-8	7-6-2	Minor	Blackburn	5,239		March 27	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:05 pm	(A's Radio Network)
March 11	Chicago (NL)	W, 7-2	8-6-2	Manaea	Ryan	10,029*	43,576				