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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (0-0)

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ABOUT THE A'S: The A's open their 52nd Spring Training in Arizona today, their sixth 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 34 games this spring, which includes 30 games in Arizona, two in Las Vegas against the Indians (Feb. 29-Mar. 1) and two in the Bay Area against the Giants (Mar. 23-24)...went 14-8 (.636) last spring, which was the best record in the majors...it marked the first time Oakland finished Spring Training with a winning record since going 22-11-2 in 2015...the .636 winning percentage was the seventh best mark in Oakland history and the best since 2015...the 22 games played were the A's fewest during the spring since 1980 when they had 20...had a .248 batting average and .320 on-base percentage, both of which were the lowest marks by an A's team during the spring since 1991 (the earliest year spring stats are available)...the previous lows were a .256 average in 2011 and a .325 on-base percentage last year...had the second lowest batting average among Cactus League teams, the fourth lowest on-base percentage and the fifth lowest OPS (.749)...the pitching staff had the third highest opponents batting average (.276) and the sixth highest ERA (5.26)...ranked sixth in fielding percentage (.980).

A's vs. CUBS: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...meet again at Hohokam on Mar. 2 and 21...Oakland won both games last spring, winning at Sloan Park on Feb. 28, 10-3, and at Hohokam on Mar. 13, 12-11...the A's are 1-4-1 all-time at Sloan Park but are 4-0-1 against the Cubs as the home team at Hohokam.

IN CAMP: The A's have 64 players on the active roster, which includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 24 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 32 pitchers, six catchers, 14 infielders and 12 outfielders...Oakland also has one player on the 60-day IL (Mengden).

COACHING STAFF: Bob Melvin returns for his 10th season as manager of the Oakland A's in 2020, a tenure that has included five postseason appearances and two American League Manager of the Year awards...no other active manager has a longer uninterrupted tenure with their current team...returning to Melvin's coaching staff are bench coach Ryan Christenson, hitting coach Darren Bush, pitching coach Scott Emerson, bullpen coach Marcus Jensen and quality control coach Mark Kotsay...also returning in new roles are Al Pedrique (third base coach) and Mike Aldrete (first base coach)...new to the A's staff is Eric Martins, who will be the assistant hitting coach.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have three players under contract beyond the 2020 season...Khris Davis and Jake Diekman are signed through 2021, with Diekman having a club option for 2022...Stephen Piscotty is signed through 2022 with a club option for 2023.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 40 active players on the 40-man roster, 10 were drafted by the A's (Bolt, 4th round in 2015; Brown, 19th in 2015; Chapman, 1st in 2014; Gossett, 2nd in 2014; Jefferies, competitive balance round A in 2016; Murphy, 3rd in 2016; Olson, compensation following 1st round in 2012; Pinder, competitive balance round B in 2013; Puk, 1st in 2016; Trivino, 11th in 2013)...one was signed as a non-drafted agent (Barrera), three were signed as free agents (Grossman, Petit, Soria) and one was claimed off waivers (McFarland)...the other 25 were all acquired in trades.

OFF SEASON MOVES: The A's acquired three players via trade during the off-season, including Austin Allen (Dec. 2 from San Diego for Jurickson Profar), Vimal Machin (Dec. 12 from Philadelphia/Rule 5 draft) and Tony Kemp (Jan. 13 from Cubs for minor leaguer Alfonso Rivas)...Oakland also claimed T.J. McFarland off waivers from Arizona Nov. 4...Jake Diekman was re-signed as a free agent Dec. 3 after his contract option was declined following the season and Yusmeiro Petit had his contract option exercised for 2020...following the start of camp, the A's acquired Burch Smith from San Francisco on Feb. 15.

NON-ROSTER INVITEES: The Athletics have 24 non-roster invitees in Major League camp...the players include IF Nick Allen, RHP Tanner Anderson, RHP Ben Bracewell, IF Eric Campbell, RHP Wandisson Charles, IF Logan Davidson, OF Greg Deichmann, RHP Parker Dunshee, C Ronnie Freeman, RHP Ian Gardeck, IF Ryan Goins, LHP Donnie Hart, RHP Brian Howard, RHP Zach Lee, LHP Lucas Luetge, IF Nate Orf, C Carlos Pérez, OF Buddy Reed, RHP Miguel Romero, RHP Brian Schlitter, RHP Jaime Schultz, C Collin Theroux, OF Dillon Thomas and RHP Jordan Weems...nine of the 24 non-roster players have Major League experience (Anderson, Campbell, Goins, Lee, Luetge, Orf, Pérez, Schlitter, Schulz).

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Eight 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), Daulton Jefferies (#4), Sheldon Neuse (#7), Jorge

Mateo (#8), Logan Davidson (#9) and Nick Allen (#10)...the others are Austin Beck (#5) and Robert Puason (#6).

