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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-13-2) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (18-9-2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 12:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Snapped their four-game losing streak yesterday and are now 13-13-2 this spring...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 2009-11 when they had three straight...the A's defense has turned 36 double plays, which is the most in the CL and tied for third most in the majors...have committed just 20 errors, which is tied with the Royals and the Cubs for the fewest in the CL...Jake Smolinski hit the A's 42nd home run of the spring yesterday, which are the most by an A's team since 2004 when they had 50...the A's offense has struck out 215 times, which is second fewest in the CL to the Angels (210)...rank second in sacrifice flies (14) and fewest hit by pitches (8) and fourth in fewest doubles (51)...the A's pitching staff has compiled a 3.89 ERA (69 er in 159.2 ip) over the last 18 games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...have the second fewest strikeouts in the CL (229) and are fourth in fewest home runs allowed (34)...are 7-7-2 at Hohokam and 6-6 on the road...now have a record of 35-22-5 (.605) at Hohokam Park since moving back to Mesa in 2015...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 defeated the Angels at Tempe, 4-2...Jesus Luzardo started for the A's and picked up the win (2.2 ip, 3 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...Simon Castro recorded the final out of the third before Norge Ruiz allowed two runs in three innings of relief...Sam Bragg retired the side in order in the seventh and eighth innings and Kyle Finnegan pitched a scoreless ninth inning for the save...Jake Smolinski tripled to lead off the game and scored on a Marcus Semien double...Bruce Maxwell added a RBI double in the fourth, Smolinski hit a solo home run in the fifth and Dustin Fowler had a RBI single in the seventh to complete the A's scored...Smolinski had three of the A's four hits and fell a single short of the cycle...Semien and Maxwell added two hits each.

A's vs. BREWERS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's won the first game at Maryvale on March 9 by a score of 2-0 and then lost at Maryvale on Wednesday, 4-3...Oakland won both games last spring, winning 15-5 at Hohokam on March 23 and 11-1 in Maryvale on March 26...the A's are 5-1-2 against the Brewers over the last four springs.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** had his fourth multiple hit game Wednesday at Milwaukee and is 9-for-28 (.321) over his last nine games...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...has appeared in 13 games at second base and six at shortstop...is batting .302 and now has a .363 (29-for-80) average over the last two springs...**Mark Canha** is 1-for-11 (.091) over his last six games after going 10-for-20 (.500) over his previous eight contests...has appeared in 15 games at first base, three in left field and two in right field...**Matt Chapman** is 7-for-22 (.318) with three doubles and a home run over his last nine games after going 0-for-14 over his first five contests...**Khris Davis** is 1-for-18 over his last seven games...had his first single of the spring Wednesday at Milwaukee after collecting extra base hits for each of his first four hits (one triple, three home runs)...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter and eight in left field...is batting .116 and is a .179 (15-for-84) hitter over the last two springs...**Dustin Fowler** is 4-for-26 (.154) over his last 10 games...has played exclusively in center field on defense...**Matt Joyce** started in left field Wednesday at Milwaukee in his first action in the outfield since March 1...each of his previous six games had come as the designated hitter...has appeared in eight games at DH, two in right field and two in left field...hit his first two home runs last Sunday against the White Sox, including a grand slam, and had five RBI...is 5-for-15 (.333) with four walks, one double, one triple, two home runs and six RBI over his last five games...is batting .206 and has a .200 (16-for-80) average in two springs with the A's...**Jed Lowrie** is 7-for-21 (.333) over his last eight games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...**Jonathan Lucroy** made his first appearance in a CL game a week ago today against Seattle and is 0-for-11 with a walk in four games, all at catcher...**Bruce Maxwell** has hit safely in each of his last nine games (10-for-23, .435) after going 3-for-13 (.231) over his first six contests...**Sheldon Neuse (NR)** is 13-for-26 (.500) with two doubles, three home runs, 10 RBI and five multiple hit games over his last nine games...is tied for seventh in the CL in RBI (15), ranks eighth in slugging (.636) and tied for ninth in home runs (5)...has appeared in 16 games at third base, five 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 and will start the season on the disabled list...**Matt Olson** is 5-for-22 (.227) over his last seven games...six of his last nine hits are doubles...had just two doubles in 59 regular season games

with Oakland last year...is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (6)...**Josh Phegley** broke two fingers on his right hand a week ago today against Seattle and will start the season on the disabled list...**Chad Pinder** is 3-for-18 (.167) over his last five games...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (six games in left field, three at third base, three 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 seven games (9-for-22, .409) after going 3-for-18 (.167) over his first seven contests...has appeared exclusively in right field on defense...**Boog Powell** is 6-for-16 (.375) over his last seven games after going 4-for-23 (.174) over his first 10 contests...has appeared in 10 games in center field, three in right field and three in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 4-for-8 (.500) with two doubles and a home run over his last two games after collecting no extra base hits over his first 15 contests...hit safely in his first eight games (11-for-22, .500) and then went 2-for-22 (.091) before his current two-game stretch...**Jake Smolinski** went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and home run yesterday at Los Angeles (AL) after going 3-for-20 (.150) over his previous seven games...ranks sixth in the CL in slugging (.644)...has appeared in eight games in center field, eight in right field, three in left field and one at designated hitter...**Beau Taylor (NR)** is 0-for-8 over his last eight games after going 4-for-7 (.571) over his first five contests.

