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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-7-2) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (7-12-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 7:05 P.M. MST
NBCSCA — NO RADIO/WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Started the spring 2-0-1, lost five straight from Feb. 26 to March 3 and are now 7-2-1 over the last 10 games...are 5-3-2 at Hohokam and 4-4 on the road...now have a record of 33-18-5 (.634) at Hohokam Park since moving back to Mesa in 2015...A's pitchers have compiled a 4.18 ERA (33 er in 71.0 ip) over the last eight games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...have a 5.98 ERA overall, which is the highest in the Cactus League and second highest in the majors (PIT, 6.11)...have allowed 21 home runs, which is tied for second fewest in the CL to Kansas City (19)...are also tied for the second fewest strikeouts (148)...the offense has struck out 130 times, which is the fewest in the majors (TOR, 132)...has 30 doubles, which is second fewest in the majors (WAS, 24), but have 33 home runs, which is tied for fourth most...have committed 14 errors, which is third fewest in the CL...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 had the day off...on Tuesday, they defeated Kansas City at Surprise, 9-8...Oakland scored five times in the first inning, beginning with a leadoff home run by Jorge Mateo...Mark Canha added a RBI double, Sheldon Neuse hit a two-run home run and Sean Murphy had a RBI double...Kendall Graveman (3.0 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 so) started for the A's and blanked the Royals on two hits over the first three innings before allowing four runs in the fourth...he ended up with the win as Chris Hatcher (1.0 ip), Yusmeiro Petit (2.0 ip) and Blake Treinen (1.0 ip) followed with scoreless relief...Mateo hit his second home run of the game in the fourth inning, a two-run shot, Canha homered to lead off the fifth and Neuse added a RBI single in the sixth...Canha and Neuse had three hits each and the A's collected a spring-high 17 hits.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...Oakland won 7-3 on March 7 at Peoria, also a night game, and Seattle returns to Mesa on Saturday...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** has 11 hits, six of which are for extra bases (one double, two triples, three home runs)...ranks second in the Cactus League in slugging (.758), tied for third in triples (2), eighth in on-base percentage (.395), tied for ninth in batting (.333) and tied for 10th in total bases (25)...has appeared in eight games at second base and four at shortstop...**Mark Canha** has homered in back-to-back games...had three hits on Tuesday at Kansas City and is 9-for-17 (.529) with two doubles, three home runs and seven RBI over his last seven games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first six contests...has appeared in nine 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 last Sunday against the Cubs...**Khris Davis** has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...is tied for ninth in the CL in RBI (10)...has appeared in six games in left field and five at designated hitter...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** has appeared in six games in right field, five in left field and one in center field...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** stole his fourth base of the spring Monday against San Francisco, which ranks eighth in the CL...has appeared in 13 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 last Sunday against Chicago (NL) in his only CL appearance over the previous 03 days...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-11 (.364) with three walks over his last five games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Nick Martini (NR)** is 4-for-8 (.500) with two walks over his last nine games...**Sheldon Neuse** had three hits Tuesday at Kansas City, including his third home run of the spring, after going 1-for-17 over his previous nine games...**Chad Pinder** went 0-for-2 Monday against San Francisco after hitting safely in each of his previous five games (5-for-15, .333)...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (three games at third base, three in left field, two at second base, one at shortstop, one in right field and one at first base)...**Stephen Piscotty** is 3-for-5 (.600) over his last two games after going 3-for-18 (.167) over his first seven contests...has appeared

in eight games in right field and one at designated hitter...**Marcus Semien** is 1-for-8 (.125) over his last three games after hitting safely in each of his first eight contests (11-for-22, .500)...**Jake Smolinski** has appeared in five games in center field, five in right field, two in left field and one at designated hitter.

IN CAMP: The A's have 48 players in camp...the total includes 37 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 11 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 23 pitchers, six catchers, nine infielders and 10 outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: A's minor leaguers had their first full squad workout on Saturday...Double-A and Triple-A games began on Tuesday and Single-A games start tomorrow.

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 of those games except March 27 against San Francisco...the remaining Cactus League schedule includes 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 tonight against Seattle 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 additional 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
March 13	Ramón Laureano and Jorge Mateo optioned to Nashville
March 14	Jairo Labourt 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 #30 A.J. PUK LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...has not allowed a run in his two starts (5.0 ip) and has allowed just one unearned run in his one relief appearance (3.0 ip)...opponents are 4-for-28 (.143)...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
March 9	at Milwaukee	2-0	W	0.00	3.0	3	0	0	2	2	0
Totals (3 games, 2 starts)				1-0	0.00	8.0	4	1	0	3	6

*indicates relief appearance

#50 RAUL ALCÁNTARA RHP (1-0, 1 save, 5.40 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his four appearances, including his last outing on Friday at Milwaukee when he picked up the save (2.0 ip, 1 h)...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.

#58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (0-2, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has alternated between starting and relieving...has not allowed a run in his two relief appearances (5.0 ip), but has allowed six runs in his two starts (5.0 ip) and was charged with the loss both times...his last outing was a start and loss in an 8-2 decision at Texas last Saturday (3.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...opponents are 6-for-34 (.176) off him but he has also issued six walks in 10.0 innings...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 against left-handed hitters compared to .294 against right-handers.

#52 RYAN BUCHTER RHP (0-0, 12.27 ERA)

Allowed five runs in his last outing Monday against San Francisco (0.2 ip, 3 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 1 so, 1 hr) after tossing 3.0 scoreless innings over his first three appearances...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, 13.50 ERA)

Has retired the side in order in each of his last two outings (2.0 ip, 3 so) after allowing at least one run in each of his first three appearances (7 er in 2.2 ip, 23.63 ERA)...last pitched on Monday against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 so)...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...opponents hit .139 with two strikes and .169 with RISP.

#35 DANNY COULOMBE RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his four Cactus League appearances, including his last outing March 7 at Seattle when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 2-for-13 (.154)...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 15 vs. Seattle

Mariners: LHP Ariel Miranda, RHP Nick Vincent, RHP Marc Rzepczynski, RHP Edwin Díaz, RHP Ryan Cook

March 16 vs. Cleveland

A's: RHP Daniel Mengden, LHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Blake Treinen, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Kyle Finnegan, RHP Emilio Pagan
Indians: RHP Carlos Carrasco, LHP Jeff Beliveau, RHP Alexi Ogando, RHP Carlos Torres, RHP Neil Ramirez

March 17 vs. Seattle

A's: LHP Sean Manaea
Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales, RHP Art Warren

March 17 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs
Giants: LHP Ty Blach, RHP Tyler Beede, RHP Julian Fernandez, RHP Sam Dyson

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	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
March 7	at Seattle	W, 7-3	5-5-2	Bassitt	Phelps	4,571	
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-3	6-5-2	Wahl	Middleton	5,239	33,547
March 9	at Milwaukee	W, 2-0	7-5-2	Puk	Gallardo	4,990	
March 10	at Texas	L, 2-8	7-6-2	Minor	Blackburn	5,239	
March 11	Chicago (NL)	W, 7-2	8-6-2	Manaea	Ryan	10,029*	43,576
March 12	San Francisco	L, 5-6	8-7-2	Gomez	Gossett	8,539	52,015

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.
March 13	at Kansas City	W, 9-8	9-7-2	Graveman	Duffy	5,297	
March 14	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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)				
March 18	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)				