



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (6-5-4) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (6-6-1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 2-4-3 over the last nine games after going 4-1-1 over the first six contests...the four tie games are the most by an Oakland team since moving to Arizona for Spring Training in 1969...the previous high was three in 2010 and 2013...have 15 tie games over the last six springs...are 4-1-2 at Phoenix Muni and 2-4-2 on the road...A's hitters rank fourth in the majors in strikeouts (113) and walks (51)...this is the A's 46th Spring Training in Arizona, including their 33rd and final spring in Phoenix...return to Mesa next spring, where the A's trained from 1969-78 after moving from Florida...moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring, including 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29)...the A's went 17-13-3 last spring, which was the third best record in the Cactus League and sixth best in the majors...went 15-7-2 in 2012, marking the first time they have posted a winning record in consecutive springs since 2007-08.

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to the Padres at Peoria, 6-5...the A's scored three times in the first inning on a RBI double by John Jaso and a two-run home run by Jed Lowrie...Coco Crisp added a RBI double in the second and Josh Reddick delivered a RBI single in the fifth to give the A's a 5-0 lead...Sonny Gary started for the A's and pitched 4.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 3 so)...Drew Pomeranz allowed an unearned run in the fifth and Fernando Abad yielded a run in the sixth before Philip Humber allowed four runs in the seventh inning while retiring just one batter for the loss...Crisp, Lowrie and Luke Montz had two hits each for the A's.

PLAYER NOTES: *Billy Burns* ranks second in the Cactus League in stolen bases (7) and tied for fourth in runs (7)...the seven steals match the most by an A's player during a non-strike spring since at least 1991, the first year spring stats are available (also Rajai Davis, 2009)...*Alberto Callaspo* is 4 for 9 (.444) over his last three games after going 1 for 12 over his previous five contests...has appeared in six games at third base, two at first base and one at designated hitter...*Yoenis Céspedes* is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (6)...has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and three in left field...*Coco Crisp* had his first multiple hit game yesterday and is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last three games after going 0 for 9 over his first four contests...has reached base safely in each of his seven games...is tied for sixth in the CL in walks (6)...*Josh Donaldson* has homered in back-to-back games and is 4 for 10 (.400) with four RBI over his last four games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2)...*Jake Elmore* had his first two-hit game Friday against Arizona and is 3 for 9 (.333) over his last five games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in seven games at second base, four at third base and one at shortstop...*Nate Freiman* is 2 for 6 (.333) over his last four games after going 1 for 15 over his first eight contests...*Sam Fuld* is tied for fourth in the CL in runs (7)...has appeared in nine games in left field, four in center field and one in right field...*Chris Gimenez* has appeared in 11 games at catcher, one at first base and one in left field...*Jed Lowrie* has hit safely in each of his last four games (5 for 12, .417) after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...*Jose Martinez* is 2 for 5 (.400) over his last three games after going 0 for 10 over his previous six contests...has appeared in seven games at second base and five at third base...*Luke Montz* had his first multiple hit game yesterday at San Diego after going 1 for 11 (.091) over his previous seven games...*Brandon Moss* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his six games and has four multiple hit games over that stretch...*Nick Punto* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his eight games...has appeared in four games at second base and four at shortstop...*Josh Reddick* is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (6)...*Addison Russell* is 6 for 15 (.400) over his last seven games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...*Eric Sogard* is 3 for 6 (.500) over his last two games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...*Michael Taylor* is 9 for 17 (.529) with three doubles and two home runs over his last eight games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2), tied for fifth in hits (11) and total bases (20) and eighth in slugging (.625)...is the only Athletic to play in all 14 possible games this spring...*Stephen Vogt* has reached base safely via hit or walk in all eight of his games...is tied for 10th in the CL in hits (10)...had his third multiple hit game Sunday against Chicago (AL).

A's vs. ROYALS: This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...meet again on Friday at Surprise...the two clubs split two games last spring with the Royals winning at Surprise 8-2 and the A's winning in Phoenix 6-3...over the previous six springs, the A's are 5-0-1 in Phoenix and 0-6 at Surprise.

IN CAMP: The A's have 47 players in camp, including 37 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and 10 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 23 pitchers, five catchers, 12 infielders and seven

outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty, who is on the 60-day disabled list.

PHOENIX MUNI FAREWELL: This is the A's final spring in Phoenix as last March the team and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the A's to return to Mesa beginning in 2015...Oakland, which also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years, will conduct workouts at Fitch Park and play its Spring Training games at Hohokam Stadium, the former home of the Chicago Cubs...Fitch Park and Hohokam Stadium are currently undergoing \$20 million in renovations.

INSTANT REPLAY: The A's will have their first game with instant replay tomorrow night against Colorado...have two other games in Arizona with instant replay: March 18 at Chicago (AL) and March 24 at Texas...in addition, all three games in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29) will have instant replay.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse at Phoenix Municipal Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the games begin, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at stretch time...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play...at that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room...lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner...complimentary parking is available in the main lot at Phoenix Muni at the corner of Van Buren and Priest by presenting your credential to the attendant.