IN CAMP: The A's have 34 active players in camp, which does not include one player on the 60-day disabled list (Cotton) and four who will start the year on the DL (Blackburn, Dull, Núñez, Phegley)...the total includes 31 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 17 pitchers, three catchers, seven infielders and seven outfielders.

OPENING DAY: Opening Day is next Thursday at 1:05 against the Los Angeles Angels in Oakland...it marks the first time since 1994 and just the second time over the last 41 years the A's will play a day game for their home opener...Kendall Graveman has been named the A's Opening Day starter for the second consecutive season...Oakland has won two of its last three openers, including a 4-2 decision over the Angels last year...the season-opening four-game series with Los Angeles continues on Friday, March 30 at 7:05 when the A's will honor their 50th Anniversary Team...the games on Saturday and Sunday will start at 1:05.

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...the final Cactus League game 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...the Giants will televise the other 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)
March 21	Dustin Garneau optioned to Nashville

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American League Champions: 1902•1905•1910•1911•1913•1914•1929•1930•1931•1972•1973•1974•1988•1989•1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

#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 in a Cactus League game on March 12 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...allowed 4-of-6 (66.7%) inherited runners to score...opponents hit .139 with two strikes and .169 with runners in scoring position.

#52 RYAN BUCHTER RHP (0-1, 12.71 ERA)

Has allowed eight runs in his last three games (2.2 ip) after allowing no runs over his first three contests (3.0 ip)...last pitched a week ago today against Seattle (1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb)...opponents are 11-for-28 (.393) and he has walked five batters in 5.2 innings...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 24 vs. Milwaukee
Brewers: RHP Jhoulys Chacin

March 25 vs. San Francisco
A's: RHP Daniel Gossett
Giants: RHP Johnny Cueto

March 26 at San Francisco
A's: RHP Daniel Mengden
Giants: LHP Derek Holland

March 27 at San Francisco
A's: RHP Andrew Triggs
Giants: RHP Chris Stratton

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcántara	Pinder	4,315	4,315	March 13	at Kansas City	W, 9-8	9-7-2	Graveman	Duffy	5,297	
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837	March 14	OFF DAY						
Feb. 25	Kansas City	T, 4-4	2-0-1	—	—	4,144	11,981	March 15	Seattle	L, 2-6	9-8-2	Miranda	Puk	8,143	60,158
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	L, 6-7	2-1-1	Kopech	Graveman	2,826		March 16	Cleveland	W, 7-3	10-8-2	Hendriks	Torres	10,012*	70,170
Feb. 27	at Cleveland	L, 8-16	2-2-1	DeMasi	Wahl	2,275		March 17	Seattle (SS)	L, 1-4	10-9-2	Misiewicz	Buchter	6,330	76,500
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-7	2-3-1	Hendricks	Blackburn	8,313			at San Francisco (SS)	W, 8-3	11-9-2	Triggs	Blach	12,045	
March 1	Texas	L, 4-9	2-4-1	Blackburn	Cotton	3,043	15,024	March 18	Chicago (AL)	W, 14-0	12-9-2	Luzardo	Shields	6,227	82,727
March 2	OFF DAY							March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 1-3	12-10-2	Chargois	Pagán	8,535	
March 3	San Diego	L, 4-10	2-5-1	Lyles	Graveman	5,251	20,275	March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	L, 2-8	12-11-2	Maeda	Blackburn	7,227	90,054
March 4	at San Diego	W, 12-4	3-5-1	Montas	Richard	4,676		March 21	at Milwaukee	L, 3-4	12-12-2	Hader	Alcántara	4,371	
March 5	Chicago (AL)	T, 9-9	3-5-2	—	—	4,302	24,577	March 22	Colorado	L, 2-4	12-13-2	Bettis	Triggs	7,356	97,410
March 6	Texas	W, 5-3	4-5-2	Triggs	Rodriguez	3,731	28,308	March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 4-2	13-13-2	Luzardo	Lamb	7,434	
March 7	at Seattle	W, 7-3	5-5-2	Bassitt	Phelps	4,571		DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-3	6-5-2	Wahl	Middleton	5,239	33,547	March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm					
March 9	at Milwaukee	W, 2-0	7-5-2	Puk	Gallardo	4,990		March 25	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05 pm	(NBCSCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
March 10	at Texas	L, 2-8	7-6-2	Minor	Blackburn	5,239		March 26	at San Francisco (at SF)	7:15 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
March 11	Chicago (NL)	W, 7-2	8-6-2	Manaea	Ryan	10,029*	43,576	March 27	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:05 pm	(A's Radio Network)				
March 12	San Francisco	L, 5-6	8-7-2	Gomez	Gossett	8,539	52,015								