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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-0) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (0-1)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S RADIO NETWORK (95.7 FM THE GAME)

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 50th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with a 9-8 win over Los Angeles (AL)...this is Oakland's fourth spring 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 32 games this spring...the total includes 29 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 25-27)...the A's went 16-18 (.471) last spring, which was the fourth worst record in the Cactus League...went 12-17-3 (.422) in 2016, which was fifth worst in the CL...this marks the first time Oakland has finished with a losing record in back-to-back springs since 2010-11...compiled a 5.93 ERA, which was second highest in the majors to Cincinnati (6.13)...it was the second highest spring ERA by an Oakland team over the last 18 years (6.10 in 2016)...surrendered 37 home runs, which tied for fifth fewest in the CL...had the second fewest strikeouts (247) and tied for the fifth fewest walks (121)...the offense ranked fourth in the CL in walks (133), tied for fourth in triples (11) and fifth in on-base percentage (.351)...also tied for the fewest stolen bases (15), ranked third in fewest hit by pitches (10) and fourth in most strikeouts (300)...the strikeouts are the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (previous: 248 in 2009)...the defense committed 28 errors, which was fourth fewest in the CL...however, turned just 23 double plays, which was the fewest in the CL and tied for third fewest in the majors...went 9-7 at Hohokam, 0-1 in Oakland and 7-10 on the road.

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated Los Angeles (AL) here in Mesa, 9-8...the Angels scored twice in the first inning off A's starter Daniel Mengden (0.2 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb), but Oakland came back with three in the bottom of the first, highlighted by a two-run home run by Matt Olson...Eric Jokisch (1.1 ip) and Paul Blackburn (2.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief before Ryan Dull allowed two runs in the fifth inning...the A's then scored four times in the sixth inning on RBI singles by Sean Murphy and Ramón Laureano and RBI doubles from Boog Powell and Steve Lombardozzi...Nolan Blackwood tossed a scoreless sixth inning and Emilio Pagán blanked the Angels in the seventh before Jeremy Bleich allowed four runs in the eighth inning...Raul Alcántara pitched a scoreless ninth inning and picked up the win as Anthony García had a two-run walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth.

A's vs. PADRES: This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Padres this spring...square off again on March 3 in Mesa and March 4 at Peoria...Oakland split two games with San Diego last spring, losing 5-0 at Peoria on March 1 and winning 2-1 in Mesa on March 18...the A's have won 11 of their last 16 spring games against the Padres.

IN CAMP: The A's have 59 players in camp, which is 11 fewer than last spring when they had 70...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 30 pitchers, six catchers, 11 infielders and 12 outfielders.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his seventh full season with the A's, welcomes three new coaches to his staff including bench coach Ryan Christenson, first base coach Al Pedrique and third base coach Matt Williams...Darren Bush returns as hitting coach and Scott Emerson returns as pitching coach while Mike Aldrete (assistant hitting coach), Marcus Jensen (bullpen coach) and Mark Kotsay (quality control coach) also return in different roles.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have two players under contract beyond the 2018 season...Yusmeiro Petit is signed through 2019 with a club option for 2020 and Stephen Piscotty is signed through 2022 with a club option for 2023...Brandon Moss has a mutual option for 2019.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, seven were drafted by the A's (Chapman, 1st round in 2014; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Gossett, 2nd in 2014; Maxwell, 2nd in 2012; Olson, compensation following 1st round in 2012; Pinder, competitive balance round B in 2013; Trivino, 11th in 2013)...one was signed as a non-drafted agent (Nuñez), three were signed as free agents (Casilla, Joyce, Petit) and three were claimed off waivers (Gagneau, Smolinski, Triggs)...the other 26 were all acquired in trades...12 of the 40 players were not in the A's organization last spring and 31 have joined the A's organization since the end of the 2014 season...the longest tenured Athletics in camp are Renato Nuñez (signed July 2, 2010) and Raul Alcántara (acquired in a Dec. 28, 2011 trade).