A's ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 15 games this spring, including 12 from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games, all Giants games (except the split squad on March 15) and March 13 against Colorado...Ken Korach returns for his 19th year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (ninth) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 29th season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including March 13th against the Rockies (7:05 PM) and March 28 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 PM)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, four remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are March 15 vs. TEX (1:00 am PT on March 16), March 18 vs. CWS (1:00 pm PT), March 23 vs. CHI (12:00 am PT on March 24), March 24 vs. TEX (11:00 pm PT).

2013 RECAP: The A's compiled a 96-66 record, which was second best in the American League and tied for third best in the majors...it was the second consecutive season the A's finished with the second best record in the AL...won their second straight AL West title, marking the fourth time in Oakland history the A's have won consecutive division championships (1971-75, 1988-90, 2002-03)...it was the A's sixth AL West crown in the last 14 years and their 16th since moving to Oakland...only the Yankees (18) and Braves (17) have more division championships...finished 5½ games ahead of second place Texas, which was the A's largest margin since 1992 when they won the West by six games...the 96-66 (.593) record was the A's best since 2003 when they also went 96-66...it tied for the ninth best record in Oakland history...are 190-134 over the last two years, which is tied with Atlanta for the best record in the majors.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 17	Joe Savery claimed off waivers from Philadelphia; Eric O'Flaherty placed on the 60-day disabled list (Tommy John surgery)
Feb. 27	Jake Elmore acquired from Chicago (AL) for cash; Andy Parrino designated for assignment
March 3	Andy Parrino claimed off waivers by Texas
March 9	Dusty Brown, Jose Flores, Bruce Maxwell, Jeremy McBryde and Andrew Werner reassigned to minor league camp
March 10	Shane Peterson optioned to Sacramento, Raul Alcantara optioned to Midland, Michael Ynoa optioned to Stockton

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WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and start of the spring...tossed 3.0 shutout innings in his first start last Friday against Arizona...was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract, December 4, 2013...went from the independent Atlantic League in 2012 to a key member of the Cleveland Indians rotation in 2013, going 10-9 with a 4.04 ERA in 29 starts...it was his sixth 10-win season but his first since 2009...his 29 starts were his most since 2007, as were his 158.0 innings pitched...walked 47 batters for an average of 2.68 walks per nine innings, which was the lowest mark of his career...struck out 162, and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.45 was also a career best...averaged 9.23 strikeouts per nine innings...did not qualify for the league leaders but had the seventh best strikeout per nine inning ratio among AL pitchers with 150 or more innings pitched...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .226 against left-handed hitters compared to .275 against right-handers.

KAZMIR'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 7	Arizona	2-0	--	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	0	2	0

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run over his first four outings (4.0 ip) and has allowed just one base runner...the base runner came in his last outing Saturday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h)...went 5-5 with two saves and a 3.13 ERA in 70 relief appearances with the A's last year...allowed just 2-of-32 (6.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest mark in the Majors Leagues...dating back to 1974, the first year inherited runner data is available, that is the lowest mark in Oakland history and the sixth best mark in the majors...has allowed just 5-of-54 (9.3%) inherited runners to score in his career...issued just 13 walks in 69.0 innings, an average of 1.70 walks per nine innings...that was the seventh lowest mark among American League relievers...struck out 60 and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.62 was 10th best...had a .214 opponents batting average, including .188 (16-for-85) against left-handed hitters compared to .227 (37-for-163) against right-handers.

#71 DERYK HOOKER RHP (0-0, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (2.2 ip), including his last appearance Monday at Los Angeles-NL (0.2 ip)...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...combined for a 1-4 record, eight saves and a 4.12 ERA in a career-high 54 appearances with Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis in his seventh and final season in the St. Louis Cardinals organization last year...it was the first time in his career he pitched exclusively in relief...the saves were a career-high as he had just three over his first six professional seasons...all eight saves came at Springfield, which led the team...struck out 75 batters in 67.2 innings...pitched for Lara in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and posted a 9.31 ERA in nine relief appearances.

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his four outings, including his last appearance Sunday against Chicago-AL (1.0 ip, 2 so)...was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles for Jemile Weeks and a player to be named later (minor leaguer David Freitas), December 2, 2013...led the American League and tied Atlanta's Craig Kimbrel for the Major League lead with 50 saves...also led the majors with 51 saves in 2012 and is the second pitcher in ML history to lead the majors in saves in back-to-back seasons (Rollie Fingers, 1977-78)...is the second reliever in ML history with back-to-back 50-save seasons (Eric Gagne, 2002-03)...his 50 saves in 2013 tied for sixth most in AL history and were second most in Baltimore history to his record of 51 in 2012...was 3-8 with a 2.94 ERA in career-high 74 appearances...the appearances ranked sixth in

the AL...was charged with a career-high and ML leading nine blown saves and his save percentage of 84.7% ranked 10th in the AL.

