



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-12-5) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (12-15)

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three straight and four of the last five games...are 7-4-2 at Phoenix Muni and 5-8-3 on the road...the A's lead the majors in walks (118), rank second in runs (175) and on-base percentage (.361), tied for third in grounded into double plays (26) and tied for fourth in batting (.285)...are tied for fourth in most errors (29)...the A's pitching staff leads the majors with 223 strikeouts...had 228 last spring, which is the most by an A's team during the spring since statistics are available beginning in 1991...has allowed 29 home runs in the last 15 games and has 41 for the spring, which is six more than any other team...the A's have five tie games, which 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 16 tie games over the last six springs...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 Rangers at Surprise, 6-2...John Jaso had a RBI single in the fifth inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead...Sean Murphy started for the A's and tossed 4.1 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and one walk, while striking out two...he was relieved by Deryk Hooker, who got the final two outs of the fifth inning before allowing three of the Rangers five runs in the sixth inning for the loss...Joe Savery allowed two runs in the sixth, Philip Humber allowed a run in the seventh and Jeff Urlaub pitched a scoreless eighth...Chris Gimenez had a RBI double in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Alberto Callaspo had three of the A's eight hits.

PLAYER NOTES: **Daric Barton** is 4 for 22 (.182) with five walks and four RBI in seven games after missing a week due to a left hamstring injury...**Billy Burns (NR)** is 12 for 29 (.414) over his last nine games...has a Major League leading 10 stolen bases, which are the most steals by an Athletic player during a non-strike spring since at least 1991, the first year spring stats are available (previous: 7, Rajai Davis in 2009)...is tied for third in the Cactus League in hits (21) and tied for ninth in runs (12)...**Alberto Callaspo** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 6), including a 3-for-3 performance yesterday at Texas...is now 12 for 28 (.429) over his last 10 games...has appeared in 10 games at third base, four at first base and two at designated hitter...**Yoenis Cespedes** hit his first home run of the spring Sunday at Seattle...is 4 for 13 (.308) over his last four games to snap a 0 for 23 streak...**Coco Crisp** had his fourth multiple hit game Sunday against the Cubs and has now reached base safely via hit or walk in 12 of his 13 games...is 11 for 23 (.478) over his last seven games...leads the majors with 12 walks...**Josh Donaldson** is 9 for 30 (.300) with three home runs and nine RBI over his last 11 games after going 1 for 11 (.091) with no RBI over his first five contests...**Jake Elmore** is 14 for 37 (.378) over his last 17 games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...has appeared in 13 games at second base, nine at third base and five at shortstop...**Sam Fuld (NR)** is 7 for 23 (.304) with two triples over his last eight games...is tied for second in the CL in runs (14) and tied for fifth in triples (3)...has appeared in 13 games in left field, eight in center field and one in right field...**Chris Gimenez** is 3 for 7 (.429) over his last five games after going 1 for 15 over his previous 12 contests...has appeared in 21 games at catcher, one at third base, one at first base and one in left field...**John Jaso** is 8 for 23 (.348) with eight RBI over his last eight games...is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (12)...**Jed Lowrie** is 1 for 7 (.143) over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous eight contests (9 for 25, .360) with four doubles, two home runs and nine RBI...is tied for eighth in the CL in RBI (12)...**Brandon Moss** is 5 for 18 (.278) over his last seven games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first six contests...**Derek Norris** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (11 for 24, .458) and has four multiple hit games over that stretch...has hit safely in 10 of 12 games overall...**Nick Punto** is 1 for 6 with a walk over his last three games after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 13 games...is 9 for 22 (.409) over his last eight games after going 4 for 18 (.222) over his previous seven contests...has appeared in eight games at shortstop and eight at second base...**Josh Reddick** is 6 for 27 (.222) over his last 10 games after going 7 for 16 (.412) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 9 for 24 (.375) over his last nine games after going 1 for 18 over his first seven contests...**Michael Taylor** is 4 for 23 (.174) over his last eight games...is tied for ninth in the CL in total bases (33)...**Stephen Vogt** hit two home runs Saturday against Seattle and drove in four

runs...now has 12 RBI for the spring, which is tied for eighth in the CL...is 4 for 18 (.222) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last seven games.

A's vs. REDS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Reds this spring...the A's lost the first contest at Goodyear 6-5 on March 16...the A's won the only meeting last spring at Goodyear, 10-9.

IN CAMP: The A's have 31 active players in camp, including 29 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and two non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 13 pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and six outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty and Jarrod Parker, who are on the 60-day disabled list...it also does not include Ryan Cook, Craig Gentry, A.J. Griffin and Fernando Rodriguez, who are expected to open the season on the DL.

PHOENIX MUNI FAREWELL: The A's have two games remaining in Phoenix Muni: today against Cincinnati and tomorrow against Los Angeles (AL)...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.

A's vs. INDIANS: The A's open the regular season next Monday, March 31 against Cleveland at 7:05...RHP Sonny Gray will face RHP Justin Masterson...LHP Scott Kazmir takes on RHP Corey Kluber on Tuesday at 7:05 and RHP Jesse Chavez squares off against RHP Zach McAllister on Wednesday at 12:35.

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 Arizona portion of the schedule concluded yesterday...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 has one remaining game on March 28 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 PM)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site.