OFF SEASON MOVES: The A's signed one free agent this offseason: Yusmeiro Petit...the A's also acquired four 40-man players via trade, including Emilio Pagan (Seattle, Nov. 15), Stephen Piscotty (St. Louis, Dec. 14), and Ryan Buchter and Brandon Moss (Kansas City, Jan. 29).

NON-ROSTER INVITEES: The Athletics have 19 non-roster invitees in Major League camp...the players include RHP Nolan Blackwood, LHP Jeremy Bleich, RHP Simon Castro, C Santiago Chavez, RHP Kyle Finnegan, OF Anthony Garcia, OF Slade Heathcott, RHP Grant Holmes, LHP Eric Jokisch, IF Steve Lombardozzi, LHP Jarret Martin, OF Nick Martini, C Sean Murphy, IF Sheldon Neuse, IF Nick Noonan, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Logan Shore, C Beau Taylor and RHP Bobby Wahl...six of the 19 non-roster players have Major League experience (Castro, Heathcott, Jokisch, Lombardozzi, Noonan, Wahl).

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Six of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: A.J. Puk (#1), Franklin Barreto (#2), Jorge Mateo (#3), Dustin Fowler (#4), Sean Murphy (#7) and Logan Shore (#10)...the others are Jesus Luzardo (#5), Austin Beck (#6), James Kaprielian (#8) and Lazaro Armenteros (#9).

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report Saturday, March 3 with the first workout scheduled for March 4...position players report Friday, March 9 with the first workout scheduled for March 10...Double-A and Triple-A games begin Tuesday, March 13 and Single-A games start on March 16.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning approximately one hour prior to team stretch...stretch time varies from day to day; media are asked to check @AsMediaAlerts on Twitter daily for updated clubhouse hours...the clubhouse may close for team meetings, etc. at certain times...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once games begin, the clubhouse also will open to media during games for access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media in the first base dugout during team stretch time...Melvin will also be available on the field immediately following the game...media are permitted 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 which point media will be asked to leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...TV camera crews and still photographers with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...TV camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse pregame, or in the training room or weight room at any time...still photographers are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room at any time...lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials in the landing area at the top of Section 209...the A's provide complimentary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate and to the right as you enter the parking lot at the home plate entrance.

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 continue to be posted at @Athletics.

A's ON RADIO: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 11 games this spring, including eight from Arizona and three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...the Cactus League schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except March 11, plus the March 12 game against San Francisco...Ken Korach returns for his 23rd year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (13th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 33rd season in the booth...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...Donny Baarns will call the action on the webcasts, with the exception of March 5 and 6 when Dom Cotroneo will fill in.

A's ON TELEVISION: NBC Sports California will televise two games, including March 15 against Seattle (7:05 pm) and March 25 against the Giants in Oakland (1:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...four games will air in the Bay Area on MLB Network: March 7 vs. Seattle (tape delay to 9:00 PM PST and 6:00 AM PST on March 8), March 9 vs. Milwaukee (tape delay to 8:00 PM PST), March 19 vs. Los Angeles-NL (tape delay to 9:00 PM PDT) and March 21 vs. Milwaukee (live)...three A's vs. Giants will air live in the Bay Area: March 17 (NBC), March 26 (NBCSBA) and March 27 (NBCSBA+).

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

#60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (5-6, 4.27 ERA in 2017)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was on the A's Opening Day roster last year and went 5-6 with a 4.27 ERA in 12 starts before his season ended June 10 with a hip injury...had surgery to repair the labrum in his left hip July 13...was 5-2 with a 2.12 ERA and .209 opponents batting average over his first eight starts...then went 0-4 with a 9.64 ERA and .381 opponents average over his final four starts...allowed a .266 opponents batting average, which included .215 (23-for-107) against left-handed hitters compared to .302 (45-for-149) against right-handers...despite missing 3½ months of the season, he tied for seventh in the American League in unearned runs (11) and stolen bases allowed (15)...held the opposition to a .211 batting average with two outs but surrendered six of his nine home runs in that situation...allowed a .188 average against the opponents clean-up hitter and has a .175 (10-for-57) average in that situation in his career...opponents were 3-for-8 (.375) with a triple and two home runs with the bases loaded...the two grand slams tied for the most in the majors.

