



GAME INFORMATION OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-5) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (2-3)

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ABOUT THE A'S: Have won each of their last two games after starting the spring 0-5...that was the worst start by an A's team during the spring since records are first available in 1986 (previous: 0-4 in 2005)...Oakland batters lead the majors with 32 walks...this is the A's 52nd Spring Training in Arizona, 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. REDS: This is the first meeting between the A's and Reds in Spring Training since March 25, 2017, an 11-6 A's loss at Hohokam...last met Cincinnati at Goodyear on March 13, 2017, a 3-1 loss...lost two of three from the Reds in 2017 as Oakland won the first game 12-5 in Mesa on March 9.

OFF TO LAS VEGAS: The A's will take 34 players to Las Vegas following the game today for a two-game series against Cleveland at the home ballpark of the A's Triple-A affiliate, Las Vegas Ballpark...the remainder of the squad will stay in Arizona for games against Cleveland and Kansas City...this marks the first time the A's have played in Las Vegas since 2015 when they lost two games to the Cubs on March 13 (5-3) and 14 (3-1)...have also played in Las Vegas during the spring in 1994, 1997 and 2000 and opened the regular season with six games at Cashman Field in 1996 while the Coliseum was undergoing renovations for the return of the Raiders.

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.

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).

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)...13 of the remaining 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 five others will be tape delayed (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 | SCORE | RECORD | WINNER | LOSER | ATTEND. | HOME CUM. |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|---|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Feb. 22 | at Chicago (NL) | L, 2-12 | 0-1 | Cotton | Trivino | 12,109 | |
| Feb. 23 | San Francisco (ss) | L, 3-5 | 0-2 | Wolff | Dunshee | 6,017 | 6,017 |
| | at Arizona (ss) | L, 3-7 | 0-3 | Ray | Bassitt | 9,437 | |
| Feb. 24 | Milwaukee | L, 4-14 | 0-4 | Burnes | Manaea | 3,512 | 9,529 |
| Feb. 25 | at San Diego | L, 6-9 | 0-5 | Ramirez | Bracewell | 2,099 | |
| Feb. 26 | Arizona | W, 16-3 | 1-5 | Montas | Weaver | 3,745 | 13,274 |
| Feb. 27 | Colorado | W, 5-2 | 2-5 | Lee | Fernandez | 4,005 | 17,279 |
| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME | INTERNET/RADIO/TV | | | | |
| Feb. 28 | at Cincinnati | 1:05 pm | Tunein | | | | |
| Feb. 29 | Cleveland (ss) | 1:05 pm | | | | | |
| | vs. Cleveland (ss) (at LV) | 1:05 pm | Tunein/NBCSCA | | | | |
| March 1 | at Kansas City (ss) | 1:05 pm | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | |
| 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 | 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: Has hit safely in each of his last three games (3-for-8, .375) after going 1-for-6 (.167) over his first three contests...hit his first home run Tuesday against the Padres...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 a career-high tying 11 triples...had surgery on July 12 to repair the labrum in his right, non-throwing, shoulder.

#1 FRANKLIN BARRETO: Has played in four games on defense, all at second base...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: Is tied for the Cactus League lead with four extra base hits (three doubles, one triple)...has appeared in three games at first base and two in left field...made his Triple-A and Major League debut in 2019...batted .297 with 37 home runs and 104 RBI in 112 games with Las Vegas and .293 with no home runs and 13 RBI in 26 games with the A's.

#20 MARK CANHA: Has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his four games...has appeared in two games in right field, one in center field and one at designated hitter...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.

#26 MATT CHAPMAN: Hit his first home run Wednesday against the Diamondbacks...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 CHRIS 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: Had two hits and three RBI Wednesday against Arizona and leads the A's with four RBI this spring...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: Has reached base safely in each of his three games...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 VIMAEEL MACHÍN: Has appeared in two games at third base, two at second base and one at first base...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: Has reached base safely in four of his five games...has appeared in two games at shortstop, two at second base and one at designated hitter...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.

#21 SHELDON NEUSE: Began the 2019 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: Is 5-for-6 with two walks over his last three games after going 0-for-2 in his first contest...has appeared in two games in right field, one at third base and one at designated hitter...batted .240 with 13 home runs and a career-high 47 RBI in 124 games last year...started at least one game at seven different positions for the second consecutive season.

