



# GAME INFORMATION OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-6) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (2-4)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
NO TELEVISION OR STREAMING

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Had their two-game winning streak snapped yesterday and are now 2-6 to start the spring...that is the worst record in the Cactus League and second worst in the majors (Pittsburgh, 0-7)...Oakland batters are tied for the Major League lead with 35 walks and are tied for the CL lead with 75 hits...A's pitchers have allowed the most runs (62) and hits (98)...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 and the fourth lowest on-base percentage.

**A's vs. INDIANS:** The A's and Indians will square off four times this spring, including today in Las Vegas and Mesa, tomorrow in Las Vegas and next Friday at Goodyear...the A's won the only meeting last spring on March 2 at Hohokam, 1-0...have lost six of their last nine spring games to Cleveland, including four straight at Goodyear...have not defeated the Indians at Goodyear since March 19, 2014.

**A's IN VEGAS:** The A's will take on the Indians in a two-game series today and tomorrow at the home ballpark of the A's Triple-A affiliate, Las Vegas Ballpark...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 Ma-

ior League experience (Anderson, Campbell, Goins, Lee, Luetge, Orf, Pérez, Schlitter, Schulz).

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is underway...pitchers and catchers report a week from today 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, with the exception of split squads today in Mesa, tomorrow against Kansas City, Mar. 6 vs. Cleveland and Mar. 14 vs. Milwaukee...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: today vs. Cleveland in Las Vegas, Monday night 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
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	L, 1-10	2-6	DeSclafani	Fiers	3,237	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	INTERNET/RADIO/TV				
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)

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## ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**#30 AUSTIN ALLEN:** Has hit safely in each of his last four games (4-for-10, .400) 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 five 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:** Has appeared in three games at first base and two in left field...also has a pinch hit double...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 via hit or walk in each of his four 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 VIMAEI MACHÍN:** Has appeared in three games at second base, two at third 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.

**#12 SEAN MURPHY:** Is one of two position players that has yet to appear in a game (Piscotty)...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 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.

**#25 STEPHEN PISCOTTY:** Is one of two position players that has yet to appear in a game (Murphy)...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

**#58 RHP PAUL BLACKBURN:** Allowed four runs on seven hits in 1.2 innings in his first outing last Sunday at Arizona...was 0-2 with a 10.64 ERA in four games over three stints with Oakland last year...spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Las Vegas where he went 11-3 with a 4.34 ERA in 24 games, including 22 starts.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	at Arizona	R	3-7	-	21.60	1.2	7	4	4	1	0	0

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

**#53 RHP TANNER ANDERSON (NR):** Allowed three unearned runs in the sixth inning last Tuesday at San Diego after retiring the only two batters he faced in the fifth inning in his first appearance...spent most of 2019 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 and went 0-3 with a 6.04 ERA.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Chicago (NL)	R	2-12	-	0.00	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feb. 25	at San Diego	R	6-9	-	0.00	1.0	4	3	0	0	1	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)					0-0	0.00	1.2	4	3	0	2	0

**#75 RHP WANDISSON CHARLES (NR):** 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...struck out 93 batters in 62.1 innings, but walked 43.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Chicago (NL)	R	2-12	-	27.00	1.0	2	3	3	1	2	1
Feb. 25	at San Diego	R	6-9	-	16.20	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)					0-0	16.20	1.2	2	3	3	2	1

**#80 LHP DONNIE HART (NR):** 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...was 4-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 48 games with the two clubs Triple-A affiliates.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Chicago (NL)	R	2-12	-	40.50	0.2	3	3	3	2	2	0
Feb. 25	at San Diego	R	6-9	-	20.25	0.2	1	2	0	1	1	0
Totals (2 games, 0 starts)					0-0	20.25	1.1	4	5	3	3	0

**#36 RHP YUSMEIRO PETIT:** Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...pitched in an American League-leading 80 games last year and was 5-3 with a 2.71 ERA and .194 opponents batting average...had a career high in games and career lows in ERA, opponents batting average and on-base percentage (.218).

**#48 RHP JOAKIM SORIA:** Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was 2-4 with a save, five blown saves and a 4.30 ERA in 71 games with Oakland last year in his 12th season in the majors...struck out a career-high 79 batters...matched his high in innings pitched (69.0)...his .202 opponents batting average was his lowest since 2008 (.169).

## UPCOMING PROBABLES

### Feb. 29 vs. Cleveland

**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

**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:** LHP Danny Duffy, RHP Jorge López, RHP Brady Singer, RHP Glenn Sparkman, LHP Daniel Lynch, RHP Jackson Kowar, LHP Foster Griffin, RHP Tyler Zuber

### 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

### Mar. 2 vs. Chicago (NL)

**A's:** RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Liam Hendriks

**Cubs:** RHP Alec Mills