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (5-3, 5.33 ERA in minors in 2017)

Began the 2017 season on Oakland's disabled list as he continued his recovery from May 6, 2016 UCL reconstruction surgery and spent the entire season in the minors...went 0-1 with a 2.77 ERA in seven games, all starts, with Single-A Stockton and 4-2 with a 6.21 ERA in 17 games, two starts, with Triple-A Nashville...combined for a 5-3 record and a 5.33 ERA in 24 games, nine starts, overall...allowed a .260 opponents batting average, including .243 (26-for-107) against right-handed hitters compared to .282 (24-for-85) against left-handers...surrendered three home runs in 50.2 innings, an average of 0.53 per nine innings...all three of his home runs came with runners on base...yielded a .341 average with runners in scoring position, but that dropped to .167 with RISP and two outs...opponents hit .174 with a .269 on-base percentage when leading off an inning...was 1-2 with a 4.37 ERA in his nine starting assignments, 3-1 with a 6.11 ERA in 15 relief appearances...tossed at least two innings in 10 of his 15 relief outings.

#67 SIMON CASTRO RHP (1-3, 4.38 ERA in 2017)

The non-roster invitee began the 2017 season at Triple-A Nashville and was 3-5 with four saves and a 3.32 ERA in 33 relief appearances when he was promoted to Oakland July 16...spent the remainder of the season with the A's and went 1-3 with a 4.38 ERA in a career-high 26 appearances...had just 15 career games over his first two seasons in the majors...surrendered seven home runs in 37.0 innings...had a 2.25 ERA, .179 opponents batting average and averaged 1.69 walks per nine innings over his first 12 games through Aug. 14...then compiled a 6.00 ERA, .275 opponents average and averaged 4.71 walks per nine innings over his final 14 contests...allowed a .235 opponents batting average but 15 of the 32 hits he allowed were for extra bases for a .449 slugging percentage...his opponents batting average included a mark of .180 (11-for-61) against left-handed hitters compared to .280 (21-for-75) against right-handers...allowed just 2-of-13 (15.4%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 3-for-23 (.130) with no extra base hits, one walk and two hit by pitches (.231 on-base percentage).

#45 JHAREL COTTON RHP (9-10, 5.58 ERA in 2017)

Went 9-10 with a 5.58 ERA in 24 starts over two stints with the A's last year...ranked second among American League rookies in strikeouts (105), games started and innings pitched (129.0) and tied for second in wins...did not have enough innings to qualify for the league leaders...however, based on a minimum of 125 innings pitched, he had the sixth highest ERA in the AL and eighth highest in Oakland history...allowed 28 home runs, which broke the Athletics rookie record of 27 (Dan Pfister, 1962; Trevor Cahill, 2009)...allowed an average a 1.95 home runs per nine innings, which is the highest mark in Athletics history among pitchers with 110 or more innings pitched...went 4-6 with a 6.98 ERA in 13 starts in Oakland compared to 5-4 with a 3.94 ERA in 11 starts on the road...was 7-3 with a 3.73 ERA and .196 opponents batting average in 12 starts during the day compared to 2-7 with a 7.78 ERA and .339 opponents average in 12 starts at night...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, which included .257 (56-for-218) against left-handed hitters compared to .275 (77-for-280) against right-handers.

#35 DANNY COULOMBE RHP (2-2, 3.48 ERA in 2017)

Made a team-leading 72 appearances last year in his first full season in the majors and was 2-2 with a 3.48 ERA and .240 opponents batting average...

ranked fifth in the American League in games pitched...tossed just 51.2 innings as he pitched fewer than one inning in 42 of his 72 appearances...averaged 12.6 pitches per game, which was fourth lowest among AL relievers...had a 1.78 ERA and .198 opponents batting average over his first 31 games through June 24...then logged a 5.13 ERA and .277 opponents batting average over his final 41 contests...his opponents batting average broke down to .214 (22-for-103) against left-handed hitters compared to .270 (24-for-89) against right-handers...surrendered three of his four home runs to righties...had a .596 OPS against lefties, .851 against righties...allowed 15-of-49 (30.6%) inherited runners to score and had the seventh most inherited runners in the AL...first batters faced hit .238 but he walked eight and hit one for a .333 on-base percentage...went 2-0 with a 2.25 ERA at home, 0-2 with a 5.49 ERA on the road.

