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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-6) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (3-5-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
KTRB 860 AM

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their three-game winning streak snapped on Sunday in a 4-1 loss at Los Angeles (AL)...have scored one run on three hits in each of the last two games and are now batting .219, which is second lowest in the Cactus League (MIL, .218)...rank last in the CL in runs (41), on-base percentage (.292), slugging percentage (.352) and OPS (.644), but also have the fewest strikeouts (68)...the pitching staff has allowed 15 runs in the last five games (44.0 ip, 3.07 ERA) after yielding 17 a week ago today against Los Angeles (AL)...now has a 6.16 ERA overall, which is third highest in the CL...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 on Feb. 21, 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)...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...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)...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 surrendered 38 home runs, which tied for fourth fewest in the CL, but issued 114 walks, which tied for second most.

A's vs. RANGERS: This is the only meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's lost two of three last spring, losing at Hohokam on March 1 by a score of 9-4 and winning at Hohokam on March 6, 5-3...lost at Surprise 8-2 on March 10...are now 4-10-1 against the Rangers over the previous six springs.

IN CAMP: The A's optioned five players and reassigned 13 non-roster invitees over the weekend and now have 45 players in camp plus two on the 60-day disabled list (Gossett, Manaea)...the active total includes 35 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 10 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 25 pitchers, four catchers, nine infielders and seven 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 35 players on the 40-man roster remaining in camp, five were drafted by the A's (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)...seven were signed as free agents (B. Anderson, Estrada, Grossman Herrmann, Martini, Petit, Soria) and one was claimed off waivers (Triggs)...the other 22 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.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is underway and pitchers and catchers had their first workout on Sunday...position players report this Friday with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...games begin on Thursday, 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...one remaining game, tomorrow at Seattle, 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 (lost 6-5 on March 25, won 5-1 on March 26) and split a two-game series with Seattle in 2012 (lost 3-1 on March 22 and won 4-1 on March 29)...there are two players in the A's camp that were on the A's Opening Day roster in Japan in 2012, but both of those players have played for other clubs since then (Blevins, Pennington)...the Tokyo Dome is third ballpark in which Oakland has played a home game...in addition to the Coliseum, the A's played six games in Las Vegas at Cashman Field in 1996.

SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 21	Seattle	Cancelled, Rain					
Feb. 22	at Seattle	L, 1-8	0-1	Leake	Mengden	5,298	
Feb. 23	Chicago (AL)	W, 6-5	1-1	Anderson	Thompson	3,906	3,906
Feb. 24	Kansas City	L, 5-14	1-2	McWilliams	Brooks	4,273	8,179
Feb. 25	at Arizona	L, 3-4	1-3	Owens	Buchanan	5,519	
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 5-17	1-4	Robles	Rodney	3,641	11,820
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	L, 3-5	1-5	Urias	Mengden	4,821	16,641
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	W, 10-3	2-5	Bassitt	Tseng	10,573	
March 1	Colorado	W, 6-3	3-5	Brooks	Anderson	5,411	22,052
March 2	Cleveland	W, 1-0	4-5	Rodney	Bauer	6,682	28,734
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 1-4	4-6	Bedrosian	Estrada	7,407	
March 4	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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 March 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)
- March 2 James Kaprielian optioned to Las Vegas; Tyler Alexander, Parker Dunshee and A.J. Puk reassigned to minor league camp
- March 3 Luis Barrera, Skye Bolt, Grant Holmes and Jorge Mateo optioned to Las Vegas; Parker Bridwell, Jake Buchanan, Kyle Finnegan, Jonah Heim, Corban Joseph, Dean Kiekhefer, Kyle Lobstein, Miguel Romero, Norge Ruiz and Beau Taylor reassigned to minor league camp

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

#1 FRANKLIN BARRETO: Is 0-for-4 over his last two games after hitting safely in six straight (8-for-14, .571)...is tied for second in the Cactus League in doubles (3), tied for third in runs (6) and hits (8), ranks fourth in batting (.400) and on-base percentage (.455), tied for fourth in extra base hits (4) and fifth in OPS (1.155)...has appeared in four games at second base, two in left field, two in center field and one at shortstop...had six stints with Oakland in 2018 and batted .233 with five home runs and 16 RBI in 32 games.

#8 ERIC CAMPBELL (NR): Is one of four players to appear in all 10 games this spring (Barrera, Bolt, Neuse)...is hitless in 10 at bats...signed to a minor league contract, Nov. 13...spent the entire 2018 season at Triple-A New Orleans in the Miami organization and batted .313 with six home runs and 68 RBI in 95 games...had a .420 on-base percentage, which ranked second in the Pacific Coast League and sixth among all full season minor leaguers.

#20 MARK CANHA: Has appeared in four games at first base, one in center field and one at designated hitter...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: Went 0-for-2 with a walk in his first game of the spring last Wednesday against the Dodgers, a start at designated hitter...has made each of his last two starts at third base...earned the American League Gold Glove for third baseman last year, 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 CHRIS DAVIS: Is the only Athletics non-pitcher that has yet to play in a game...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: Has appeared in six games in center field and four in right field...batted .224 with six home runs and 23 RBI in 69 games over two stints with Oakland last year...made 45 starts, all in games started by a right-handed pitcher.

#17 ROBBIE GROSSMAN: Has appeared exclusively in left field on defense this spring...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: Had two hits and two RBI last Thursday at Chicago (NL)...was signed as a free agent, Dec. 11...started the 2018 season at Triple-A Tacoma before joining Seattle May 27...batted .237 with seven RBI in 36 games with the Mariners...added 10 walks for a .322 on-base percentage.