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is underway...pitchers and catchers report on March 7 with the first workout scheduled for March 8...position players report March 13 with the first workout scheduled for March 14...games begin on March 19 and run through April 3.

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: All A's Spring Training games will stream live on Tunein...Ken Korach, Vince Cotroneo and Ray Fosse will call the action for all weekend games except Mar. 21, plus night games on Mar. 13 and 19...the father and son duo of Vince and Dom Cotroneo will team up on Mar. 2...Donny Baarns, Dom Cotroneo and Alex Jensen will call the remaining games...four games are scheduled to air on KHTK and the A's Radio Network (Mar. 8, 13, 15 and 23, schedule subject to change)...15 games will be broadcast on television, including three by NBCSCA: Feb. 29 vs. Cleveland in Las Vegas, Mar. 2 vs. the Cubs in Mesa and Mar. 24 against the Giants in San Francisco...Glen Kuiper will provide play-by-play with Ray Fosse and Dallas Braden serving as analysts...three games (Mar. 9, 11 and 17) will air live on MLB Network while seven others will be tape delayed (Feb. 22 and 25, Mar. 5, 7, 12, 14 and 18)...the Giants will broadcast the games of Mar. 19 and 23 on NBCSBA.

SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	INTERNET/RADIO/TV
Feb. 22	at Chicago (NL)	6:10 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 9:00 pm PT)
Feb. 23	San Francisco (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein
	at Arizona (ss)	1:10 pm	Tunein
Feb. 24	Milwaukee	1:05 pm	Tunein
Feb. 25	at San Diego	1:10 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 11:00 pm PT)
Feb. 26	Arizona	1:05 pm	Tunein
Feb. 27	Colorado	1:05 pm	Tunein
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	1:05 pm	Tunein
Feb. 29	Cleveland (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein
	vs. Cleveland (ss) (at LV)	1:05 pm	Tunein/NBCSCA
March 1	at Kansas City (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein
	vs. Cleveland (ss) (at LV)	1:05 pm	Tunein
March 2	Chicago (NL)	7:05 pm	Tunein/NBCSCA
March 3	at Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	Tunein
March 4	OFF DAY		
March 5	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 12am & 6 am on 3/6)
March 6	Cincinnati (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein
	at Cleveland (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein
March 7	at Seattle	1:10 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 6:00 am on 3/8)
March 8	Milwaukee	1:05 pm	Tunein/KHTK and A's Radio Network
March 9	at Texas	6:05 pm	Tunein/MLB Network
March 10	Kansas City	1:05 pm	Tunein
March 11	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:10 pm	Tunein/MLB Network
March 12	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 11:00 pm)
March 13	Texas	7:05 pm	Tunein/KHTK and A's Radio Network
March 14	Seattle (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein
	at Milwaukee (ss)	1:05 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 6:00 am on 3/15)
March 15	San Diego	1:05 pm	Tunein/KHTK and A's Radio Network
March 16	OFF DAY		
March 17	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	Tunein/MLB Network
March 18	at Colorado	6:40 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 11:00 pm)
March 19	at San Francisco	7:05 pm	Tunein/NBCSBA
March 20	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	Tunein
March 21	Chicago (NL)	12:05 pm	Tunein
March 22	OFF DAY		
March 23	San Francisco (at OAK)	7:05 pm	Tunein/NBCSBA/KHTK and A's Radio Network
March 24	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:45 pm	Tunein/NBCSBA

All times local.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 15 Burch Smith acquired from the San Francisco Giants for cash considerations; Daniel Mengden placed on the 60-day injured list (right elbow surgery)

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

#30 AUSTIN ALLEN: Was acquired from San Diego Dec. 2 with a PTBNL (Buddy Reed) for Jurickson Profar, Dec. 2, 2019...made his Major League debut with San Diego last year and hit .215 with four doubles and three RBI in 34 games over four stints.

#79 LUIS BARRERA: Was limited to just 54 games at Double-A Midland last year due to shoulder surgery, but hit .321 in 54 games...added nine doubles, a career-high tying 11 triples, four home runs and nine stolen bases...had surgery on July 12 to repair the labrum in his right, non-throwing, shoulder.

#1 FRANKLIN BARRETO: Had three stints with the A's last year and batted .123 with two home runs and five RBI in 23 games...the batting average was the lowest of his three seasons...also hit .295 with a career-high 19 home runs and a career-high 65 RBI in 98 games with Triple-A Las Vegas.

#49 SKYE BOLT: Made his Triple-A and Major League debut in 2019...went 1-for-10 (.100) with a double, walk and three strikeouts in five games over three stints with Oakland...batted a career-high .269 with 11 home runs and 61 RBI in 89 games with Las Vegas.