#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

#50 RHP MIKE FIERS: Retired all six batters he faced in his first start last Sunday against San Francisco (2.0 ip, 1 so)...was 15-4 with a 3.90 ERA in 33 starts in his first full season with the A's last year...ranked third in the American League in winning percentage (.789), sixth in opponents batting (.243), tied for eighth in wins and 10th in OPS (.712) and on-base percentage (.304).

| Date | Opponent | Start/Rel | Score | Dec | ERA | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|-----|------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Feb. 23 | San Francisco | S | 3-5 | - | 0.00 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#32 RHP DANIEL GOSSETT: Retired the side in order in the fourth inning in his first appearance last Sunday against San Francisco...spent the entire 2019 season on the 60-day injured list as he continued his recovery from Aug. 1, 2018 UCL reconstruction surgery...made five starts for Mesa in the Arizona Fall League and went 3-1 with a 2.57 ERA and .204 opponents average.

| Date | Opponent | Start/Rel | Score | Dec | ERA | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|-----|------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Feb. 23 | San Francisco | R | 3-5 | - | 0.00 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

#67 RHP GRANT HOLMES: Allowed a run in two innings of work in his first outing last Sunday at Arizona...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...also made one start for Las Vegas and had a 3.23 ERA overall in 23 games overall.

| Date | Opponent | Start/Rel | Score | Dec | ERA | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|---------|------------|-----------|-------|-----|------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Feb. 23 | at Arizona | R | 3-7 | - | 4.50 | 2.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

#56 RHP JAMES KAPRIELIAN: Tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his first outing last Sunday at Arizona...after pitching in just eight games in his first four years, he completed his comeback from elbow problems that eventually led to 2017 "Tommy John" surgery by going 4-3 with a 3.18 ERA in 19 games, including 16 starts, with Stockton, Midland and Las Vegas last year.

| Date | Opponent | Start/Rel | Score | Dec | ERA | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR |
|---------|------------|-----------|-------|-----|------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Feb. 23 | at Arizona | R | 3-7 | - | 0.00 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

NON-ROSTER PITCHERS: **RHP Ben Bracewell** allowed four runs in 0.1 innings in his last outing Tuesday at San Diego after retiring all four batters that he faced in his first appearance...was a combined 1-3 with two saves and a 2.96 ERA in a career-high tying 43 games with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Las Vegas last year...**RHP Wandisson Charles** tossed 0.2 scoreless innings in his last outing Tuesday at San Diego after allowing three runs in his first appearance...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 40 games, all in relief...**RHP Ian Gardeck** tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his last appearance Wednesday against Arizona after allowing one run in his first outing...combined for a 2-1 record, three saves and a .122 opponents batting average in 21 relief appearances in the Tampa Bay system last year after missing three months with an inflamed right elbow...**LHP Donnie Hart** has allowed at least two runs in each of his two appearances...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...**LHP Lucas Luetge** has not allowed a run in his first two appearances (2.0 ip)...was signed by Arizona to a minor league contract in 2019 after not pitching professionally in 2018...combined to go 9-3 with a 2.38 ERA and .231 opponents average in 55 games with Double-A Jackson and Triple-A Reno...**RHP Brian Schmitter** has not allowed a run in his first two appearances...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 no decisions and a 3.72 ERA in six relief appearances with Oakland.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Feb. 28 at Cincinnati

Reds: RHP Anthony DeSclafani, RHP Tony Santillan, LHP Josh Smith, RHP José De León, RHP Ryan Hendrix, RHP Vladimir Gutierrez, RHP Alex Powers

Feb. 29 vs. Cleveland

A's: RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, RHP Tanner Anderson
Indians: LHP Scott Moss, LHP Brad Hand, LHP Oliver Pérez, RHP James Karinchak, RHP Hunter Wood, RHP Argenis Angulo

Feb. 29 vs. Cleveland at Las Vegas

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP Brian Howard, RHP Ben Bracewell, LHP T.J. McFarland, RHP Jordan Weems
Indians: RHP Zach Plesac, RHP James Hoyt, RHP Dominic Leone, RHP Kyle Dowdy, LHP Anthony Gose

Mar. 1 at Kansas City

A's: TBA, LHP Jake Diekman
Royals: TBA

Mar. 1 vs. Cleveland at Las Vegas

A's: LHP Jesus Luzardo
Indians: RHP Adam Plutko, RHP Nick Wittgren, LHP Sam Hentges, RHP Adam Cimber, RHP Phil Maton, RHP Cam Hill