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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-15-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (14-15-2)

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M. PDT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME) – NBCSBA

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two straight and six of the last seven games and need to win each of the remaining two games to avoid finishing with a losing record for the third consecutive spring...have finished with three or more straight losing springs just twice in Oakland history (1974-77 and 2009-11)...are 13-15-2 (.467), which is the fifth worst record in the Cactus League...the A's defense has turned 38 double plays, which is the most in the CL and tied for second most in the majors...the offense has the third fewest strikeouts in the AL (236), the third lowest on-base percentage (.327) and are tied for the third fewest doubles (55)...are tied with Cincinnati for the most sacrifice flies in the majors (15) and are tied for the fewest hit by pitches (8)...have hit 42 home runs, which are the most by an A's team since 2004 when they had 50...the A's pitching staff has compiled a 3.95 ERA (78 er in 177.2 ip) over the last 20 games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...are tied for the second fewest strikeouts in the CL (242)...this was 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 included 29 games in Arizona and these three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 25-27).

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to the Giants at the Coliseum, 5-1...Daniel Gossett started for Oakland and took the loss (3.2 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 2 so), allowing three runs in the third inning and one more in the fourth...Yusmeiro Petit (1.1 ip), Daniel Coulombe (1.0 ip) and Liam Hendriks (1.0 ip) followed with scoreless relief before Raul Alcántara allowed a run in the eighth...Simon Castro then tossed a scoreless ninth...the A's scored their only run in the third inning when Dustin Fowler singled, went to second on a ground out and scored on a Jed Lowrie RBI single...Fowler had two of the A's six hits.

A's vs. GIANTS: This is the fourth of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...Oakland has lost two of the first three games, dropping a 6-5 decision in Mesa on March 12 and a 5-1 game yesterday at the Coliseum...won in Scottsdale on March 17, 8-3...the loss in Mesa snapped the A's nine-game winning streak against the Giants in Arizona (currently have a six-game winning streak at Scottsdale)...square off again tomorrow in San Francisco...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 20-11 over its last 31 spring games against the Giants.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** had his fourth multiple hit game last Wednesday at Milwaukee and is 9-for-30 (.300) over his last 11 games...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...has appeared in 14 games at second base and eight at shortstop...leads the A's in runs (11), triples (2) and strikeouts (18)...**Mark Canha** is 2-for-12 (.167) over his last seven games after going 10-for-20 (.500) over his previous eight contests...has appeared in 17 games at first base, three in left field and two in right field...**Matt Chapman** is 7-for-25 (.280) over his last 10 games after going 0-for-14 over his first five contests...**Khris Davis** is 1-for-23 with 11 strikeouts over his last nine games and is batting .104 in 18 games overall...four of his five hits are for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...now has a .169 (15-for-89) average over the last two springs...has appeared in 10 games at designated hitter and eight in left field...**Dustin Fowler** is 4-for-9 (.444) over his last three games after going 2-for-20 (.100) over his previous eight contests...has played exclusively in center field on defense...**Slade Heathcott (minors)** was a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to the minor league camp March 18...is 4-for-7 (.571) over his last nine games...is tied for sixth in the CL in stolen bases (5)...leads the A's in stolen bases and is tied for the lead in walks (6)...**Matt Joyce** started in left field last Wednesday at Milwaukee in his first action in the outfield since March 1...has made each of his last three starts in left field after making his previous six as the designated hitter...has appeared in eight games at DH, four in left field and two in right field...is 6-for-18 (.333) with four walks, one double, one triple, two home runs and six RBI over his last seven games...is tied for the team lead in walks (6)...is batting .216 and has a .205 (17-for-83) average in two springs with the A's...**Steve Lombardozzi (minors)** was a non-roster invitee before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 18...is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last six games...**Jed Lowrie** is 9-for-24 (.375) over his last 10 games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...is tied for the team lead in walks (6)...**Jonathan Lucroy** signed with the A's on March 12 and made his first appearance in a CL game March 17...is 0-for-15 with a walk in six games, all at catcher...**Bruce Maxwell** is 0-for-2 over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous nine contests (10-for-23, .435)...**Sheldon Neuse (NR)** is 1-for-8 over his last four games after going 12-for-21 (.571) over his previous seven contests...is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (15), ranks ninth in slugging (.614) and tied for ninth in home runs (5)...leads the A's in home runs, RBI and total bases (35)

