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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (0-0)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
KTRB 860 AM

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's open their 51st Spring Training in Arizona today, their fifth 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 24 games this spring plus two exhibition games in Japan...the 24 games will match the fewest by the A's during a non-strike spring over the last 39 years (also 1982 and 2012)...the total includes 21 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 24-26)...went 14-16-2 (.469) last spring, which was the fifth worst record in the Cactus League...it marks the third consecutive year Oakland has finished with a losing record during the spring and it is the third time in Oakland history the A's have posted a losing record in at least three consecutive springs...also did it in three straight years from 2009-11 and four straight from 1974-77...the A's defense turned 39 double plays, which was second most in the majors (Atlanta, 42)...committed 24 errors, which tied for fourth fewest in the CL...the offense ranked third in the CL in fewest strikeouts (25), but were fourth in lowest on-base percentage (.325) and fewest doubles (59) and fifth in lowest batting average (.261)...tied with Houston for the Major League lead in sacrifice flies (16) and also tied for the fewest hit by pitches (8)...hit 44 home runs, which were the most by an A's team during the spring since 2004 when they had 50...the pitching staff has compiled a 3.82 ERA (83 er in 195.2 ip) over the last 22 games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...surrendered 38 home runs, which tied for fourth fewest in the CL, but issued 114 walks, which tied for second most.

A's vs. MARINERS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...meet again in Peoria tomorrow and March 6...Oakland lost two of three to Seattle last spring...the win came in a 7-3 victory in Peoria on March 7 and the two losses came in Mesa on March 15 (6-2) and 17 (4-1).

IN CAMP: The A's have 63 players in camp plus two on the 60-day disabled list (Gossett, Manaea)...the active total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 23 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 37 pitchers, six catchers, 11 infielders and nine outfielders.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his eighth full season with the A's, returns his entire coaching staff...returning will be bench coach Ryan Christenson, hitting coach Darren Bush, pitching coach Scott Emerson, assistant hitting coach Mike Aldrete, first base coach Al Pedrique, third base coach Matt Williams, bullpen coach Marcus Jensen and quality control coach Mark Kotsay.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have three players under contract beyond the 2019 season...Joakim Soria and Mike Fiers are signed through 2020 and Stephen Piscotty is signed through 2022 with a club option for 2023...Yusmeiro Petit has a club option for 2020.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, six were drafted by the A's (Bolt, 4th round in 2015; Chapman, 1st round in 2014; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Olson, compensation following 1st round in 2012; Pinder, competitive balance round B in 2013; Trivino, 11th in 2013)...one was signed as a non-drafted agent (Barrera), seven were signed as free agents (Anderson, Estrada, Grossman Herrmann, Martini, Petit, Soria) and one was claimed off waivers (Triggs)...the other 25 were all acquired in trades.

OFF SEASON MOVES: The A's signed four free agents prior to the start of camp: Marco Estrada, Mike Fiers (re-signed with Oakland after he was non-tendered following the season), Chris Herrmann and Joakim Soria...the A's also acquired two players via trade, including Tanner Anderson (Pittsburgh, Nov. 20) and Jurickson Profar (Texas in three team trade, Dec. 21)...after pitchers and catchers reported, the A's signed Brett Anderson on Feb. 13 and Robbie Grossman on Feb. 15.

NON-ROSTER INVITEES: The Athletics have 23 non-roster invitees in Major League camp...the players include LHP Tyler Alexander, LHP Jerry Blevins, RHP Parker Bridwell, RHP Jake Buchanan, INF Eric Campbell, LHP Kyle Crockett, RHP Parker Dunshee, RHP Kyle Finnegan, C Jonah Heim, C Nick Hundley, INF Corban Joseph, LHP Dean Kiekhefer, LHP Kyle Lobstein, LHP Jesus Luzardo, C Sean Murphy, IF Sheldon Neuse, INF Cliff Pennington, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Miguel Romero, RHP Norge Ruiz, RHP Brian Schlitter, C Beau Taylor and LHP Wei-Chung Wang...13 of the 23 non-roster players have Major League experience (Blevins, Bridwell, Buchanan, Campbell, Crockett, Hundley, Joseph, Kiekhefer, Lobstein, Pennington, Schlitter, Taylor, Wang).

