



# GAME INFORMATION OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-7) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (11-6)

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**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won 12 of the last 14 games after starting the spring 0-5...are 12-7 (.632) overall, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind San Diego (11-4) and Texas (11-6)...the A's lead the majors in on-base percentage (.367), runs (121), hits (179) and doubles (42) and are tied for the lead in walks (89)...are tied for second in the CL in triples (5), rank third in batting (.277) and fourth in OPS (.812)...the pitching staff has the highest opponents batting average in the majors (.306) and the fifth highest ERA (5.82)...the defense is tied for the CL lead in double plays (19) and ranks fourth in fielding percentage (.983)...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. RANGERS:** This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...meet again on Friday at Hohokam...the A's won the only game last spring, a 4-1 decision in Mesa on Mar. 5...are now 5-10-1 against the Rangers over the previous seven springs.

**IN CAMP:** After making six moves yesterday and 23 total in the first round of cuts, the A's now have 41 players on the active roster...that breaks down to 31 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 10 non-roster invitees... have 18 pitchers, five catchers, 12 infielders and six 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.

**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.

**CONTRACT STATUS:** The A's have three players under contract beyond the 2020 season...Chris 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.

**NON-ROSTER INVITEES:** Following yesterday's roster moves, the A's now have 10 non-roster invitees in Major League camp...the players include IF Nick Allen, IF Eric Campbell, C Ronnie Freeman, IF Ryan Goins, LHP Lucas Luetge, IF Nate Orf, C Carlos Pérez, RHP Brian Schlitter, RHP Jaime Schultz and RHP Jordan Weems...seven of those 10 have Major League experience (Campbell, Goins, Luetge, Orf, Pérez, Schlitter, Schulz).

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is underway...pitchers and catchers had their first workout yesterday...position players report on Friday with the first workout scheduled for Saturday...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 the one remaining split squad on 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, 19, 23 and 24... Donny Baarns and Alex Jensen will call the remaining games...three remaining games are scheduled to air on KHTK and the A's Radio Network (Mar. 13, 15 and 23, schedule subject to change)...nine 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 three others will be tape delayed (Mar. 12, 14 and 18)...the Giants will broadcast the games of Mar. 19 and 23 on NBCSBA...one game will be streamed by NBCSCA with A's Cast audio: Mar. 14 vs. Seattle.

### 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) at Arizona (ss)	L, 3-5 L, 3-7	0-2	Wolff	Dunshee	6,017	6,017
Feb. 24	Milwaukee	L, 4-14	0-4	Ray	Bassitt	9,437	
Feb. 25	at San Diego	L, 6-9	0-5	Burnes	Manaea	3,512	9,529
Feb. 26	Arizona	W, 16-3	1-5	Ramirez	Bracewell	2,099	
Feb. 27	Colorado	W, 5-2	2-5	Montas	Weaver	3,745	13,274
Feb. 28	at Cincinnati	L, 1-10	2-6	Lee	Fernandez	4,005	17,279
Feb. 29	Cleveland (ss) Cleveland (ss) (at LV)	W, 8-7 W, 8-6	3-6 4-6	DeSclafani	Fiers	3,237	
March 1	at Kansas City (ss) at Cleveland (ss) (at LV)	W, 10-6 W, 8-5	5-6 6-6	Hart	Wood	6,206	23,485
March 2	Chicago (NL)	W, 5-2	7-6	Howard	Weiss	8,159	
March 3	at Chicago (AL)	W, 6-5	8-6	Naile	Sparkman	5,237	
March 4	OFF DAY			Luzardo	Plutko	7,521	
March 5	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 5-1	9-6	Bracewell	Norwood	4,938	28,423
March 6	Cincinnati (ss) at Cleveland (ss)	L, 5-11 W, 7-6	9-7	Bassitt	Mejia	3,559	
March 7	at Seattle	W, 8-4	11-7	Fiers	Buehler	7,672	36,095
March 8	Milwaukee	W, 11-3	12-7	Thornburg	Trivino	5,731	41,826
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	INTERNET/RADIO/TV				
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) at Milwaukee (ss)	1:05 pm 1:05 pm	Tunein/NBCSCA Streaming 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)
- March 5 Daniel Gossett, Grant Holmes and James Kaprielian optioned to Las Vegas; Tanner Anderson, Wandisson Charles and Miguel Romero reassigned to minor league camp
- March 6 Daulton Jefferies optioned to Las Vegas; Ben Bracewell, Parker Dunshee, Ian Gardeck, Donnie Hart, Brian Howard and Zach Lee reassigned to minor league camp
- March 7 Luis Barrera, Paul Blackburn and Skye Bolt optioned to Las Vegas; Collin Theroux reassigned to minor league camp
- March 8 Dustin Fowler and Sheldon Neuse optioned to Las Vegas; Logan Davidson, Greg Deichmann, Buddy Reed and Dillon Thomas reassigned to minor league camp

## ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**#30 AUSTIN ALLEN:** Is 4-for-6 with two doubles, a home run and five RBI over his last three games...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in hits (11) and tied for sixth in RBI (9)...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 three RBI in 34 games over four stints.

**#1 FRANKLIN BARRETO:** Had three doubles yesterday against Milwaukee and is now 8-for-20 (.400) with three doubles, two triples and three walks over his last seven games...is tied for second in the Cactus League in triples (2) and tied for fourth in doubles (4) and extra base hits (6)...has appeared in 10 games at second base and one in center field...batted .123 with two home runs and five RBI in 23 games with Oakland last year and .295 with 19 home runs and 65 RBI in 98 games with Triple-A Las Vegas.

**#15 SETH BROWN:** Is tied for the Major League lead in doubles (5) and extra base hits (7)...is tied for second in the Cactus League in hits (12), tied for sixth in total bases (22) and tied for 10th in RBI (8)...has appeared in 10 games at first base and three 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:** Had two hits yesterday against Milwaukee after going 0-for-5 over his previous three games...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...has appeared in five games in right field, four in center field and one at designated hitter...started games at five different positions last year and batted .273 with 26 home runs and 58 RBI in 126 games.

**#26 MATT CHAPMAN:** Is 2-for-7 (.286) with five walks and five runs scored over his last four games...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...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 KHRIS DAVIS:** Has made six of his seven starts at designated hitter...started the game in left field Friday against Cincinnati...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 May 22...was reinstated June 1 and hit .207 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI over his final 90 games.

**#8 ROBBIE GROSSMAN:** Had reached base safely via hit, walk or hit by pitch in each of his last nine games before going 0-for-1 yesterday...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...has played exclusively in left field on defense this spring...played in a career-high 138 games in his first season as an Athletic last year and batted .240 with six home runs, 38 RBI and a .334 on-base percentage.

**#37 JONAH HEIM:** Had three hits last Tuesday at Chicago (AL) and is 6-for-16 (.375) with two doubles and four RBI over his last seven games...combined with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Las Vegas to hit a career-high .310 with a career-high tying nine home runs and 53 RBI in 85 games last year.

**#5 TONY KEMP:** Is 1-for-9 (.111) over his last three games after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first six contests...has played five games at second base, three in left field and one at designated hitter...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:** Hit his first home run Friday against Cincinnati and is 4-for-7 (.571) over his last three games after going 2-for-14 (.143) over his first six...has eight RBI, which is tied for 10th in the Cactus League...batted .288 with 24 home runs and 67 RBI in 123 games last year in a season interrupted by a five-week stay on the injured list with a right lower leg stress reaction.

**#39 VIMAEEL MACHÍN:** Is 7-for-19 (.368) over his last 10 games after going 1-for-7 over his first three...has appeared in five games at second base, four at third base, one at shortstop, 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 batting average and .390 on-base percentage in 129 games with Double-A Tennessee and Triple-A Iowa last year.

**#13 JORGE MATEO:** Is 3-for-12 (.250) over his last six games with all three hits coming last Tuesday at Chicago (AL)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three 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 a week ago tonight 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.