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
March 16	Matt Buschmann, Deryk Hooker, Philip Humber, Jose Martinez, Luke Montz, Fernando Nieve, Darwin Perez and Addison Russell reassigned to minor league camp
March 20	Kent Matthes claimed off waivers from Colorado; Jarrod Parker placed on the 60-day day disabled list (Tommy John surgery)
March 23	Nate Freiman, Arnold Leon and Josh Lindblom optioned to Sacramento

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (1-1, 3.86 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game in his last outing March 20 (6.0 ip, 7 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...tossed 5.0 scoreless innings in his last Major League start March 15 at San Francisco after allowing at least two runs in each of his first three outings...spent the first four months of the 2013 season in the starting rotation but split the final two months of the year between the bullpen, rotation and minor leagues...was 12-9 with a 4.14 ERA in 28 games, 26 starts...had a .258 opponents batting average and .301 on-base percentage, which were the lowest marks of his career...had career highs in ERA (4.14), walks (39) and home runs (25) and matched his high in extra base hits (59)...his opponents batting average included a .247 (121-for-489) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .298 (39-for-131) against left-handers...surrendered 21 of his 25 home runs to righties, which tied for fourth most in the American League...allowed a .216 batting average with runners in scoring position, which ranked eighth in the AL...received just 10 runs of support in his nine losses (1.78 RSA)...the A's were 16-10 (.615) in his 26 starting assignments and are 36-21 (.632) in his career.

MILONE'S 2014 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
February 27	Milwaukee	3-11	L	13.50	2.0	4	3	3	2	1	2	
March 4	at Chicago (NL)	4-6	--	10.80	3.0	5	3	3	0	1	1	
*March 9	Chicago (AL)	2-2	--	6.00	4.0	1	2	0	0	2	0	
March 15	at San Francisco	8-1	W	3.86	5.0	3	0	0	2	2	0	
Totals (4 games, 32 starts)				1-1	3.86	14.0	13	8	6	4	6	3

**indicates relief appearance*

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-1, 4.26 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in six of his seven appearances, including his last outing Friday against San Francisco (0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...opponents are 5 for 24 (.217) with a walk...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...first batters faced were 11-for-66 (.167) with four walks (.214 on-base percentage)...allowed two first batter doubles for a .197 slugging percentage, which was third lowest in the AL.

#44 LUKE GREGERSON RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his six outings, including his last appearance Friday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 so)...was acquired from the San Diego Padres for Seth Smith, December 3, 2013...went 6-8 with four saves and a 2.71 ERA in a team-leading 73 games in his fifth and final season with the Padres in 2013...topped 70 games for the fourth time in the last five years and has appeared in at least 61 games in each of his five seasons...his 363 games pitched over the last five years are the most in the majors over that span...tied for first among National League relievers in losses (8) and tied for sixth in wins (6)...allowed a .203 opponents batting average, including .192 (24-for-125) against right-handed hitters compared to .216 (25-for-116) against left-handers...has a .191 (137-for-718) average against right-handers in his career...first batters faced were 13-for-70 (.186) with just three walks and his .219 on-base percentage against first batters ranked seventh in the NL...tied for ninth in first batter strikeouts (20)...allowed 5-of-19 (26.3%) inherited runners to score.

#45 JIM JOHNSON RHP (0-0, 5.14 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the eighth inning in his last outing Friday night at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so) after three consecutive scoreless outings (3.0 ip, 2 h, 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...opponents grounded into 17 double plays, which were the most in the majors among relievers and a career high.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 25 vs. Cincinnati

Reds: LHP Jeff Francis, LHP Manny Parra, RHP Logan Ondrusek

March 26 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

A's: RHP Murphy Smith, LHP Fernando Abad

Angels: LHP CJ Wilson, RHP Joe Smith, RHP Kevin Jepsen

March 27 at San Francisco

A's: LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Evan Scribner, LHP Drew Pomeranz

Giants: TBA

March 28 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Jesse Chavez

Giants: TBA

March 29 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Dan Straily, LHP Tommy Milone

Giants: TBA

TODAY'S MINOR LEAGUERS

LEFT

84 Jake Goebbert

31 Andrew Werner

RIGHT

86 Tyler Ladendorf

38 Jose Martinez

55 Dusty Coleman

78 Ryan Ortiz

49 Fernando Nieve

91 Blake Hassebrock

73 Nathan Long

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	
March 12	Kansas City	L, 1-3	6-6-4	Joseph	Doolittle	4,183	33,606
March 13	Colorado	W, 10-5	7-6-4	Hooker	Belisle	7,078	40,684
March 14	at Kansas City	T, 9-9	7-6-5	--	--	6,486	

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 15	Texas	L, 15-16		Tolleson	Hooker	7,752	48,436
	at San Francisco	W, 8-1	8-7-5	Milone	Cain	12,258	
March 16	at Cincinnati	L, 6-7	8-8-5	Wang	Lindblom	6,413	
March 17	Chicago (NL)	W, 6-2	9-8-5	Savery	Wang	6,099	54,535
March 18	at Chicago (AL)	W, 16-6	10-8-5	Chavez	Quintana	7,179	
March 19	at Cleveland	W, 13-3	11-8-5	Pomeranz	Carrasco	4,758	
March 20	OFF DAY						
March 21	at San Francisco	L, 0-3	11-9-5	Petit	Gray	12,148	
March 22	Seattle	W, 6-5	12-9-5	Otero	Baker	7,250	61,785
March 23	Chicago (NL)	L, 6-8		Russell	Chavez	6,511	68,296
	at Seattle	L, 4-6	12-11-5	Luetge	Scribner	9,512	
March 24	at Texas	L, 2-6	12-12-5	Frasor	Hooker	5,221	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
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				