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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-4-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (2-8-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 – CASHMAN FIELD – 12:05 P.M. PT
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: Were swept in a split squad yesterday and are now 3-4 over the last seven games after starting the spring 4-0-1...are 7-4-1 overall, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Kansas City (10-1) and the Dodgers (5-2-4)...are 5-1 at Hohokam, 2-2-1 on the road and 0-1 at Las Vegas...lead the CL in doubles (34) and strikeouts (96), rank second in on-base percentage (.352) and walks (43), tied for third in triples (5), fourth in slugging (.457) and runs (60) and fifth in batting (.285)...the pitching staff leads the CL and ranks second in the majors with 94 strikeouts (Yankees, 104)...have one tie game this spring after tallying five last year, which were the most by an Oakland team since moving to Arizona for Spring Training in 1969...now have 17 tie games over the last seven springs...are scheduled to play 35 games this spring, including 30 games in Arizona, two in Las Vegas against the Cubs (March 13-14) and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (April 2-4)...this is the A's 47th Spring Training in Arizona...return to Mesa for the first time since 1978...after training in Bradenton in Florida in 1968, the A's moved 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...the A's went 15-13-5 last spring, which marked their third consecutive spring with a winning record (17-13-3 in 2013, 15-7-2 in 2012)...the last time A's had three straight winning springs was from 2000-04 when they had five straight.

YESTERDAY: The A's were swept in a split squad, losing 8-4 at Kansas City and 5-3 to Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas...in the Royals game, the A's scored twice in the top of the first on a two-run double by Billy Butler, but Kansas City came back with four runs in the bottom of the first and one more in the second off losing pitcher Chris Bassitt (3.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 so)...Kevin Whelan and Bobby Wahl tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's scored their final two runs in the fourth inning, highlighted by a RBI single by Eric Sogard...Billy Burns had three of the A's 11 hits...Max Muncy had a RBI single in the bottom of the first inning in the game against the Cubs but Chicago scored twice in the third inning off A's starter and losing pitcher Drew Pomeranz (3.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 6 so)...Arnold Leon followed with 2.0 scoreless innings, Ryan Cook allowed three unearned runs in the sixth and Eric O'Flaherty (1.0 ip) and Pat Venditte (2.0 ip) closed out the game with scoreless relief...Muncy hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the third of four meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the two clubs played to a 2-2 tie in the first contest March 5 at Sloan Field and the A's lost yesterday here at Cashman Field, 5-3...meet for a final time at Hohokam March 24...the A's lost two of three last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and losing at Mesa.

PLAYER NOTES: **Billy Burns** had three hits yesterday against the Royals and is 6-for-11 (.545) over his last four games...leads the Cactus League in hits (10), is tied for the lead in stolen bases (3) and triples (2), tied for second in runs (6), tied for fourth in total bases (16) and ranks ninth in slugging (.593) and on-base percentage (.433)...is one of two Athletics to appear in all 11 possible games (Pridie)...has appeared in 10 games in center field and five in left field...**Billy Butler** has three hits this spring, all for extra bases (one double, two home runs)...is tied for third in the CL in home runs...has appeared in four games at designated hitter and three at first base...**Mark Canha** hit his second home run Tuesday against Arizona, which is tied for third in the Cactus League...is tied for seventh in runs (5)...has appeared in four games in left field, three in right field and two at first base...**Luke Carlin (NR)** has hit safely in four of his five games (4-for-11, .364)...**Ike Davis** had his second multiple hit game Tuesday against Arizona and has hit safely in three of his four games (5-for-10, .500)...**Sam Fuld** went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles Tuesday against the Diamondbacks...is tied for seventh in the CL in runs (5)...has made all eight of his appearances in center field...**Craig Gentry** has appeared in four games in center field and three in right field...**Alex Hassan** has appeared in six games in left field and two in right field...**Tyler Ladendorf** has appeared in four games at second base, two in left field, two at third base and two at shortstop...**Max Muncy (NR)** went 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI yesterday against the Cubs...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4), tied for fourth in hits (8), tied for sixth in walks (4) and tied for seventh in total bases (15)...has appeared in nine games at third base and one at first base...**Matt Olson (NR)** hit his first home run Monday at Texas and is 4-for-11 (.364) with four walks over his last four games after going 0-for-8 over his first four contests...is tied for the CL lead in walks (5)...**Andy Parrino (NR)** went 2-for-4 yesterday against the Royals after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first nine games...is tied for sixth in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in seven games at shortstop, four at second base and one at third base...**Josh Phegley** is tied for third in the CL in doubles (3)...**Jason Pridie (NR)** is one of two Athletics to appear in all 11 possible

games (Burns)...has appeared in 10 games in right field and three in center field...**Marcus Semien** is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (7)...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2), tied for fourth in hits (8), ranks sixth in on-base percentage (.458), tied for sixth in slugging (.667), tied for seventh in runs (5) and ninth in batting (.381)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop...**Eric Sogard** went 2-for-3 yesterday against the Royals after going 0-for-12 over his previous five games...has appeared in five games at second base and three at shortstop...**Ben Zobrist** is tied for third in the CL in doubles (3)...has appeared in five games at second base and the last two in right field.

