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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-8) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (13-15-4)

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ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have won the first two games of this series and are now 13-8 (.619) for the spring...that is the best record in the majors ahead of Houston (18-11-2, .613) and New York-AL (17-10-4, .613)...have clinched a winning record during the spring for the first time since going 22-11-2 in 2015...are 12-3 over the last 15 games after starting the spring 1-5...are scheduled to play just 22 games, which are the fewest by an A's team during the spring since 1980 when they had 20...had two games cancelled because of rain during the spring for the first time since 2003...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 are 12-for-61 (.196) over the first two games of this series and are now batting .246 with a .319 on-base percentage...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 last year...have the second lowest batting average among Cactus League teams, the third lowest on-base percentage, fourth lowest OPS (.741) and fifth lowest slugging percentage (.422)...have allowed four runs in the first two games of this series but have a 5.33 ERA for the spring, which is fifth highest in the Cactus League...have the third highest opponents batting average (.276).

A's vs. GIANTS: The A's have won the first two games of this series...the only time Oakland has swept a three-game Bay Bridge series against San Francisco during the spring was in 1989...have won each of the first four meetings this year, winning 5-1 in Scottsdale on March 7, 5-4 at Hohokam on March 10, 5-0 in Oakland on Sunday and 5-4 in San Francisco last night...have not gone undefeated against the Giants during the spring since 2007 (5-0-1) and have not gone unbeaten and untied since 1998 (5-0)...the A's went 2-3 against San Francisco last year, winning 8-3 at Scottsdale on March 17 and losing 6-5 at Mesa on March 12...lost in Oakland 5-1 on March 25 and split two games in San Francisco, winning 9-2 in 10 innings on March 26 and losing 3-0 on March 27...have a seven-game winning streak at Scottsdale and have not lost there since March 21, 2014...Oakland is now 25-12 over its last 37 spring games against the Giants.

ROSTER NOTES: The A's have 38 players on the roster for the Bay Bridge Series, which includes 28 players from the 40-man roster, three non-roster invitees (Blevins, Campbell, Pennington) and seven players from the minor league camp (Beck, Bracewell, Merrill, Romero, Schlitter, Taylor, Wang)...prior to the resumption of the regular season on Thursday, the A's must reduce their active roster to 25.

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.

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.

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.

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 the final game...NBCSBA will air the A's vs. Giants game tonight.

THE SEASON RESUMES: The A's resume the regular season on Thursday when they open a four-game series against the Los Angeles Angels...the matchups feature RHP Mike Fiers against RHP Trevor Cahill on Thursday at 1:07, RHP Marco Estrada against RHP Matt Harvey on Friday at 7:07, LHP Brett An-

deron against RHP Felix Pena on Saturday at 6:07 and RHP Frankie Montas vs. LHP Tyler Skaggs on Sunday at 1:07...will play 18 games in 18 days from March 28 to April 14...that is the A's longest stretch of the season without a scheduled day off.

REGULAR SEASON NOTES: The A's have started the season 0-2 for the second time in the last three years (also 2016)...have not started the season 0-3 since 1996...the A's had no rookies on the Opening Day roster for the second consecutive season and third time in the last six years...the average age on the A's Opening Day roster was 29.48 years, which is the oldest A's Opening Day roster since 2004 (30.16)...at the age of 42 years and 2 days, Fernando Rodney is the oldest Athletic on an Opening Day roster since Bobo Newsom of the Philadelphia A's in 1953 (45 years, 246 days)...the A's began the season with five players on the injured list for the fourth consecutive year.

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					
March 13	Chicago (NL)	W, 12-11	11-8	Montas	Zagurski	10,013	68,991
March 17	Nippon Ham (exhib.)	W, 5-1		Hendriks	Arihara	26,198	
March 18	Nippon Ham (exhib.)	T, 6-6		-	-	13,588	
March 24	San Francisco (at OAK)	W, 5-0	12-8	Anderson	Rodriguez	23,967	92,958
March 25	at San Francisco (at SF)	W, 5-4	13-8	Hendriks	Anderson	25,102	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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 Manaia placed on the 60-day injured 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 injured 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
March 20	Nick Hundley selected from Las Vegas; Chris Herrmann placed on the 60-day injured list retroactive to March 17 (right knee surgery); Jharel Cotton placed on the 10-day injured list retroactive to March 17 (UCL surgery rehab); Nick Martini placed on the 10-day injured list retroactive to March 17 (sprained right knee); Brett Anderson, Chris Bassitt and Aaron Brooks placed on inactive list