and is tied for the lead in hits (17) and walks (6)...has appeared in 18 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 6-for-20 (.300) over his last six games...leads the A's and is tied for eighth in the CL in doubles (6)...had just two doubles in 59 regular season games with Oakland last year...**Josh Phegley** broke two fingers on his right hand March 17 and will start the season on the disabled list...**Chad Pinder** is 2-for-17 (.118) over his last five games but both of the hits are home runs...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (seven 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** is 10-for-26 (.385) over his last nine games...has appeared exclusively in right field on defense...**Boog Powell** is 6-for-17 (.353) over his last nine games after going 4-for-23 (.174) over his first 10 contests...has appeared in 11 games in center field, four in right field and three in left field...**Marcus Semien** is 4-for-11 (.364) with two doubles and a home run over his last three 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 three-game stretch...is tied for the team lead in hits (17)...**Jake Smolinski** went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and home run Friday at Los Angeles (AL) after going 3-for-20 (.150) over his previous seven games...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 1-for-9 (.111) with a double over his last nine 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 this 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 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 each of the two remaining spring games...flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will carry the game tonight...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.

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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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #33 DANIEL MENGDEN RHP (0-0, 6.55 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance and fifth start of the spring... ranks fifth in the Cactus League in innings pitched (22.0)...has started in each of his last two appearances and has allowed four runs in 12.0 innings (3.00 ERA)...posted a 10.80 ERA over his first four contests...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	Chicago (AL)	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	
March 16	Cleveland	7-3	-	8.04	5.2	3	2	2	2	4	1	
March 21	at Milwaukee	3-4	-	6.55	6.1	5	2	2	1	3	1	
Totals (6 games, 4 starts)				0-0	6.55	22.0	26	16	16	8	14	2

*indicates relief appearance

#52 RYAN BUCHTER RHP (0-1, 11.37 ERA)

Has allowed 12 runs in his last four games (8 er in 3.2 ip, 19.64 ERA) after allowing no runs over his first three contests (3.0 ip)...last pitched on Saturday against Milwaukee (0.2 ip, 2 h, 4 r, 0 er, 1 bb)...opponents are 13-for-33 (.394) and he has walked six batters in 6.1 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.

#46 SANTIAGO CASILLA RHP (0-1, 12.71 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in five of his six outings this spring, including his last outing Saturday against Milwaukee in a starting assignment (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 hr)...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.

#44 CHRIS HATCHER RHP (1-0, 1.29 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in six of his seven appearances, including his last outing Sunday against Chicago (AL) when he retired the side in order in the sixth inning (1.0 ip, 2 so)...opponents are 3-for-24 (.125) and he has walked just one batter in 7.0 innings...began the 2017 season with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was 0-1 with a 4.66 ERA in 26 relief appearances when he was traded to Oakland Aug. 15...went 1-1 with a save and a 3.52 ERA in 23 games with the A's and combined for a 1-2 record and a 4.22 ERA in 49 appearances in his seventh season in the majors...had career highs in strikeouts (63), innings pitched (59.2), hits (58), runs (29), earned runs (28) and home runs (10) and matched his high in walks (21)...his 49 games pitched were three short of his high of 52 in 2014 with Miami...allowed a .250 opponents batting average, including .213 (19-for-89) against left-handed hitters compared to .273 (39-for-143) against right-handers...yielded a .125 batting average with runners in scoring position but opponents hit .309 when leading off an inning...first batters faced hit .239 and he walked just two for a .265 on-base percentage...allowed 3-of-14 (21.4%) inherited runners to score...stranded all seven of his inherited runners with the Dodgers...had a 2.45 ERA in the Coliseum, a 3.15 ERA in Dodger Stadium and a 5.65 ERA in all other ballparks.

#15 EMILIO PAGÁN RHP (0-1, 3.52 ERA)

Has held the opposition to a .154 (4-for-26) batting average this spring and has not walked a batter in 7.2 innings while striking out 11...has not allowed a run in six of his eight appearances, including his last outing on Thursday against Colorado when he struck out both of the batters he faced (0.2 ip, 2 so)...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, 1.42 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in six of his seven appearances, including his last outing last Tuesday against Los Angeles (NL) when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 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 26 at San Francisco
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.	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	
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	L, 2-8	12-11-2	Maeda	Blackburn	7,227	90,054
March 21	at Milwaukee	L, 3-4	12-12-2	Hader	Alcántara	4,371	
March 22	Colorado	L, 2-4	12-13-2	Bettis	Triggs	7,356	97,410
March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 4-2	13-13-2	Luzardo	Lamb	7,434	
March 24	Milwaukee	L, 5-10	13-14-2	Chacin	Casilla	7,283	104,693
March 25	San Francisco (at OAK)	L, 1-9	13-15-2	Cueto	Gossett	21,229	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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)				