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Five of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Jesus Luzardo (#1), A.J. Puk (#2), Sean Murphy (#3), Jorge Mateo (#9) and Sheldon Neuse (#10)...the others are Kyler Murray (#4), Austin Beck (#5), Lazaro Armenteros (#6), Jameson

Hannah (#7) and Eli White (#8), who was traded to Texas in the Jurickson Profar deal.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is underway...pitchers and catchers report on March 2 with the first workout scheduled for March 3...position players report March 8 with the first workout scheduled for March 9...games begin on March 14 and minor league camp breaks on March 30.

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 be posted at @AthleticsPR.

A'S SPRING BROADCASTS: The A's will broadcast all Spring Training games on KTRB 860 AM...in addition, all games in territory will be streamed at tunein.com/athletics...Ken Korach, Vince Cotroneo and Ray Fosse will call the action for most games...Coco Crisp will join the broadcast on Mar. 10 and Donny Baarns will fill in on selected games...the father and son duo of Vince and Dom Cotroneo will team up on March 11...NBCSCA will air two spring training games against San Francisco on March 10 and 24...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...NBCSBA will air the A's vs. Giants games on March 7 and 25...four games (Feb. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 3 and Mar. 6) will air on MLB Network on a tape delayed basis.

A'S IN JAPAN: The A's will open the regular season at the Tokyo Dome in Japan with a two-game series against the Seattle Mariners on March 20 and 21...the club will fly to Japan on Thurs., March 14 and will play the Nippon Ham Fighters in exhibition games on March 17 and 18...the two regular season games against the Mariners will start at 2:35 am PDT and will air on ESPN...this will mark the third time the A's have opened the regular season in Japan...split a two-game series with Boston in 2008 and Seattle in 2012.

SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb. 21	Seattle	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
Feb. 22	at Seattle	1:10	KTRB 860 AM/MLBN (1:00 pm PST)
Feb. 23	Chicago (AL)	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
Feb. 24	Kansas City	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
Feb. 25	at Arizona	1:10	KTRB 860 AM
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	KTRB 860 AM/MLBN (5:00 pm PST)
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 1	Colorado	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 2	Cleveland	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:10	KTRB 860 AM/MLBN (March 4 @6:00 am PST)
March 4	OFF DAY		
March 5	Texas	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 6	at Seattle	6:40	KTRB 860 AM/MLBN (March 7 @ 12:00 am PST)
March 7	at San Francisco	7:05	KTRB 860 AM/NBCSBA
March 8	San Diego	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 9	Milwaukee	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 10	San Francisco	1:05	KTRB 860 AM/NBCSCA
	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 11	at Colorado	1:10	KTRB 860 AM
March 12	at San Diego	6:40	KTRB 860 AM
March 13	Chicago (NL)	1:05	KTRB 860 AM
March 17	Nippon (exhib.)	7:05	KTRB 860 AM (3:05 am PDT)
March 18	Nippon (exhib.)	12:05	KTRB 860 AM (8:05 pm PDT on 3/17)
March 24	San Francisco (at OAK)	1:05	KTRB 860 AM/NBCSCA
March 25	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:45	KTRB 860 AM/NBCSBA
March 26	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:45	KTRB 860 AM

All times local.

TRANSACTIONS

- Feb. 13 Free agent Brett Anderson agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Sean Manaea placed on the 60-day disabled list (shoulder surgery rehab)
- Feb. 15 Free agent Robbie Grossman agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Daniel Gossett placed on the 60-day disabled list (UCL surgery rehab)

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

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

#79 LUIS BARRERA: Combined to hit .296 with 26 doubles, 11 triples, three home runs, 64 RBI and 23 stolen bases in 124 games with Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland last year...tied for seventh in all of minor league baseball in triples...also hit .263 in 15 games with Mesa in the Arizona Fall League and .440 in 17 games with Licey in the Dominican Winter League.

#1 FRANKLIN BARRETO: Had six stints with Oakland in 2018 and batted .233 with five home runs and 16 RBI in 32 games...hit a career-high 18 home runs in 77 games with Triple-A Nashville...played for Aragua in the Venezuelan Winter League and ranked second in the league in batting (.352) and third in RBI (38) and slugging (.528).

#72 SKYE BOLT: Began the season at Double-A Midland but also had a 46-game stay with Single-A Stockton from April 23 to June 16...combined with both clubs to hit .260 with 19 home runs and 69 RBI in 124 games...was named an A's Organization All-Star by milb.com.

#20 MARK CANHA: Started games at five different positions for the A's last year and batted .249 with a career-high 17 home runs and 52 RBI in 122 games...hit 13 of his 17 home runs against left-handed pitchers, which tied for second most in the American League.

