



OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

Oakland Athletics Baseball Company • 510-638-4900 • athletics.com • A's PR @AsMediaAlerts
Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at pressbox.athletics.com

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-8-2) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (12-8-2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 2-3 over the last five games after going 5-0-1 over the previous six contests...the pitching staff has compiled a 5.98 ERA, which is second highest in the Cactus League (LAA, 6.01) and third highest in the majors (PIT, 6.09)...had a 5.93 ERA last spring, which was second highest in the majors and second highest by an Oakland team over the last 18 years (6.10 in 2016)...have allowed 22 home runs, which is tied with Kansas City for the fewest in the CL...have 157 strikeouts, which is second fewest (COL, 154)...the offense has struck out 139 times, which is the fewest in the majors (STL and MIN, 141)...has 34 doubles, which is tied for second fewest in the CL...have committed 14 errors, which is third fewest in the CL...are 5-4-2 at Hohokam and 4-4 on the road...now have a record of 33-19-5 (.623) at Hohokam Park since moving back to Mesa in 2015...the A's 19 games played are the fewest in the majors...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.

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to Seattle here at Hohokam, 6-2...Matt Champan had a RBI double in the second inning but the Mariners scored six times in the third, including four off Oakland starting pitcher A.J. Puk (2.2 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 3 bb, 1 so)...the six runs were all the A's would allow as Paul Blackburn followed with 4.0 scoreless innings of relief (2 h, 1 bb, 6 so) and Ryan Buchter and Danny Coulombe added an inning each...Chapman added another RBI double in the fourth inning to complete the A's scoring...Chapman and Chad Pinder had two hits each.

A's vs. INDIANS: This is the second of two meetings between the A's and Indians this spring...the A's lost the first game at Goodyear on Feb. 27, 16-8...Oakland lost two of three to Cleveland last spring, winning 5-4 in Mesa on February 28, losing 15-5 in Mesa on March 4 and losing 6-5 in Goodyear on March 16...the A's have now lost six of their last seven spring games to Cleveland.

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 runs (10), tied for fourth in triples (2) and eighth in batting (.333) and on-base percentage (.395)...has appeared in nine 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* had his first multiple hit game last night and is now 3-for-6 (.500) with two doubles and a home run over his last three games after going 0-for-14 over his first five contests...*Khris Davis* has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...has appeared in six games in left field and six at designated hitter...*Anthony Garcia (NR)* has appeared in seven games in right field, five in left field and one in center field...*Slade Heathcott (NR)* has three hits in his last three at bats and is 4-for-5 (.800) over his last five games...stole his fifth base of the spring last night against Seattle, which is tied for fifth in the CL...has appeared in 14 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 11 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 5-for-14 (.357) with three walks over his last six games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...*Sheldon Neuse* is 4-for-6 (.667) with a home run and three RBI over his last two games after going 1-for-17 over his previous nine contests...*Chad Pinder* is 7-for-20 (.350) over his last seven games after going 2-for-14 (.143) over his first five contests...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (four games in left field, three at third base, two at second base, one at shortstop, one in right field and one at first base)...*Stephen Piscotty* is 4-for-8 (.500) over his last three games after going 3-for-18 (.167) over his first seven contests...has appeared in nine games in right field and one at designated hitter...*Marcus Semien* is 1-for-11 (.091) over his last four games after hitting safely in each of his first eight contests (11-for-22, .500)...ranks fourth in the CL in batting (.364) and ninth in on-base percentage (.389)...*Jake Smolinski* has appeared in six 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.

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

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 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 remaining games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...Donny Baarns will call the action on the remaining webcasts.

A'S ON TELEVISION: NBC Sports California has one remaining telecast this spring: March 25 against the Giants in Oakland (1:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...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

#33 DANIEL MENGDEN RHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and third start of the spring...has allowed 10 runs in his last two games (6.1 ip, 14.21 ERA) after allowing two over his first two (4.91 ERA)...opponents are hitting .409 (18-for-44)...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.

MENGDEN'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	9-8	-	27.00	0.2	5	2	2	1	0	0
*Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	5-7	-	4.91	3.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
March 5	Texas	9-9	-	9.00	2.1	5	4	4	2	2	0
*March 10	at Texas	2-8	-	10.80	4.0	7	6	6	1	4	0
Totals (4 games, 2 starts)				0-0	10.80	10.0	18	12	12	5	7

*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 a week ago today 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.

#67 SIMON CASTRO RHP (0-0, 1 save, 0.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run over his first five appearances (4.0 ip), including his last outing Tuesday at Kansas City when he record the final out of the A's 9-8 win for the save (0.1 ip)...opponents are 2-for-12 (.167)...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).

#31 LIAM HENDRIKS RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in his last two appearances (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb) after allowing at least one run in each of his first two outings (3 er in 2.0 ip, 13.50

ERA)...last pitched on Monday against San Francisco (0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...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.

#15 EMILIO PAGÁN RHP (0-0, 1.80 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his five spring training appearances, including his last outing a week ago today at Milwaukee when he retired the side in order in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 2-for-16 (.125) and he has not walked a batter in 5.0 innings...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.

#39 BLAKE TREINEN RHP (0-0, 1.80 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his five appearances, including his last outing on Tuesday at Kansas City when he tossed a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 h)...was acquired from Washington in the Sean Doolittle/Ryan Madison trade on July 16, 2017 and ended up saving 13 games for the A's...went 3-4 with a 2.13 ERA in 35 appearances with Oakland and his ERA was third lowest in the American League among pitchers with more than 35 innings from July 17 through the end of the season...was 0-2 with three saves and a 5.73 ERA in 37 games with the Nationals and combined for a 3-6 record, a career-high 16 saves and a 3.93 ERA overall...also had career highs in innings pitched (75.2), strikeouts (74), losses, hits (80), runs (35), earned runs (33), home runs (6), hit batters (5), ERA, opponents slugging percentage (.397) and OPS (.736)...matched his high in wild pitches (4)...converted 16-of-21 (76.2%) save opportunities, which was the fifth lowest save percentage in the majors...tied for third among Major League relievers in grounded into double plays (12)...yielded a .274 opponents batting average, including .252 (41-for-163) against right-handed hitters and .302 (39-for-129) against left-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 16 vs. Cleveland

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, RHP Chris Hatcher, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, LHP Eric Jokisch

Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales, RHP Art Warren

March 17 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Daniel Gossett

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						
March 15	Seattle	L, 2-6	9-8-2	Miranda	Puk	8,143	60,158
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 16	Cleveland	1:05 pm					
March 17	Seattle (ss)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
	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)				