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American League Champions: 1902•1905•1910•1911•1913•1914•1929•1930•1931•1972•1973•1974•1988•1989•1990

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

#1 FRANKLIN BARRETO: Ranks fifth in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.436), sixth in OPS (.995), tied for sixth in batting (.353) and 10th in slugging (.559)...has appeared in eight games at second base, five in center field, three in left field, one in right field and one at shortstop...has a .353 (42-for-119) average over the last three springs...appeared in one game against Seattle last Thursday and pinch ran...had six stints with Oakland in 2018 and batted .233 with five home runs and 16 RBI in 32 games.

#91 AUSTIN BECK (MC): Was brought up from minor league camp for the three games with San Francisco and went 0-for-2 last night...is 1-for-9 (.111) with a RBI in nine spring training games...hit .296 with 29 doubles and 60 RBI in 123 games with Single-A Beloit last year.

#8 ERIC CAMPBELL (NR): Is 3-for-8 (.375) with five walks over his last six 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 a .420 on-base percentage, which ranked second in the PCL and sixth in the minors.

#20 MARK CANHA: Is 7-for-23 (.304) with three walks and eight RBI over his last eight spring games after going 2-for-14 (.143) with one walk and no RBI over his first seven contests...has appeared in six games at first base, three at designated hitter, three in center field, one in left field and one in right field...appeared in one game against Seattle last Thursday and went 0-for-1 with a walk...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.

#26 MATT CHAPMAN: Is 0-for-3 with a pair of walks in the first two games of this series...homed and drove in three runs on Opening Day against Seattle last Wednesday...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.

#2 KHRIS DAVIS: Is 1-for-15 (.067) in six spring training games...also went 3-for-9 with a home run and five RBI in two exhibition games against Nippon Ham and 2-for-9 (.222) with a home run and four RBI in two regular season games against Seattle...hit a Major League leading and career-high 48 home runs and ranked second with a career-high 123 RBI last year.

#8 ROBBIE GROSSMAN: Is 0-for-7 in two games against San Francisco to snap a seven-game spring hitting streak (7-for-22, .318)...has appeared exclusively in left field on defense...pinch hit in each of the two regular season games against Seattle...was signed as a free agent, Feb. 15...batted .273 in a career-high 129 games with Minnesota last year.

#3 NICK HUNDLEY: Is 4-for-19 (.211) over his last nine spring games after going 4-for-9 (.444) over his first four contests...was the A's Opening Day starter at catcher and went 0-for-4 in two games against the Mariners...spent the entire 2018 season with San Francisco and batted .241 with 10 home runs and 31 RBI in 96 games.

#22 RAMON LAUREANO: Hit his team-leading third home run of the spring Sunday and seven of his 10 hits are for extra bases (also has four doubles)...ranks seventh in the Cactus League in slugging (.605) and eighth in OPS (.969)...has appeared exclusively in center field on defense...was the A's Opening Day starter in center field and went 2-for-10 (.200) in two games against Seattle...made his Major League debut with Oakland last year and hit .288 with five home runs and 19 RBI in 48 games.

#81 KEVIN MERRELL (MC): Was brought up from minor league camp for the three games with San Francisco...is 3-for-5 (.600) with a walk in 10 spring training games...batted a combined .291 in 71 games with three teams in the A's farm system last year.

#15 CLIFF PENNINGTON (NR): Is 4-for-12 (.333) with two walks over his last seven games...has appeared in six games at shortstop, six at third base and four at second base...signed a minor league contract Feb. 15...hit .138 in 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: Is 5-for-14 (.357) with three runs, two doubles, two home runs and four RBI over his last five games after going 4-for-15 (.267) over his first six...went 0-for-4 in two regular season games against Seattle...spent the final four months of the 2018 season with Oakland and hit .204 with two home runs and 15 RBI in 39 contests with the A's.