#26 MATT CHAPMAN: Earned the American League Gold Glove for third baseman last year after leading all Major League fielders with 29 defensive runs saved...also won the Platinum Glove for all AL fielders and was named Defensive Player of the Year by Wilson...hit .278 with 24 home runs and 68 RBI in 145 games.

#2 KHRIS DAVIS: Hit a Major League leading and career-high 48 home runs and ranked second with a career-high 123 RBI last year...became the 22nd player in ML history with at least three straight seasons of 40 home runs and 100 RBI, the second Athletic (Jimmie Foxx).

#11 DUSTIN FOWLER: Batted .224 with six home runs and 23 RBI in 69 games over two stints with Oakland last year and .341 with four home runs and 27 RBI in 55 games with Triple-A Nashville...made 45 starts with the A's, all in games started by a right-handed pitcher...had minor league career highs in batting and on-base percentage (.364).

#17 ROBBIE GROSSMAN: Was signed as a free agent, Feb. 15...batted .273 with five home runs and a career-high 48 RBI in a career-high 129 games with Minnesota last year...added 60 walks for a .367 on-base percentage, which was 10th best in the American League among players with at least 450 plate appearances.

#5 CHRIS HERRMANN: Was signed as a free agent, Dec. 11...started the 2018 season at Triple-A Tacoma before joining Seattle May 27...with the exception of a three-week stint on the disabled list, he spent the rest of the season with the Mariners but appeared in just 36 games...batted .237 with seven RBI...added 10 walks for a .322 on-base percentage.

#22 RAMON LAUREANO: Spent the first four months of the 2018 season with Triple-A Nashville where he batted .297 with a career-high 14 home runs and 35 RBI in 64 games...was recalled by Oakland Aug. 3 and hit .288 with five home runs and 19 RBI in 48 games with the A's in his Major League debut.

#38 NICK MARTINI: Batted .296 with a home run and 19 RBI in 55 games over four stints with the A's in his Major League debut last year...added 21 walks and was hit by a pitch five times for a .397 on-base percentage...also hit a career-high .297 with six home runs and 40 RBI in 76 games with Nashville...walked 51 times to fuel a career-high .406 on-base percentage.

#13 JORGE MATEO: Spent the entire 2018 season at Nashville in his Triple-A debut and batted .230 with three home runs and 45 RBI in a career-high 131 games...led all of Minor League Baseball in triples (16) and ranked fifth in the Pacific Coast League in stolen bases (25).

#28 MATT OLSON: Played in all 162 games last year and batted .247 with 29 home runs and 84 RBI in his first full season in the majors...also won the American League Gold Glove Award for first basemen...hit all 29 of his home runs as a first baseman, which led AL first basemen and ranked third in the majors...was named to the *Sporting News* AL All-Star Team.

#19 JOSH PHEGLEY: Spent most of the first two months of the 2018 season at Triple-A Nashville, where he batted .235 with three home runs and 18 RBI in 36 games...spent the final four months with Oakland and hit .204 with two home runs and 15 RBI in 39 contests with the A's.

#18 CHAD PINDER: Batted .258 with 13 home runs and 27 RBI in 110 games last year in a season interrupted by two stints on the disabled list...became the first player in Oakland history to start at least one game at seven different positions (49 in left field, 13 at second base, five in right field, four at third base, three at shortstop, two in center field and one at first base).

#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY: Batted .267 with 41 doubles, 27 home runs and 88 RBI in 151 games in his first season with Oakland...had career highs in doubles, home runs, RBI, extra base hits (68) and total bases (268)...his 41 doubles tied for ninth in the American League and tied for seventh in Oakland history.

#23 JURICKSON PROFAR: Was acquired from Texas Dec. 21 in a three-team, seven-player trade...had career highs in nearly every offensive category last year as he batted .254 with 20 home runs and 77 RBI in 146 games...was one of just five players in the American League to post minimums of 35 doubles, 20 home runs, 75 RBI and 10 stolen bases.

#10 MARCUS SEMIEN: Batted .255 with 15 home runs and 70 RBI in 159 games last year...had career highs in runs (89), hits (161), doubles (35), walks (61) and stolen bases (14) and matched his high in games...had his fourth consecutive season with 10 or more home runs and 10 or more stolen bases.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#58 RHP PAUL BLACKBURN: Was limited to just six starts with Oakland last year due to two stints on the disabled list...began the season on the DL with a strained right forearm, went 2-3 with a 7.16 ERA in six starts from June 7 to July 6 and then missed the remainder of the season with right elbow lateral epicondylitis.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS (NR): Signed to a minor league contract Feb. 4...played for the A's from 2007-13 and his 281 games pitched are tied for sixth most in Oakland history...spent the entire 2018 season with New York (NL) and went 3-2 with a save and a 4.85 ERA in 64 games, including the first start of his career.