#25 JOSH LINDBLOM RHP (0-1, 4.05 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed one run in each of his first three outings, all with 1.2 or more innings pitched...was charged with the loss in his last appearance Saturday at Colorado (1.2 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...was acquired from the Texas Rangers with Craig Gentry for Michael Choice and minor leaguer Chris Bostick, December 3, 2013...spent most of the 2013 season at Triple-A Round Rock but also had three stints with Texas...went 1-3 with a 5.46 ERA in eight games, five starts...the starts were the first of his Major League career...allowed a .278 opponents average, including .262 (11-for-42) against right-handed hitters compared to .286 (24-for-84) against left-handers...yielded a .193 batting average the first time through the lineup and .182 with runners in scoring position...was 8-4 with a 3.08 ERA in 20 games, 18 starts, with Round Rock...had minor league career-highs in wins, starts and innings pitched...allowed a .214 opponents batting average.

#49 FERNANDO NIEVE RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings, including his last appearance Friday against Arizona when he tossed a scoreless ninth inning for his first save (1.0 ip, 2 h)...the non-roster invitee was re-signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Columbus in the Cleveland organization and was 5-3 with a 1.81 ERA in 22 games, including two starts, when he was traded to the A's organization for cash considerations, Aug. 3...was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento and logged a 1-0 record and 2.19 ERA in seven games, one start...also had a one-day stay with Cleveland in April but did not appear in a game...combined for a 6-3 record and a 1.89 ERA in 29 games, three starts, overall...struck out 64 batters in 57.0 innings...made five starts in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season for Margarita and Caracas, going 0-2 with a 4.74 ERA.

#50 JOE SAVERY LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his first four appearances (3.2 ip), including his last outing Monday at Los Angeles-NL (0.1 ip, 1 so)...was claimed off waivers from Philadelphia February 17...went 2-0 with a 3.15 ERA in 18 relief appearances over four stints with the Phillies last year...held opponents to a .205 batting average, including .118 (6-for-51) by right-handed hitters and .409 (9-for-22) against left-handers...allowed 1 of 2 (50.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 3 for 14 (.214) with three walks and a sacrifice fly...pitched just once during his first stint in April and did not pitch during a three day stay from May 6-8...returned May 31 and went 2-0 with a 1.50 ERA in nine outings before going on the disabled list July 23 with elbow stiffness...was reinstated and optioned to Triple-A August 28 before returning in September...was 3-1 with two saves and a 3.08 ERA in 20 appearances with Lehigh Valley.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 12 vs. Kansas City

Royals: RHP Yordano Ventura, RHP Michael Mariot, LHP Francisley Bueno, LHP Donnie Joseph, LHP Scott Alexander, LHP Justin Marks

March 13 vs. Colorado

A's: RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Luke Gregerson
Rockies: RHP Tyler Chatwood, RHP Jon Gray, RHP Matt Belisle, LHP Yohan Flanede

March 14 at Kansas City

A's: RHP Dan Straily, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Matt Buschmann
Royals: LHP Danny Duffy, RHP Greg Holland, LHP Tim Collins, RHP Wade Davis, RHP Aaron Crow, RHP Louis Coleman

2014 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 26	at San Francisco	W, 10-5	1-0	Chavez	Petit	6,498	
Feb. 27	Milwaukee	L, 3-11	1-1	Estrada	Milone	3,649	3,649
Feb. 28	San Francisco	W, 7-6	2-1	Neal	Hembree	4,285	7,934
March 1	Texas	T, 2-2	2-1-1	--	--	4,232	12,166
March 2	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 3-2	3-1-1	Chavez	Santiago	4,777	
March 3	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 7-3	4-1-1	Doolittle	Kershaw	3,862	16,028
March 4	Milwaukee	W, 6-4		Urlaub	Hellweg	2,209	18,237
	at Chicago (NL)	L, 4-6	5-2-1	Rosscup	Ynoa	10,049	
March 5	at Milwaukee	L, 2-7	5-3-1	Duke	Pomeranz	2,408	
March 6	at Arizona	T, 8-8 (10)	5-3-2	--	--	8,185	
March 7	Arizona	W, 2-0	6-3-2	Chavez	Miley	5,686	23,923
March 8	at Colorado	L, 4-5	6-4-2	Bettis	Lindblom	11,193	
March 9	Chicago (AL)	T, 2-2	6-4-3	--	--	5,500	29,423
March 10	at Los Angeles (NL)	T, 8-8	6-4-4	--	--	7,556	
March 11	at San Diego	L, 5-6	6-5-4	Sampson	Humber	3,750	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 12	Kansas City	1:05					
March 13	Colorado	7:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				

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March 14	at Kansas City	1:05	
March 15	Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at San Francisco	3:05	
March 16	at Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 17	Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 18	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 19	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 20	OFF DAY		
March 21	at San Francisco	6:35	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 22	Seattle	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 23	Chicago (NL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at Seattle	1:05	
March 24	at Texas	1:05	
March 25	Cincinnati	1:05	
March 26	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	
March 27	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 29	San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network