**#28 MATT OLSON:** Three of his four hits this spring are for extra bases (2 doubles, 1 home run)...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 4-for-9 (.444) over his last three games...has appeared in four games in right field, two at third base, two at designated hitter, one in left field and one at first base...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:** Is 1-for-12 (.083) over his last five games after going 4-for-9 (.444) over his first five contests...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

**#40 RHP CHRIS BASSITT:** Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...has allowed two runs in two of his three appearances...saw the most extensive action of his five-year career last year, going 10-5 with a 3.81 ERA and .229 opponents batting average in 28 games, including 25 starts...led the A's with 141 strikeouts.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 23	at Arizona	S	3-7	L	18.00	1.0	2	2	2	2	1	1
Feb. 27	Colorado	R	5-2	-	6.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 3	at Los Angeles (NL)	S	6-5	W	6.00	3.0	2	2	2	2	0	1
<b>Totals (3 games, 2 starts)</b>					<b>1-1</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

**#60 LHP LUCAS LUETGE (NR):** Has allowed three runs in 2.0 innings over his last two outings after tossing a scoreless inning in each of his first two appearances...was signed by Arizona to a minor league contract in 2019 after not pitching professionally in 2018...spent two months at Double-A Jackson and was moved up to Triple-A Reno June 1...combined to go 9-3 with a 2.38 ERA and .231 opponents average in 55 games overall.

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	1	0	0	0	0	0
Feb. 26	Arizona	R	16-3	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 1	at Cleveland (at LV)	R	8-5	-	3.00	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Mar. 6	Cincinnati	R	5-11	-	6.75	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	0
<b>Totals (4 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**#54 RHP BRIAN SCHLITZER (NR):** Has allowed one run in each of his last two outings after tossing 1.2 scoreless innings over his first two appearances...spent most of 2019 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.

Date	Opponent	Start/Rel	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Feb. 22	at Chicago (NL)	R	2-12	-	0.00	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb. 25	at San Diego	R	6-9	-	0.00	1.1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Mar. 1	at Cleveland (at LV)	R	8-5	-	3.38	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Mar. 6	Cincinnati	R	5-11	-	4.91	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals (4 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**#68 RHP JAIME SCHULTZ (NR):** Has not allowed a run in four of his five appearances...had two stints with the Dodgers last year and compiled a 7.20 ERA in four relief appearances...spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Oklahoma City where he compiled a 2-3 record, four saves and a 5.85 ERA in a career-high 47 appearances.

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	0	0	0	0	2	0
Feb. 26	Arizona	R	16-3	-	4.50	1.0	2	1	1	1	2	0
Mar. 1	at Cleveland (at LV)	R	8-5	-	3.00	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 3	at Chicago (AL)	R	6-5	S	2.25	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 7	at Seattle	R	8-4	-	1.80	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals (5 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0, 1 SV</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

**#70 RHP JORDAN WEEMS (NR):** Has not allowed a run in his first five appearances (5.0 ip) and opponents are 3-for-17 (.176) with a walk...spent most of the 2019 season at Double-A Portland in the Red Sox organization...also pitched in eight games with Triple-A Pawtucket and combined to go 0-3 with eight saves and a 4.37 ERA in 41 games, including one start, overall.

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	1	0	0	0	2	0
Feb. 26	Arizona	R	16-3	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Feb. 29	Cleveland (at LV)	R	8-7	S	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mar. 2	Chicago (NL)	R	5-2	-	0.00	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 7	at Seattle	R	8-4	-	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals (5 games, 0 starts)</b>					<b>0-0, 1 SV</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

## UPCOMING PROBABLES

### Mar. 9 at Texas

**Rangers:** RHP Jonathan Hernández, RHP Edinson Vólquez, LHP Brett Martin, RHP Derek Law, RHP Nick Goody, RHP Joe Barlow

### Mar. 10 vs. Kansas City

**A's:** RHP Mike Fiers, RHP Burch Smith, LHP Jake Diekman, RHP Lou Trivino, LHP T.J. McFarland

**Royals:** RHP Jorge Lopez, LHP Foster Griffin, RHP Arnaldo Hernandez, LHP Richard Lovelady, RHP Jake Newberry, LHP Randy Rosario, RHP Kyle Zimmer, RHP Chance Adams, RHP Tyler Zuber

### Mar. 11 at Los Angeles (AL)

**A's:** LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Yusmeiro Petit

**Angels:** TBA

### Mar. 12 at Los Angeles (NL)

**A's:** LHP Jesús Luzardo

**Dodgers:** LHP David Price, LHP Adam Kolarek, RHP Kenley Jansen, RHP Pedro Báez