



# GAME INFORMATION OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-6) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (7-4-1)

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**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won six straight and eight of the last nine games after starting the spring 0-5...are now 8-6 overall, which is the fifth best record in the Cactus League...the A's lead the majors in runs (85) and walks (68)...lead the CL in doubles (27), rank second in hits (131) and on-base percentage (.369) and tied for third in triples (4)...the pitching staff has the highest opponents batting average in the majors (.321) and the fourth highest ERA (6.27)...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. DODGERS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Dodgers this spring...meet again at Camelback Ranch on Mar. 12...Oakland lost the only game last spring, 5-3 on Feb. 27 at Hohokam...are now 0-5 against the Dodgers over the previous four springs and have not won since Mar. 20, 2015, a 3-2 win 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.

**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 Saturday with the first workout scheduled for Sunday...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 tomorrow at 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...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)...11 of the remaining games will be broadcast on television, including one by NBCSCA on 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	
Feb. 29	Cleveland (ss)	W, 8-7	3-6	Hart	Wood	6,206	23,485
	Cleveland (ss) (at LV)	W, 8-6	4-6	Howard	Weiss	8,159	
March 1	at Kansas City (ss)	W, 10-6	5-6	Naile	Sparkman	5,237	
	at Cleveland (ss) (at LV)	W, 8-5	6-6	Luzardo	Plutko	7,521	
March 2	Chicago (NL)	W, 5-2	7-6	Bracewell	Norwood	4,938	28,423
March 3	at Chicago (AL)	W, 6-5	8-6	Bassitt	Mejia	3,559	
March 4	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	INTERNET/RADIO/TV				
March 5	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	Tunein/MLB Network (airs at 1am & 7 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:** Is 0-for-3 with a walk over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous six contests (6-for-14, .429)...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:** Is 2-for-11 (.182) over his last six games after going 5-for-12 (.417) over his first four contests...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:** Is 3-for-9 (.333) with three walks over his last four games after going 3-for-13 (.231) with no walks over his first five contests...has appeared in seven six games at second base and one in center field...had three stints with the A's last year and batted .123 with two home runs and five RBI in 23 games...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:** Is 2-for-5 (.400) over his last two games after going 1-for-10 (.100) over his first six contests...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:** Had a grand slam Sunday at Kansas City and six of his nine hits are for extra bases (four doubles, one triple, one home run)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in hits, ranks second in extra base hits, tied for second in doubles, third in total bases (18) and tied for third in RBI (8)...has appeared in seven games at first base and two in left field...batted .297 with 37 home runs and 104 RBI in 112 games with Triple-A Las Vegas last year and .293 with no home runs and 13 RBI in 26 games with the A's.

**#20 MARK CANHA:** Is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in walks (5)...has appeared in three games in right field, three 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:** Is 1-for-7 (.143) with three RBI over his last three games after going 2-for-6 (.333) with two RBI over his first three...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 and his second straight AL Platinum Glove.

**#2 CHRIS DAVIS:** Is 2-for-4 (.500) over his last two games after going 1-for-6 (.167) over his first three contests...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:** Doubled in the third inning Sunday against Cleveland at Las Vegas after starting the spring 0-for-15...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).

**#8 ROBBIE GROSSMAN:** Is 3-for-6 (.500) with a home run and three RBI over his last three games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first four...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.

**#37 JONAH HEIM:** Had three hits Tuesday at Chicago (AL) and is 5-for-8 (.625) with two doubles and four RBI over his last four games...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:** Went 0-for-4 Tuesday at Chicago (AL) after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first six games...was acquired from the Chicago Cubs for Alfonso Rivas, Jan. 13, 2020...batted a combined .212 with home runs and 29 RBI in 110 games with Houston and the Cubs last year.

**#22 RAMÓN LAUREANO:** Has just two hits this spring but has five RBI...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...tied for third among American League outfielders with 10 assists.

**#39 VIMAEI MACHÍN:** Is 6-for-15 (.400) over his last six games after going 1-for-7 over his first three...has appeared in four games at second base, three at third base, one at first base at one at designated hitter...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 with 69 walks (.390 on-base percentage) in 129 games with Double-A Tennessee and Triple-A Iowa.