#15 SETH BROWN: Made his Triple-A and Major League debut in 2019...was batting .297 with 37 home runs and 104 RBI in 112 games with Las Vegas when he was selected by Oakland Aug. 26...went on to hit .293 with no home runs and 13 RBI in 26 games with the A's.

#20 MARK CANHA: Started games at five different positions last year and batted a career-high .273 with a career-high 26 home runs and 58 RBI in 126 games...also had career highs in runs (80), walks (67), extra base hits (45), OPS (.913), on-base percentage (.396) and slugging percentage (.517).

#26 MATT CHAPMAN: Had career highs in runs (102), home runs (36), RBI (91), walks (73) and extra base hits (75) in 2019...won his second consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove, his second straight Wilson Defensive Player of the Year and his second straight AL Platinum Glove.

#2 KHRIS DAVIS: Was off to a strong start last year as he batted .247 with 12 home runs and 29 RBI over his first 43 games before going on the injured list retroactive to May 22 with a left hip/oblique contusion...was reinstated June 1 and hit .207 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI over his final 90 games.

#11 DUSTIN FOWLER: Spent the entire 2019 season at Triple-A Las Vegas where he batted .277 with a career-high 25 home runs and a career-high 89 RBI in 130 games...also had career bests in runs (98), hits (154), walks (42) and hit by pitches (6)...tied for second in the Pacific Coast League in hits.

#8 ROBBIE GROSSMAN: Played in a career-high 138 games in his first season as an Athletic last year and batted .240 with six home runs and 38 RBI...added 59 walks for a .334 on-base percentage...also had career highs in at bats (420) and triples (3) and matched his best in stolen bases (9).

#37 JONAH HEIM: Began 2019 at Double-A Midland but was promoted to Las Vegas in June where he made his Triple-A debut...combined with both clubs to hit a career-high .310 with a career-high tying nine home runs and 53 RBI in 85 games.

#5 TONY KEMP: Was acquired from the Chicago Cubs for Alfonso Rivas, Jan. 13, 2020...began the 2019 season with Houston and was hitting .227 with seven home runs and 17 RBI in 66 games when he was traded to Chicago July 31...batted .183 with a home run and 12 RBI in 44 games with the Cubs.

#22 RAMÓN LAUREANO: Batted .288 with 24 home runs and 67 RBI in 123 games in a season interrupted by a five-week stay on the injured list with a right lower leg stress reaction...added 29 doubles for a .521 slugging percentage...tied for third among American League outfielders with 10 assists.

#39 VIMAEL MACHÍN: Was acquired from Philadelphia for cash, Dec. 12, 2019 after the Phillies selected him from the Cubs in the Rule 5 draft...combined for a .295 average, seven home runs, 65 RBI and 69 walks (.390 on-base percentage) in 129 games with Double-A Tennessee and Triple-A Iowa.

#13 JORGE MATEO: Spent the entire 2019 season at Triple-A for the season consecutive year and batted .289 with 29 doubles, 14 triples, 19 home runs and 78 RBI in 119 games with Las Vegas...led the minors in triples for the second consecutive season and now has 48 triples over the last three years.

#12 SEAN MURPHY: Played in just 41 minor league games last year due to two stints on the injured list with a strained left knee...was selected by Oakland on Sept. 1 when rosters expanded and hit .245 with four home runs and eight RBI in 20 games.

#21 SHELDON NEUSE: Began the season at Triple-A Las Vegas and was batting .317 with 27 home runs and 102 RBI in 126 games when he was selected by Oakland on Aug. 29...hit .250 with no home runs and seven RBI in 25 games with the A's in his Major League debut.

#28 MATT OLSON: Missed 34 games last year while on the injured list early in the season but still hit 36 home runs and drove in 91 runs while batting .267 in 127 games...also won his second consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove for American League first basemen...tied for seventh in the AL in home runs.

#18 CHAD PINDER: Spent the entire season on the active roster for the first time in his career in 2019 and batted .240 with 13 home runs and a career-high 47 RBI in 124 games...started at least one game at seven different positions for the second consecutive season.

#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY: Was limited to 93 games last year due to two stints on the injured list and batted .249 with 13 home runs and 44 RBI...was out from June 30 to Aug. 2 with a sprained right knee and Aug. 25 to Sept. 25 with a sprained right ankle.