AT LAS VEGAS: The A's will face the Chicago Cubs in split squad action at Cashman Field in Las Vegas today at 12:05 pm...the game will air on the A's Radio Network...these two games are the A's first Spring Training games in Las Vegas since 2000...Oakland also played the first six games of the 1996 season at Cashman Field as the Coliseum was still undergoing renovations for the return of the Raiders.

IN CAMP: The A's have 62 players in camp, which does not include two players on the 60-day disabled list (Griffin, Thompson)...that includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 22 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 32 pitchers, six catchers, 17 infielders and seven outfielders.

OFF SEASON MOVES: The A's made nine trades this offseason involving 27 players...15 of the 17 players the A's acquired in those trades are in camp...the two exceptions are Yunel Escobar, who was traded four days after being acquired, and Franklin Barreto, who is in the A's minor league camp...in addition to the players acquired in trades, the A's also signed free agent Billy Butler to a three-year contract and claimed Alex Hassan, Chad Smith and Taylor Thompson off waivers.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 40 active players on the 40-man roster, only two were drafted by the A's (Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007, and Gray, 1st in 2011)...one other (Nuñez) was signed as a non-drafted free agent...five were claimed off waivers (Freiman, Hassan, Otero, Scribner, Smith) and four were signed as free agents (Butler, Crisp, Kazmir, O'Flaherty)...the other 28 were all acquired in trades.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported...position players report yesterday, with the first workout scheduled for today...Triple-A and Double-A games begin today and Single-A games start March 21.

A's MEDIA ALERTS: The A's Media Relations Department will provide as up-to-date information as possible through its media-only Twitter account...for clubhouse hours, interview times and various media alerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts...player transactions and other relevant game information will continue to be posted at @Athletics.

A's ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 12 games this spring, including nine from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games and the night game against the Giants on March 26...Ken Korach returns for his 20th year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (10th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 30th season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California has one remaining telecast on April 2 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, 15 games will be televised by MLB Network...12 of those will air in the Bay Area, including five live broadcasts and six tape delayed.

RETURN TO HOHOKAM: The A's and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the team to return to Mesa in March of 2013...Oakland also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years...the deal includes \$26.9 million in renovations to Hohokam Stadium and Fitch Park...Hohokam Stadium will seat 10,000 fans, including approximately 7,500 seats and space for approximately 2,500 additional fans to sit on the grass berms surrounding the outfield...among Hohokam Stadium's many new amenities will be the largest HD scoreboard in the Cactus League (26 x 56 feet).

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 26	Chad Smith claimed off waivers from Detroit; Taylor Thompson placed on the 60-day disabled list (right shoulder strain).
Feb. 27	Alex Hassan claimed off waivers from Baltimore; A.J. Griffin placed on the 60-day disabled list (Tommy John surgery recovery).

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TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER #32 JESSE HAHN RHP (0-1, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring... pitched in relief in his first outing before starting and taking the loss last Monday at Texas... was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with R.J. Alvarez for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money... made his Major League debut with San Diego in 2014 and went 7-4 with a 3.07 ERA in 14 games, including 12 starts, over four stints with the Padres... tied for third among National League rookies in wins, ranked sixth in strikeouts (70), tied for ninth in games started and 10th in innings pitched (73.1)... surrendered just four home runs in 73.1 innings, an average of 0.49 per nine innings... allowed a .214 opponents batting average, which included a .200 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .227 against left-handers... opponents hit .211 with runners in scoring position, including .185 with RISP and two outs... went 7-2 with a 2.01 ERA over his first nine starts, 0-2 with a 5.95 ERA over his final five games, including three starts... spent the balance of the season pitching for Double-A San Antonio where he was 2-1 with a 1.91 ERA in 13 games, including 10 starts... yielded just one home run in 42.1 innings... allowed a .221 opponents batting average, including .169 against right-handed hitters.

HAHN'S 2015 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*March 4	at San Francisco	9-2	--	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	0
March 9	at Texas	1-4	L	6.75	3.0	3	1	1	1	2	1
Totals (2 games, 1 start)				0-1	6.75	4.0	6	3	3	2	3