**#13 JORGE MATEO:** Had three hits Tuesday at Chicago (AL) after going 0-for-5 over his previous three games...has appeared in five 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:** Walked in each of his two plate appearances Monday night against the Cubs in his spring debut...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:** Is 4-for-10 (.400) over his last four games after going 2-for-12 (.167) over his first six contests...has appeared in eight games at third base and three at second base...batted .317 with 27 home runs and 102 RBI in 126 games with Triple-A Las Vegas last year...also hit .250 with no home runs and seven RBI in 25 games with the A's in his Major League debut.

**#28 MATT OLSON:** Has two hits this spring, both doubles...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.

**#18 CHAD PINDER:** Is 0-for-5 over his last two games after going 6-for-9 (.667) with two walks over his previous four contests...has appeared in four games in right field, two at third base and one at designated hitter...batted .240 with 13 home runs and 47 RBI in 124 games last year...started at least one game at seven different positions for the second consecutive season.

**#10 MARCUS SEMIEN:** Went 2-for-4 with two walks in two games at Las Vegas over the weekend...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).

## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

**#50 RHP MIKE FIERS:** Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...allowed five runs in two innings in his last start Friday at Cincinnati after retiring all six batters that he faced in his first start...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 pct. (.304).

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	San Francisco	R	3-5	-	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	S	1-10	L	11.25	2.0	4	5	5	3	1	1
<b>Totals (2 games, 2 starts)</b>					<b>0-1</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

**#35 LHP JAKE DIEKMAN:** Has allowed at least one run in two of his three appearances...began the season with Kansas City and was 0-6 with a 4.75 ERA in 48 relief appearances when he was traded to Oakland on July 27...went 1-1 with a 4.43 ERA in 28 games with the A's and had a 4.65 ERA in a career-high 76 relief appearances overall.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	San Francisco	R	3-5	-	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	2	0	1
Feb. 26	Arizona	R	16-3	-	9.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mar. 1	at Kansas City	R	10-6	-	9.00	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals (3 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

**#32 RHP DANIEL GOSSETT:** Has not allowed a run in his first two appearances (3.0 ip)...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
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	R	1-10	-	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	2	0
<b>Totals (2 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**#67 RHP GRANT HOLMES:** Has allowed at least one run in each of his two appearances...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
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	R	1-10	-	2.25	2.0	2	2	0	2	2	0
<b>Totals (2 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

**#56 RHP JAMES KAPRIELIAN:** Allowed three runs in two innings in his last outing last Friday at Cincinnati after tossing a scoreless sixth inning in his first appearance...after pitching in just eight games in his first four years due to elbow problems and "Tommy John" surgery, he went 4-3 with a 3.18 ERA in 19 games, 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
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	R	1-10	-	9.00	2.0	4	3	3	1	1	1
<b>Totals (2 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**#48 RHP JOAKIM SORIA:** Allowed a run in the fourth inning in his first appearance Saturday against Cleveland at Hohokam...was 2-4 with 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).

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 29	Cleveland	R	8-7	-	9.00	1.0	1	1	1	1	2	0

## UPCOMING PROBABLES

### Mar. 5 vs. Los Angeles (NL)

**Dodgers:** RHP Walker Buehler, RHP Kenley Jansen, RHP Joe Kelly, LHP Caleb Ferguson, LHP Adam Kolarek, RHP Brett de Geus, RHP Dylan Floro

### Mar. 6 vs. Cincinnati (ss)

**A's:** LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Lou Trivino, LHP Lucas Luetge, RHP Brian Schmitter, RHP Jaime Schultz

**Reds:** LHP Wade Miley, RHP Tyler Thornburg, RHP Joel Kuhnel, RHP David Carpenter, LHP Brooks Raley, RHP R.J. Alaniz, LHP Jesse Biddle, RHP Matt Bowman

### Mar. 6 at Cleveland (ss)

**A's:** RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Burch Smith, RHP Jordan Weems, LHP Donnie Hart, RHP Zach Lee

**Indians:** RHP Shane Bieber, LHP Brad Hand, LHP Oliver Perez, RHP Nick Wittgren, RHP Hunter Wood, LHP Sam Hentges, RHP Dalbert Siri, RHP Henry Martinez