#10 MARCUS SEMIEN: Finished in the top five in Oakland history in eight different categories in 2019...scored 123 runs, which tied the Oakland record set by Reggie Jackson in 1969...also tied the record for games played (162)...

ranked third in extra base hits (83), tied for third in hits (187) and total bases (343) and tied for fourth in doubles (43) while hitting .285 with 33 homers.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#31 LHP A.J. PUK: Began the 2019 season on the minor league injured list as he continued his recovery from April 10, 2018 UCL surgery...made 18 minor league appearances before he was selected by Oakland on Aug. 20...was 2-0 with a 3.18 ERA in 10 relief appearances in his Major League debut.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#53 RHP TANNER ANDERSON (NR): Spent most of the 2019 season at Triple-A Las Vegas where he went 9-5 with a 6.00 ERA in 21 games, including 16 starts...also had a five-start stint with Oakland in the middle of the season and went 0-3 with a 6.04 ERA.

#64 RHP BEN BRACEWELL (NR): Began 2019 at Double-A Midland and made two relief appearances before he was transferred to Triple-A Las Vegas April 12...spent the remainder of the season with the Aviators and was a combined 1-3 with two saves and a 2.96 ERA in a career-high tying 43 games.

#75 RHP WANDISSON CHARLES (NR): Pitched for three different teams in the A's farm system in 2019 and was a combined 4-0 with two saves, a 2.89 ERA and .163 opponents average in a career-high 40 games, all in relief...struck out a career-high 93 batters in a career-high 62.1 innings, but walked 43.

#74 RHP PARKER DUNSHEE (NR): Spent the first five weeks of the 2019 season at Double-A Midland and was promoted to Triple-A Las Vegas May 12 after compiling a 1.89 ERA in six starts with the RockHounds...was 4-5 with a save and a 4.38 ERA in 20 games, 19 starts, with the Aviators.

#80 LHP DONNIE HART (NR): Spent most of 2019 in the Milwaukee organization before he was claimed off waivers by New York (NL) Aug 1...did not allow a run in seven games and 5.0 innings with the Brewers and the Mets...was 4-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 48 games with the two clubs Triple-A affiliates.

#67 RHP GRANT HOLMES: After missing most of 2018 with a shoulder injury, he spent nearly the entire 2019 season at Double-A Midland where he was 6-5 with a 3.31 ERA in 22 games, 16 starts...made his Triple-A debut with a start for Las Vegas on Aug. 31 and had a 3.23 ERA overall in 23 games overall.

#77 RHP ZACH LEE (NR): Pitched for Triple-A Syracuse and Double-A Binghamton in the New York Mets organization last year and combined for a 9-4 record and a 5.09 ERA in 24 games, including 21 starts, in a season shortened by four stints on the injured list...allowed a .296 opponents batting average.

#65 RHP MIGUEL ROMERO (NR): Made his Triple-A debut and spent the entire 2019 season at Las Vegas where he went 4-1 with three saves and a 3.96 ERA in a career-high 45 appearances, including one start...struck out a career-high 81 batters in a career-high 72.2 innings (10.03 per nine innings).

#54 RHP BRIAN SCHLITZER (NR): Spent most of the 2019 season at Triple-A Las Vegas where he went 4-1 with 11 saves and a 4.64 ERA in 35 games...also had a one-month stint in Oakland, his first Major League action since 2015, and had no decisions and a 3.72 ERA in six relief appearances.

#62 RHP LOU TRIVINO: Was 4-6 with a 5.25 ERA and .265 opponents batting average in 61 relief appearances in his second season in the majors last year after going 8-3 with a 2.92 ERA and .201 opponents average in 69 games as a rookie in 2018.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Feb. 22 at Chicago (NL)

Cubs: RHP Alec Mills, RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Duane Underwood, LHP Rex Brothers, RHP James Norwood, LHP Tyler Olson, RHP Jason Adam, LHP CD Pelham, RHP Dakota Mekkes

Feb. 23 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Mike Fiers, RHP Daniel Gossett, LHP Jake Diekman, RHP Daulton Jefferies, RHP Ian Gardeck, LHP Lucas Luetge, RHP Jordan Weems

Giants: LHP Andrew Suarez, RHP Trevor Oaks, RHP Sean Hjelle, RHP Luis Madero, RHP Sam Wolff, RHP Jandel Gustave, RHP Sam Coonrod, RHP Enderson Franco, LHP Wandy Peralta

Feb. 23 at Arizona

A's: RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Brian Howard, LHP TJ McFarland, RHP Jaime Schultz, RHP J.B. Wendelken, RHP James Kaprielian

Diamondbacks: LHP Robbie Ray, RHP Taylor Clarke, RHP Josh Green, RHP Junior Guerra, RHP Yoan López, RHP Kevin Ginkel

Feb. 24 vs. Milwaukee

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Liam Hendriks

Brewers: RHP Corbin Burnes, RHP Eric Yardley, RHP Shelby Miller, RHP Miguel Sanchez, RHP Trey Supak, LHP Ethan Small, RHP Drew Rasmussen