



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-10-2) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (12-13-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 5-5 over the last 10 games after going 5-0-1 over the previous six contests...are 12-10-2 (.565) overall...went 16-18 (.471) last spring, which was the fourth worst record in the CL...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...the A's pitching staff has compiled a 3.77 ERA (52 er in 124.0 ip) over the last 14 games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...has allowed just 27 home runs, which is tied for third fewest in the CL...has the fourth fewest strikeouts (198)...the A's have committed 16 errors, which is second fewest in the majors (STL, 13)...the offense has struck out 182 times, which is second fewest in the CL (LAA, 176)...are tied for the fewest hit by pitches in the CL (7), tied for second in most sacrifice flies (12) and have the fourth fewest doubles (44)...are 7-5-2 at Hohokam and 5-5 on the road...now have a record of 35-20-5 (.625) at Hohokam Park since moving back to Mesa in 2015...the A's 24 games played are tied for 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).

**YESTERDAY:** The A's lost to Los Angeles (NL) at Camelback Ranch, 3-1...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and tossed 5.1 shutout innings (2 h, 7 so), but four Dodgers pitchers combined to blank the A's on four hits over the first eight innings...Chad Pinder homered off former Athletic Pat Venditte in the ninth inning for Oakland's only run of the game...Danny Coulombe followed Graveman with 0.2 scoreless innings of relief but Emilio Pagán allowed two runs in the seventh inning for the loss...Raul Alcántara allowed a run in an inning of relief...Sheldon Neuse had two of the A's five hits.

**A's vs. DODGERS:** This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the A's lost at Camelback Ranch last night, 301...met just once last spring, an 11-6 A's loss at Camelback on March 25...are 0-3 against the Dodgers over the last three springs.

**PLAYER NOTES:** **Franklin Barreto** had his third multiple hit game Saturday at San Francisco...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in triples (2), tied for eighth in runs (11) and ranks 10th in slugging (.614)...has appeared in 11 games at second base and five at shortstop...**Mark Canha** is 11-for-25 (.440) with two doubles, three home runs and seven RBI over his last 11 games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first six contests...has appeared in 12 games at first base, three in left field and two in right field...**Matt Chapman** had his first multiple hit game last Thursday night against Seattle and is now 4-for-13 (.308) with two doubles and a home run over his last six games after going 0-for-14 over his first five contests...**Khrist Davis** is 0-for-12 with a walk over his last five games...has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...has appeared in seven games in left field and seven at designated hitter...**Dustin Fowler** is 2-for-18 (.111) over his last seven games...has played exclusively in center field on defense...**Dustin Garneau** is 0-for-7 over his last seven games and 1-for-15 in 13 games overall...**Matt Joyce** hit his first two home runs Sunday against the White Sox, including a grand slam, and had five RBI...is 4-for-18 (.222) over his last five games, all at designated hitter...has not played the outfield since March 1...overall, has appeared in six games as the designated hitter, two in right field and one in left field...**Jed Lowrie** is 7-for-20 (.350) with four walks over his last eight games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Jonathan Lucroy** made his first appearance in a CL game Saturday against Seattle and is 0-for-5 with a walk in three games...**Bruce Maxwell** has hit safely in each of his last six games (6-for-17, .353) after going 3-for-13 (.231) over his first six contests...**Sheldon Neuse (NR)** has three straight multiple hit games (6-for-10, .600) and is now 10-for-17 (.588) with two doubles, three home runs and 10 RBI over his last six games...ranks third in the CL in RBI (15), tied for third in home runs (5), fifth in slugging (.696), 10th in on-base percentage (.385) and tied for 10th in batting average (.304)...has appeared in 14 games at third base, four at designated hitter, two at second base and one at shortstop...**Renato Núñez** has not played since Feb. 24 due to a strained left hamstring...**Matt Olson** is 7-for-22 (.318) over his last eight games and five of the hits are doubles...had just two doubles in 59 regular season games with Oakland last year...is tied for 10th in the CL in doubles (5)...**Josh Phegley** broke two fingers on his right hand on Saturday against Seattle...**Chad Pinder** is 9-for-30 (.300) over his last 10 games after going 2-for-14 (.143) over his first five contests...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (five games in left field, three at third base, two at second base, two at shortstop, two at first base and one in right field)...**Stephen Piscotty** has hit safely in each of his last five games (7-for-15, .467) after going 3-for-18 (.167) over his first seven contests...has appeared exclusively in right field on defense...**Boog Powell** is 6-for-13 (.462) over his last five games after going 4-for-23 (.174) over his

