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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-3) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (2-2)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST KTRB 860 AM — MLB NETWORK (TAPE DELAY TO 6:05 P.M. MST)

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three of the first four games and the A's 1-3 start is their worst during the spring since 2013 when they also went 1-3...have not started the spring 1-4 since 2006...went 14-16-2 (.469) last spring, which was the fifth worst record in the Cactus League...it marked 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...this is the A's 51st Spring Training in Arizona, 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...with the rainout last Thursday, the A's are now scheduled to play 23 games this spring plus two exhibition games in Japan...the 23 games will be the fewest by an A's team during the spring since 1980 when they had 20... the total includes 20 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 24-26)...last spring, 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. ANGELS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...meet again in Tempe on Sunday...Oakland won all three games last year to snap a five-game losing streak...won at Hohokam 9-8 on Feb. 23 and 7-3 on March 8...won 4-2 at Tempe on March 23.

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 nontendered 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 oth-

ers 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 Saturday, 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...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...three remaining games (today, 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 AND RESULTS										
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Feb. 23	Chicago (AL)	W, 6-5	W, 6-5 1-1		Anderson	Thompson	3,906	3,906		
Feb. 24	Kansas City	L, 5-14	14 1-2		McWilliams	Brooks	4,273	8,179		
Feb. 25	at Arizona	L, 3-4	1	3	Owens	Buchanan	5,519			
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Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)				860 AM/MLB	N (5:00 pm	PST)			
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	1	.:05	KTRB	860 AM					
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	_			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/MLB	N (March 4	@6:00 am	n PST)		
March 4	OFF DAY									
March 5	Texas	_			860 AM					
March 6	at Seattle				860 AM/MLB	•	@ 12:00 a	m PST)		
March 7	at San Francisco	7			860 AM/NBC	SBA				
March 8	San Diego	_			860 AM					
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March 18	Nippon (exhib.)				860 AM (8:05		March 17)		
March 24		,			860 AM/NBC					
March 25		,			860 AM/NBC	SBA				
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)

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: Is tied for the Cactus League lead in hits (4) and doubles (4)...has hit safely in each of his last three games (4-for-7, two doubles) and has played in all four (three at second base, one in left field)...had six stints with Oakland in 2018 and batted .233 with five home runs and 16 RBI in 32 games.

#72 SKYE BOLT: Began the 2018 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: Is one of two Athletics that has yet to play in a game (Davis)...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: Is one of two Athletics that has yet to play in a game (Chapman)...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: Started the spring 0-for-5 before homering in the fourth inning yesterday at Arizona...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.

#17 ROBBIE GROSSMAN: Has reached base safely in each of his two games (1-for-3, two walks)...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 AL 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.

#3 NICK HUNDLEY (NR): Spent the entire 2018 season with San Francisco and batted .241 with 10 home runs and 31 RBI in 96 games...hit .280 with seven of his 10 home runs against left-handed pitchers, .213 against right-handers...started 70 games at catcher and went 5-for-14 (.357) with a home run and six RBI as a pinch hitter

#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: Tripled in the eighth inning Saturday against Chicago (AL) for his first hit of the spring...led all of Minor League Baseball with 16 triples last year...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... 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: Had two hits and two RBI Sunday against Kansas City... 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 (LF, 2B, RF, 3B, SS, CF, 1B).

#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY: Hit his first home run of the spring Saturday against Chicago (AL)...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: Has hit safely in each of his two games (3-for-6, .500)... 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

#50 RHP MIKE FIERS: Was acquired by the A's from Detroit Aug. 6 and went 5-2 with a 3.74 ERA in 10 games, including nine starts, with Oakland last year...was 12-8 with a 3.56 ERA in 31 games, 30 starts, overall...ranked fifth in the AL in fewest walks per nine innings (1.94) and 10th in ERA...was non-tendered following the season but signed a two-year deal with the A's Dec. 24.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#53 RHP TANNER ANDERSON: Was acquired from the Pittsburgh Pirates Nov. 20 for a player to be named later (Wilkin Ramos on Dec. 1)...made his Major League debut with Pittsburgh last year and went 1-0 with a 6.35 ERA in six relief appearances over three stints with the Pirates...was 3-2 with six saves and a 2.64 ERA in 39 appearances with Indianapolis, all in relief.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb 23	Chicago (AI)	R	6-5	W	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0

#13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS (NR): Faced six batters in the game that was rained out last Thursday against Seattle in Mesa (0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb)...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.

#77 RHP PARKER BRIDWELL (NR): Claimed off waivers from Los Angeles (AL) Jan. 22 and outrighted to Triple-A Las Vegas Jan. 25...combined to pitch in just 11 games with the Angels and Triple-A Salt Lake last year...missed four months of the season due to two stints on the Bees disabled list with an inflamed right elbow.

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#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.

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#36 RHP YUSMEIRO PETIT: Pitched in a team-leading and career-high 74 games in his first season in Oakland and was 7-3 with a 3.00 ERA and .221 opponents batting average...tossed 93.0 innings, which were second most by an American League reliever to the Rays Ryan Yarbrough (118.2).

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#56 RHP FERNANDO RODNEY: Saved a team-leading 25 games for Minnesota last year before he was traded to Oakland Aug. 9...went 1-1 with a 3.92 ERA in 22 relief appearances with the A's and was 4-3 with 25 saves and a 3.36 ERA in 68 relief appearances overall.

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#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.

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UPCOMING PROBABLES

February 26 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

Angels: LHP Andrew Heaney, RHP Hansel Robles, RHP Cam Bedrosian, LHP Williams Jerez, RHP Jake Jewell, RHP Matt Ramsey

February 27 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

A's: RHP Daniel Mengden, LHP Jesus Luzardo, RHP Blake Treinen, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Ryan Dull

Dodgers: LHP Julio Urías, RHP Daniel Corcino, LHP Adam McCreery, RHP Joe Broussard

February 28 at Chicago (NL)

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt, LHP Brett Anderson, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Jake Buchanan, RHP Parker Dunshee

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks