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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (10-8) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (11-8)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
KTRB 860 AM

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their second rain out of the spring last night at San Diego and are now scheduled to play just 22 games this spring...that is the fewest by an A's team since 1980 when they had 20...the last time the A's had two spring games cancelled because of rain was in 2003...are 9-3 over the last 12 games after starting the spring 1-5...are 10-8 overall and need one more win to snap a streak of three consecutive springs with a losing record...have not had a winning record during the spring since going 22-11-2 in 2015...the A's play their final game in Arizona today and leave for Japan tomorrow...after opening the regular season against the Mariners, Oakland returns to the Bay Area for three more Spring Training games against San Francisco...also have two exhibition games in Tokyo against the Nippon Ham Fighters, which do not count in the statistics...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.

THIS AND THAT: The A's have allowed 27 runs in the last four games after surrendering 26 runs over the previous nine contests...have a 5.50 ERA overall, which is fifth highest in the Cactus League...have the third highest opponents batting average (.283)...the offense has the second lowest slugging percentage (.410) and OPS (.725) in the CL, are tied for the second lowest on-base percentage (.315) and have the third lowest batting average (.245)...also rank second in fewest runs (80), third in fewest home runs (17) and tied for third in fewest strikeouts (137)...since 1991 (the earliest year spring stats are available), the A's lowest batting average during the spring is .256 in 2011 and the lowest on-base percentage is .325 in 2018...the defense has turned 21 double plays, which is fourth most in the CL.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...Oakland won the first game at Sloan Park on Feb. 28, 10-3...the two clubs split two games last spring with the A's losing 7-5 at Sloan Park on Feb. 28 and winning 7-2 at Hohokam on March 11...the A's are 1-4-1 all-time at Sloan Park but are 3-0-1 against the Cubs as the home team at Hohokam.

IN CAMP: The A's have 36 players in camp plus two on the 60-day disabled list (Gossett, Manaea)...the active total includes 30 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and six non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and six outfielders...the A's must reduce the active 40-man roster to 28 players by Opening Day in Tokyo and must designate three players as inactive for the two-game series against Seattle.

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.

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.

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 and Donny Baarns will fill in on selected games...NBCSCA has one remaining broadcast on March 24 in Oakland against San Francisco...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...NBCSBA will air the A's vs. Giants games on March 25 and 26.

A'S IN JAPAN: The A's leave for Japan tomorrow and will open the regular season at the Tokyo Dome with a two-game series against the Seattle Mariners on March 20 and 21...will also 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.

OPENING SERIES MATCH-UPS: A's manager Bob Melvin named RHP Mike Fiers as the A's Opening Day starter for March 20 against the Mariners in Tokyo...he will be followed by RHP Marco Estrada in game two...Fiers will be making his first career Opening Day start and will be the A's 12th different Opening Day starting pitcher over the last 14 years...the Mariners will counter with LHP Marco Gonzales on Wednesday and LHP Yusei Kikuchi on Thursday.

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	T.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						
March 5	Texas	W, 4-1	5-6	Mengden	Jurado	4,809	33,543
March 6	at Seattle	W, 7-4	6-6	B.Anderson	LeBlanc	5,226	
March 7	at San Francisco	W, 5-1	7-6	Montas	Bumgarner	9,011	
March 8	San Diego	W, 6-5	8-6	Dull	Buchter	7,803	41,346
March 9	Milwaukee	L, 2-11	8-7	Houser	Blevins	9,007	50,353
March 10	San Francisco	W, 5-4		Schlitter	Law	8,625	58,978
	at Chicago (AL)	W, 7-6	10-7	Hendriks	Colome	5,486	
March 11	at Colorado	L, 3-6	10-8	Johnson	Bassitt	8,748	
March 12	at San Diego	Cancelled, Rain					
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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/NBCSBA				

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
March 10	Tanner Anderson, Paul Blackburn and Andrew Triggs optioned to Las Vegas; Kyle Crockett, Sheldon Neuse, Brian Schlitter and Wei-Chung Wang reassigned to minor league camp
March 11	Daniel Mengden optioned to Las Vegas
March 12	Dustin Fowler optioned to Las Vegas

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 tied for third in the Cactus League in doubles (4), ranks fourth in batting (.387) and on-base percentage (.457), tied for fourth in slugging (.613), fifth in OPS (1.070) and tied for sixth in hits (12)...has appeared in seven games at second base, three in left field, three in center field and one at shortstop...has a .362 (42-for-116) average over the last three springs...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 2-for-6 (.333) with five walks over his last four games after going 0-for-12 with no walks over his first 11 contests...signed to a minor league contract, Nov. 13...spent the entire 2018 season at 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 PCL and sixth in the minors.

#20 MARK CANHA: Is 5-for-15 (.333) with three walks and five RBI over his last five games after going 2-for-14 (.143) with one walk and no RBI over his first seven contests...has appeared in five games at first base, three at designated hitter, two in center field and one in left field...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 lefties.

#26 MATT CHAPMAN: Is 0-for-8 over his last three games after reaching base safely in each of his first five...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: Made his first appearance of the spring last Friday and is 0-for-8 in three games...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).

#17 ROBBIE GROSSMAN: Has hit safely in each of his last six games (6-for-19, .316) after going 2-for-12 (.167) over his first five contests...has struck out just once in 35 plate appearances...has appeared exclusively in left field on defense...was signed as a free agent, Feb. 15...batted .273 in a career-high 129 games with Minnesota last year...added a .367 on-base percentage, which was 10th best in the American League among players with at least 450 plate appearances.