#15 RHP JAMES BUCHANAN (NR): Signed to a minor league contract Nov. 12...spent the entire 2018 season at Triple-A Reno in the Arizona organization and was 11-9 with a 5.17 ERA in 27 games, including 26 starts...ranked second in the Pacific Coast League in innings pitched (156.2), third in wins and tied for third in games started.

#54 LHP KYLE CROCKETT (NR): Signed to a minor league contract Nov. 21...spent most of the 2018 season with Triple-A Louisville where he was 2-0 with a 3.00 ERA in 34 relief appearances...also had a one-month stint in the majors with Cincinnati and had a win, a 5.79 ERA and a .364 opponents batting average in 15 games with the Reds.

#66 RHP RYAN DULL: Had six stints with Oakland last year and compiled a 4.26 ERA and .242 opponents batting average in 28 relief appearances in his fourth season...was also 3-2 with a save and a 3.54 ERA in 23 relief appearances with Nashville.

#74 RHP PARKER DUNSHEE (NR): Split the 2018 season between Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland and combined for a 13-6 record and a 2.33 ERA in 24 games, including 22 starts, in his second professional season...his 13 wins tied for sixth in all of minor league baseball and his 163 strikeouts tied for eighth.

#68 RHP KYLE FINNEGAN (NR): Combined for a 1-3 record, a career-high 14 saves and 4.84 ERA in 36 appearances with Triple-A Nashville, Double-A Midland and the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League in 2018...was a perfect 14-for-14 in save opportunities and tied for third in the A's farm system in saves.

#63 LHP DEAN KIEKHEFER (NR): Began the 2018 season at Double-A Pensacola in the Cincinnati Reds organization but finished it in the majors with Oakland...was selected from Triple-A Nashville Sept. 1 and allowed four runs in 2.0 innings over four relief appearances with the A's (18.00 ERA)...combined for an 8-1 record, three saves and a 3.39 ERA in 45 minor league appearances.

#47 RHP FRANKIE MONTAS: Went 5-4 with a 3.88 ERA in 13 games, including 11 starts, over four stints with Oakland last year...was 5-2 with a 3.35 ERA in eight starts during his first stint from May 27 to July 9 and 0-2 with a 5.40 ERA in five games over his final three stints...was also 4-5 with a 4.65 ERA in 15 games, all starts, with Triple-A Nashville.

#65 RHP MIGUEL ROMERO (NR): Started 2018 at Single-A Stockton and was promoted to Double-A Midland June 13...combined with both clubs to go 2-3 with 14 saves and a 3.94 ERA in 44 relief appearances overall in his second professional season.

#70 RHP NORGE RUIZ (NR): Made his Double-A and Triple-A debut in his second professional season last year with Midland and Nashville...combined with both clubs to go 6-10 with a 4.89 ERA in 24 games, including 23 starts...tied for third in the Texas League in fewest walks per nine innings (2.53) and ranked fifth in ERA (4.69).

#49 RHP BRIAN SCHLITZER (NR): Spent the entire season at Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization where he went 7-2 with 21 saves and a 3.36 ERA in 58 relief appearances...led the Pacific Coast League in games pitched and ranked second in saves...tied for ninth among all minor leaguers in saves.

#57 RHP J.B. WENDELKEN: Began his comeback from UCL reconstruction surgery on his right elbow at Double-A Midland, was promoted to Triple-A Nashville May 10 and eventually compiled a 0.54 ERA and .140 opponents batting average in 13 relief appearances over two stints with Oakland.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

February 21 vs. Seattle

Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales, LHP Justus Sheffield, RHP Tyler Danish, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Dan Altavilla, RHP RJ Alaniz, RHP Nick Rumbelow

February 22 at Seattle

A's: RHP Daniel Mengden, RHP Jesus Luzardo, LHP Ryan Buchter, RHP Liam Hendriks
Mariners: RHP Mike Leake, RHP Justin Dunn, RHP Jorgen Cavenero, LHP Zac Rosscup, RHP Chasen Bradford

February 23 vs. Chicago (AL)

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Parker Bridwell, RHP Tanner Anderson, RHP Blake Treinen
White Sox: LHP Jordan Guerrero, LHP Colton Turner, RHP Randall Delgado, RHP Zach Thompson, RHP Evan Marshall