#18 CHAD PINDER: Collected his eighth double of the spring last night, which is tied for second most in the Cactus League despite playing in just 14 games...the doubles match the most by an Athletic during the spring over the last 18 years (last: Eric Sogard, 2013)...the last with more than eight is Jose Ortiz, who had nine in 2001...also doubled in each of the two games against Seattle in Japan and was 3-for-10 in two starts in left field...ranks second in the CL in slugging (.750) and OPS (1.160), tied for third in extra base hits (10), fifth in batting (.361) and seventh in on-base percentage (.410)...is 9-for-21 (.429) with five doubles, two home runs and six RBI over his last seven spring games...has struck out just once 39 plate appearances...has appeared in five games at third base, three at designated hitter, three in left field, three at shortstop and two at second base...last year, he became the first player in Oakland history to start at least one game at seven different positions.

#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY: Has hit safely in both games against San Francisco (2-for-5, hr, 2 RBI)...also hit safely in both exhibition games against Nippon Ham (2-for-7, hr, 2 rbi, bb) and both regular season games against Seattle (2-for-8, hr, rbi, 2 bb)...has appeared exclusively in right field this spring...batted .267 with 41 doubles, 27 home runs and 88 RBI in 151 games in his first season with Oakland last year.

#23 JURICKSON PROFAR: Has hit safely in both games against San Francisco (2-for-6, hr, 2 rbi) after hitting safely in each of the two regular season games

against Seattle (2-for-10, .200)...had appeared exclusively at second base this spring before starting at first base last night...was acquired from Texas Dec. 21 in a three-team, seven-player trade...had career highs in nearly every offensive category last year, batting .254 with 20 home runs and 77 RBI in 146 games.

#10 MARCUS SEMIEN: Is 10-for-26 (.385) with five runs, three doubles, a triple and a home run over his last eight spring games...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...went 4-for-8 (.500) with two RBI and two walks in two games against Seattle...batted .255 with 15 home runs and 70 RBI in 159 games last year.

#46 BEAU TAYLOR (MC): Was a non-roster invitee this spring before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 3...went 1-for-5 (.200) in six games and then went 0-for-2 with a walk last night against San Francisco...spent the 2018 season at Triple-A Nashville and batted .248 with three home runs and 39 RBI in 90 games before going 1-for-5 (.200) in seven games in his Major League debut with Oakland in September.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#35 RHP AARON BROOKS: Has not allowed a run in his last two outings (7.0 ip) after surrendering six runs in 2.0 ip in his first appearance...did not travel to Japan but remained on the active 40-man roster...spent the entire 2018 season at Triple-A Colorado Springs in the Milwaukee Brewers organization and went 9-4 with a 3.35 ERA in 26 games, 15 starts...was traded to Oakland Sept. 3 for cash considerations and did not allow a run in 2.2 innings over three games with the A's.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
Feb. 24	Kansas City	S	5-14	L	27.00	2.0	4	6	6	1	2	1	
Mar. 1	Colorado	S	6-3	W	9.00	4.0	3	0	0	2	3	0	
Mar. 7	at San Francisco	R	5-1	-	6.00	3.0	3	0	0	1	4	0	
Totals (3 games, 2 starts)					1-1	6.00	9.0	10	6	6	4	9	1

NON-ROSTER INVITEES AND MINOR LEAGUE CAMP EXTRAS

#13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS: The non-roster invitee has allowed eight runs in 1.0 innings over his last two outings after yielding no runs in 1.0 innings in each of his first two appearances...is 0-1 with a 24.00 ERA and .400 opponents batting average in four relief appearances...**#85 RHP BEN BRACEWELL:** Was added from the minor league camp today...has not appeared in a spring training game...split the 2018 season between Double-A Midland and Triple-A Nashville and was a combined 7-10 with a 3.31 ERA in 25 starts...**#65 RHP MIGUEL ROMERO:** Was a non-roster invitee with the A's this spring before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 3...had two saves and a 6.00 ERA in three appearances...**#49 RHP BRIAN SCHLITZER:** Was a non-roster invitee this spring and did not allow a run in five relief appearances (3.1 ip) before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 10...opponents were 2-for-10 (.200) with no walks...**#78 LHP WEI-CHUNG WANG:** Was a non-roster invitee this spring and did not allow a run in three relief appearances (3.1 ip) before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 10...opponents were 1-for-11 (.091) with no walks.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 26 at San Francisco

Giants: RHP Jeff Samardzija, RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Sam Dyson, RHP Nick Vincent, LHP Travis Bergen