#3 NICK HUNDLEY (NR): Is 2-for-13 (.154) over his last six games after going 4-for-9 (.444) over his first four contests...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: Six of his seven hits this spring are for extra bases (four doubles, two home runs)...is tied for third in the Cactus League in doubles...has appeared exclusively in center field on defense...spent the first four months of 2018 with Nashville where he batted .297 with 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 ML debut.

#12 SEAN MURPHY (NR): Snapped a 0-for-12 streak with his ninth inning single Saturday against Milwaukee but is 0-for-8 in two 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 with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League and hit a career-high .285 in 73 games overall.

#28 MATT OLSON: Went 1-for-2 in his first game but is 2-for-28 (.071) in 10 games since then...is a .178 (34-for-191) career hitter during the spring...has appeared exclusively at first base this spring...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): Is 3-for-7 (.429) with two walks over his last four games...has appeared in five games at third base, five at shortstop and three at second base...signed a minor league contract Feb. 15...hit .138 with 16 games with Cincinnati last year and a combined .211 with a home run and 14 RBI in 17 games with Louisville and Round Rock.

#19 JOSH PHEGLEY: Has homered in back-to-back games...is now 5-for-12 (.417) with three runs, two doubles, two home runs and four RBI over his last three games after going 4-for-15 (.267) over his first six...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: Has back-to-back two-double games and leads the majors with seven doubles this spring...is tied for the lead in extra base hits (8)...is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in RBI (9)...has struck out just once 32 plate appearances...has appeared in four games at third base, three at designated hitter, three in left field, one at second base and one at shortstop...last year, he became the first player in Oakland history to start at least one game at seven different positions.

#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY: Is 3-for-18 (.167) over his last seven games after going 3-for-6 (.500) over his first three...has appeared exclusively in right field...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: Is 5-for-20 (.250) with a home run and five RBI over his last seven games after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first four games...has

appeared exclusively at second base...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.

#10 MARCUS SEMIEN: Had three hits yesterday at Colorado and is now 8-for-17 (.471) with five runs, two doubles, a triple and a home run over his last five games...ranks sixth in the Cactus League in batting (.344) and eighth in OPS (.926), on-base percentage (.364) and slugging (.563)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...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 steals (14) and matched his high in games...had his fourth consecutive season with 10 or more homers and 10 or more steals.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#50 RHP MIKE FIERS: Is scheduled to make his second Cactus League appearance of the spring, both starts...has pitched in simulated games on his other scheduled days...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.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 26	vs. Los Angeles (AL)	S	5-17	-	3.00	3.0	3	1	1	0	5	0

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS (NR): Allowed six runs in 0.1 innings in his last outing after yielding no runs in 1.0 innings in each of his first two appearances...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.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	R	5-17	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 1	Colorado	R	6-3	-	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Mar. 9	Milwaukee	R	2-11	L	23.14	0.1	3	6	6	2	1	2
Totals (3 games, 0 starts)					0-1	23.14	2.1	4	6	6	3	2

#48 RHP JOAKIM SORIA: Has not allowed a run in his first five appearances (4.2 ip)...opponents are 1-for-16 (.077) but he has issued four walks in 4.2 innings...signed a two-year deal with the A's Dec. 21...began the 2018 season with the Chicago White Sox and was traded to Milwaukee July 26...combined for a 3-4 record, 16 saves and a 3.12 ERA in 66 relief appearances.

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
Mar. 5	Texas	R	4-1	-	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Mar. 8	San Diego	R	6-5	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mar. 10	San Francisco	R	5-4	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals (5 games, 0 starts)					0-0	0.00	4.2	1	0	4	7	0

#39 RHP BLAKE TREINEN: Allowed his first run in his last outing after starting the spring with four scoreless appearances (4.0 ip)...opponents are 3-for-17 (.167) with a walk...went 9-2 with a career-high 38 saves, a career-low 0.78 ERA and a career-high 100 strikeouts last year to become the first pitcher in Major League history to save 30 games, compile an ERA under 1.00 and strikeout 100 batters.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	Chicago (AL)	R	6-5	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	R	3-5	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mar. 2	Cleveland	R	1-0	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mar. 9	Milwaukee	R	2-11	-	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 10	San Francisco	R	5-4	-	1.80	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1
Totals (5 games, 0 starts)					0-0	1.80	5.0	3	1	1	6	1

#62 RHP LOU TRIVINO: Has not allowed a run or walked a batter in his first four outings (4.0 ip)...opponents are 2-for-14 (.143)...pitched in 69 games last year in his Major League debut and went 8-3 with four saves, a 2.92 ERA and .201 opponents batting average over two stints with the A's...tied for the lead among AL rookies in saves and ranked second in games pitched.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	Chicago (AL)	R	6-5	-	0.00	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Feb. 27	Los Angeles (NL)	R	3-5	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mar. 7	at San Francisco	R	5-1	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 10	at Chicago (AL)	R	7-6	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals (4 games, 0 starts)					0-0	0.00	4.0	2	0	0	6	0

#57 RHP J.B. WENDELKEN: Has allowed three runs in two of his five outings...opponents are 9-for-22 (.409)...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 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
Mar. 9	Milwaukee	R	2-11	-	9.82	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 10	at Chicago (AL)	R	7-6	-	14.54	0.2	0	3	3	3	0	0
Totals (5 games, 0 starts)					0-0	14.54	4.1	9	7	7	4	2

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 13 vs. Chicago (NL)

Cubs: LHP Jon Lester, RHP Steve Cishek, RHP Brad Brach, RHP George Kontos, LHP Mike Zagurski, RHP Matt Carasiti