*indicates relief appearance

#37 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring... has not allowed a run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Monday at Texas when he tossed a scoreless seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 h)... was acquired from the Padres Dec. 18 with Jesse Hahn for Derek Norris, Seth Streich and international money... began the 2014 season at Double-A Arkansas in the Los Angeles (AL) organization but was traded to the San Diego organization July 18 as part of the Huston Street trade... was assigned to Double-A San Antonio and combined for an 0-1 record, seven saves and a 1.25 ERA in 38 relief appearances before he was selected by the Padres Sept. 2... had no decisions, a 1.13 ERA and .115 opponents batting average in 10 relief appearances in his Major League debut... did not allow an extra base hit but issued five walks in 8.0 innings for a .273 on-base percentage... struck out nine... allowed a .111 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .125 against left-handers... opponents hit .154 with runners in scoring position... first batters faced were 1-for-8 (.125) with two walks... had a save and a 0.33 ERA in 21 relief appearances with Arkansas and was 0-1 with six saves and a 2.76 ERA in 17 outings for San Antonio... did not surrender a home run in 43.1 minor league innings... struck out 61 (12.67 per nine innings) and walked just 13 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.69.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 2.70 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring... has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing Tuesday against Arizona when he retired all four batter he faced (1.1 ip, 1 so)... spent most of the 2014 season with Triple-A Sacramento where he was 4-1 with 16 saves and a 3.06 ERA in 40 relief appearances... also went 1-0 with a 4.63 ERA in 13 games over four stints with Oakland... now has nine stints with the A's over the last two years... did not walk a batter in 11.2 innings with Oakland and struck out 11... however, allowed four home runs after yielding six in 76.0 innings over his first three seasons... his .255 opponents on-base percentage was a career low but his .522 slugging percentage was a career high... allowed a .239 opponents batting average, including .158 (3-for-19) against left-handed hitters compared to .296 (8-for-27) with all four of his home runs against right-handers... converted 16-of-20 (80.0%) save opportunities with the River Cats and tied for fifth in the Pacific Coast League in saves... however, was second on his team to Jeremy McBryde (17)... struck out 72 batters in 47.0 innings, an average of 13.79 per nine innings... walked just nine (1.72 per nine innings) for a

strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.00... allowed a .223 opponents batting average, including .218 against right-handed hitters.

#53 RYAN VERDUGO LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring... has not allowed a run in his first four outings (4.0 ip) and has retired 10 of the 12 batters he has faced... has not walked a batter and opponents are batting .167... last pitched Wednesday against Cleveland (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)... began the 2014 season on the disabled list recovering from hernia surgery... was reinstated May 17 and went 5-2 with a 4.24 ERA in nine starts for Triple-A Omaha in the Kansas City organization before he was traded to the Boston organization July 16 for cash... was assigned to Triple-A Pawtucket where he went 2-1 with two saves and a 3.45 ERA in 10 games, including three starts... combined for a 7-3 record and a 3.48 ERA in 19 games overall... allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .203 (13-for-64) against left-handed hitters compared to .242 (51-for-211) against right-handers... surrendered seven of his eight home runs to righties... yielded a .296 average with runners in scoring position... compiled a 2.25 ERA in the first inning but combined for a 7.33 ERA in the second and third inning... allowed 1-of-2 (50.0%) inherited runners to score.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 14 vs. San Francisco

Giants: RHP Matt Cain, LHP Adalberto Mejia, RHP Santiago Casilla, LHP Jeremy Affeldt

March 14 vs. Chicago (NL) at Las Vegas

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks, RHP CJ Edwards, LHP Joseph Ortiz, LHP Drake Britton, RHP Armando Rivero

March 15 at Milwaukee

A's: RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Barry Zito, RHP Chad Smith

Brewers: TBA

2015 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 3	San Francisco	W, 9-4	1-0	Mills	Bumgarner	7,820	7,820
March 4	at San Francisco	W, 9-2	2-0	Chavez	Peavy	8,868	
March 5	at Chicago (NL)	T, 2-2	2-0-1			11,132	
March 6	at Arizona	W, 7-2	3-0-1	Graveman	Ray	10,726	
March 7	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 8-7	4-0-1	Whelan	Ibarra	10,042*	17,862
March 8	Chicago (AL)	L, 4-10	4-1-1	Samardzija	Clippard	6,639	24,501
March 9	at Texas	L, 1-4	4-2-1	Gonzalez	Hahn	5,480	
March 10	Arizona	W, 6-5	5-2-1	O'Flaherty	Bradley	6,434	30,935
March 11	Cleveland	W, 3-2	6-2-1	Graveman	Salazar	5,017	35,952
March 12	Seattle	W, 4-3	7-2-1	Owens	Lowe	9,033	44,985
March 13	at Kansas City	L, 4-8		Volquez	Bassitt	7,954	
	&vs. Chicago (NL)	L, 3-5	7-4-1	Arrieta	Pomeranz	8,007	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 14	San Francisco	1:05					
	at Chicago (NL) (at L.V.)	12:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 15	at Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (11:00 PM PT)				
March 16	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	MLBN (6:00 PM)				
March 17	San Diego	1:05					
March 18	at Seattle	1:05	MLBN (Live)				

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 19	OFF DAY		
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
	at Colorado	1:05	MLBN (6:00 AM on 3/21)
March 21	Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 22	at Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 23	at Cleveland	1:05	MLBN (Live)
March 24	Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 25	at Milwaukee	1:05	MLBN (Live)
March 26	at San Francisco	7:05	95.7 FM The Game/CSNBA
March 27	Texas	1:05	
March 28	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (Live)
March 29	Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 30	Colorado	1:05	
March 31	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (Live)
April 1	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	MLBN (6:00 AM on 4/2)
April 2	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 3	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA
April 4	San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/CSNBA

*indicates at Las Vegas