first 10 contests...has appeared in nine games in center field, three in right field and two in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 2-for-19 (.105) over his last six games after hitting safely in each of his first eight contests (11-for-22, .500)...does not have an extra base hit...**Jake Smolinski** is 3-for-17 (.177) over his last five games after hitting .333 over his first 11 contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, six in right field, two in left field and one at designated hitter...**Beau Taylor (NR)** is 1-for-8 (.125) over his last eight games after going 3-for-4 (.750) over his first two contests.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 36 active players in camp, which does not include Jharel Cotton, who was placed on the 60-day disabled list yesterday, and Ryan Dull, Renato Núñez and Josh Phegley, who will start the year on the DL...the total includes 33 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, four catchers, seven infielders and seven outfielders.

**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 ON RADIO:** The A's radio network has three remaining broadcasts this spring, all against the Giants in the Bay Area...flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will carry the first two games on March 25 and 26...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 Cactus League games can be heard live via the club's web site...Donny Baarns will call the action.

**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...one remaining game will air in the Bay Area on MLB Network at the will be live tomorrow against Milwaukee...the Giants will televise two games against the A's in the Bay Area: March 26 on NBCSBA and March 27 on 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
March 18	Chris Bassitt optioned to Nashville; Kyle Finnegan, Anthony Garcia, Slade Heathcott, Eric Jokisch, Steve Lombardozzi, Nick Martini, Sean Murphy and A.J. Puk reassigned to minor league camp
March 19	Free agent Trevor Cahill agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Jharel Cotton placed on the 60-day disabled list (sprained right ulnar collateral ligament)

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## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

**#58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (0-2, 3.86 ERA)**

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and third start of the spring... has alternated between starting and relieving...has not allowed a run in his three relief appearances (9.0 ip), but has allowed six runs in his two starts (5.0 ip) and was charged with the loss both times...opponents are 8-for-47 (.170) off him but he has also issued seven walks in 14.0 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 (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	L	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	
March 10	at Texas	2-8	L	5.40	3.0	2	2	2	2	2	1	
*March 15	Seattle	2-6	-	3.86	4.0	2	0	0	1	6	0	
<b>Totals (5 games, 2 starts)</b>				<b>0-2</b>	<b>3.86</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>

\*indicates relief appearance

### #67 SIMON CASTRO RHP (0-0, 1.80 ERA)

Did not allow a run over his first five appearances (4.0 ip) before yielding a run in the ninth inning in his last appearance on Friday against Cleveland (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 so)...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).

### #36 YUSMEIRO PETIT RHP (0-0, 1.13 ERA)

Has faced 27 batters in five outings this spring and has allowed just three base runners, a Kipnis home run on Feb. 27 at Cleveland, a Perez reach on error March 9 at Milwaukee and an Asche double Tuesday at Kansas City...opponents are 2-for-27 (.074)...has 10 strikeouts and no walks in 8.0 innings...last pitched on Saturday against Seattle (1.1 ip, 2 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.

### #39 BLAKE TREINEN RHP (0-0, 1.69 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in five of his six appearances, including his last outing on Friday against Cleveland (0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...was acquired from Washington in the Sean Doolittle/Ryan Madson 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 20 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

**Dodgers:** RHP Kenta Maeda, RHP Wilmer Font

#### March 21 at Milwaukee

**A's:** RHP Daniel Mengden, LHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, RHP Raul Alcántara

**Brewers:** LHP Wade Miley

#### March 22 vs. Colorado

**A's:** RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Trevor Cahill, RHP Emilio Pagán, RHP Chris Hatcher, LHP Danny Coulombe

**Rockies:** RHP Chad Bettis, LHP Chris Rusin, RHP Adam Ottavino, RHP Wade Davis

#### March 23 at Los Angeles (AL)

**A's:** RHP Daniel Gossett

**Angels:** TBA

## 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
March 16	Cleveland	W, 7-3	10-8-2	Hendriks	Torres	10,012*	70,170
March 17	Seattle (SS)	L, 1-4	10-9-2	Misiewicz	Buchter	6,330	76,500
	at San Francisco (SS)	W, 8-3	11-9-2	Triggs	Blach	12,045	
March 18	Chicago (AL)	W, 14-0	12-9-2	Luzardo	Shields	6,227	82,727
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 1-3	12-10-2	Chargois	Pagán	8,535	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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)				