#3 NICK HUNDLEY (NR): Had two hits a week ago today against the Angels and hit his first home run last Wednesday against the Dodgers...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 compared to .213 against right-handers.

#22 RAMON LAUREANO: Had two hits, including his first home run, last Thursday at Chicago (NL)...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 in his Major League debut.

#12 SEAN MURPHY (NR): Homered in his first game of the spring but is 0-for-7 in six games since then...spent most of the 2018 season at Double-A Midland where he hit .288 with eight home runs and 43 RBI in 68 games...also had three games at Triple-A Nashville and two on a rehab assignment with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League...combined to hit a career-high .285 in 73 games overall.

#64 SHELDON NEUSE (NR): Is one of four players to appear in all 10 games this spring (Barrera, Bolt, Campbell)...made his Triple-A debut in 2018 and spent the entire season at Nashville...batted .263 with five home runs and 55 RBI in 135 games...was batting .224 with three home runs, 26 RBI and a .588 OPS in 84 games at the All-Star Break...then hit .321 with two home runs, 29 RBI and a .774 OPS in 49 games after the break.

#28 MATT OLSON: Went 1-for-2 in his first game but is 1-for-14 in five games since then...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...led AL first baseman in home runs.

#7 CLIFF PENNINGTON (NR): Has appeared in four games at third base, three at second base and one at shortstop...signed a minor league contract Feb. 15...began the 2018 season in the Cincinnati organization and hit .138 with 16 games with the Reds...also batted .267 in 11 games with Triple-A Louisville before becoming a free agent May 17...signed with the Texas organization and hit .204 with a home run and 13 RBI in 61 games with Round Rock.

#19 JOSH PHEGLEY: Went 3-for-4 last Thursday at Chicago (NL)...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: Is tied for second in the Cactus League in doubles (3)...has appeared in four games at third base, two at designated hitter and one in left field...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.

#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY: Had two hits and two RBI a week ago today against Los Angeles (AL)...batted .267 with 41 doubles, 27 home runs and 88 RBI in 151 games in his first season with Oakland last year...had career highs in doubles, home runs, RBI, extra base hits (68) and total bases (268).

#23 JURICKSON PROFAR: Went 2-for-3 with his first home run of the spring last Friday against Colorado after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first four games...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 AL with at least 35 doubles, 20 home runs, 75 RBI and 10 steals.

#10 MARCUS SEMIEN: Went 3-for-6 (.500) in his first two games but is 0-for-9 in four games since then...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

#44 LHP JESUS LUZARDO (NR): Is scheduled to make his third appearance and first start of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his first two appearances (3.0 ip)...pitched for three different clubs in the A's farm system last year and combined for a 10-5 record and a 2.88 ERA in 23 starts with Single-A Stockton, Double-A Midland and Triple-A Nashville...was named the A's number one prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Seattle	R	1-8	-	0.00	1.0	2	1	0	1	1	0
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	R	3-5	-	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)					0-0	0.00	3.0	2	1	0	4	0

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#66 RHP RYAN DULL: Has not allowed a run in his first two outings...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.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 24	Kansas City	R	5-14	-	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	R	3-5	-	0.00	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)					0-0	0.00	1.1	1	0	0	1	0

#33 RHP DANIEL MENGDEN: Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has taken the loss in each of his first two appearances, both starts...allowed two runs in each outing...was in the A's Opening Day starting rotation last year but was optioned to Triple-A Nashville following a mid-season stint on the disabled list before returning to Oakland in late August, working primarily as a long man in "opener" games...went 7-6 with a 4.05 ERA and .234 opponents batting average in 22 games, including 17 starts.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Seattle	S	1-8	L	18.00	1.0	2	2	2	1	2	1
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	S	3-5	L	12.00	2.0	5	2	2	1	0	0
Totals (2 games, 2 starts)					0-2	12.00	3.0	7	4	4	2	1

#48 RHP JOAKIM SORIA: Has not allowed a run or a hit in his first two appearances (1.2 ip)...signed a two-year deal with the A's Dec. 21...began the 2018 season with the Chicago White Sox and had 16 saves and a 2.56 ERA in 40 relief appearances when he was traded to Milwaukee July 26...went 3-1 with a 4.09 ERA in 26 outings with the Brewers and combined for a 3-4 record, 16 saves and a 3.12 ERA in 66 relief appearances overall.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	R	3-5	-	0.00	0.2	0	0	0	2	1	0
Mar. 2	Cleveland	R	1-0	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)					0-0	0.00	1.2	0	0	2	2	0

#57 RHP J.B. WENDELKEN: Began his comeback from UCL reconstruction surgery on his right elbow at Double-A Midland last year, 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.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Seattle	R	1-8	-	40.50	0.2	4	3	3	0	0	0
Feb. 25	at Arizona	R	3-4	-	16.20	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 1	Colorado	R	6-3	-	13.50	1.0	4	1	1	1	0	1
Totals (3 games, 0 starts)					0-0	13.50	2.2	9	4	4	1	1

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 5 vs. Texas

Rangers: LHP Drew Smyly, RHP Jason Hammel, RHP Ariel Jurado, RHP Luke Farrell, RHP Ariel Hernandez

March 6 at Seattle

A's: LHP Brett Anderson, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP Fernando Rodney, RHP Andrew Triggs, LHP Ryan Buchter

Mariners: LHP Wade LeBlanc, RHP Erik Swanson, RHP Hunter Strickland, RHP Chasen Bradford, RHP Brandon Brennan

March 7 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Aaron Brooks, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP Liam Hendriks

Giants: LHP Madison Bumgarner, RHP Tyler Beede, RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Sam Dyson, RHP Trevor Gott, LHP Conner Menez, RHP Keyvius Sampson, RHP Melvin Adon