#44 CHRIS HATCHER RHP (1-2, 1 save, 4.22 ERA in 2017)

Began the 2017 season with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was 0-1 with a 4.66 ERA in 26 relief appearances when he was traded to Oakland Aug. 15...went 1-1 with a save and a 3.52 ERA in 23 games with the A's and combined for a 1-2 record and a 4.22 ERA in 49 appearances in his seventh season in the majors...had career highs in strikeouts (63), innings pitched (59.2), hits (58), runs (29), earned runs (28) and home runs (10) and matched his high in walks (21)...his 49 games pitched were three short of his high of 52 in 2014 with Miami...allowed a .250 opponents batting average, including .213 (19-for-89) against left-handed hitters compared to .273 (39-for-143) against right-handers...yielded a .125 batting average with runners in scoring position but opponents hit .309 when leading off an inning...first batters faced hit .239 and he walked just two for a .265 on-base percentage...allowed 3-of-14 (21.4%) inherited runners to score...stranded all seven of his inherited runners with the Dodgers...had a 2.45 ERA in the Coliseum, a 3.15 ERA in Dodger Stadium and a 5.65 ERA in all other ballparks.

#39 BLAKE TREINEN RHP (3-6, 16 saves, 3.93 ERA in 2017)

Was acquired from Washington in the Sean Doolittle/Ryan Madson trade on July 16, 2017 and ended up saving 13 games for the A's...went 3-4 with a 2.13 ERA in 35 appearances with Oakland and his ERA was third lowest in the American League among pitchers with more than 35 innings from July 17 through the end of the season...was 0-2 with three saves and a 5.73 ERA in 37 games with the Nationals and combined for a 3-6 record, a career-high 16 saves and a 3.93 ERA overall...also had career highs in innings pitched (75.2), strikeouts (74), losses (80), runs (35), earned runs (33), home runs (6), hit batters (5), ERA, opponents slugging percentage (.397) and OPS (.736)...matched his high in wild pitches (4)...converted 16-of-21 (76.2%) save opportunities, which was the fifth lowest save percentage in the majors...tied for third among Major League relievers in grounded into double plays (12)...yielded a .274 opponents batting average, including .252 (41-for-163) against right-handed hitters and .302 (39-for-129) against left-handers.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

February 24 vs. San Diego

Padres: RHP Tyson Ross, RHP Chris Young, RHP Walker Lockett, RHP Robert Stock, RHP Michael Mariot, RHP Jonathan Aro

February 25 vs. Kansas City

A's: LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Ryan Buchter, RHP Lou Trivino
Royals: RHP Trevor Oaks, RHP Heath Fillmyer

February 26 at Chicago (AL)

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Logan Shore, RHP Santiago Casilla
White Sox: RHP Michael Kopech, RHP Dylan Covey, LHP Aaron Bummer, RHP Chris Beck, LHP Jace Fey, RHP Thyago Viera, RHP Tyler Danish

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcántara	Pinder	4,315	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
Feb 24	San Diego	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
Feb 25	Kansas City	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
Feb 26	at Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm					
Feb 27	at Cleveland	1:05 pm					
Feb 28	at Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm					
March 1	Texas	1:05 pm					
March 2	Off Day						
March 3	San Diego	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
March 4	at San Diego	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				
March 5	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm					
March 6	Texas	1:05 pm					
March 7	at Seattle	6:40 pm					
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm					
March 9	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm					
March 10	at Texas	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)				

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 11	Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 12	San Francisco	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 13	at Kansas City	1:05 pm	
March 14	Off Day		
March 15	Seattle	7:05 pm	(NBCSCA)
March 16	Cleveland	1:05 pm	
March 17	Seattle (ss)	1:05 pm	
	at San Francisco (ss)	4:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 18	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	7:05 pm	
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 21	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm	
March 22	Colorado	1:05 pm	
March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	
March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm	
March 25	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05 pm	(NBCSCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 26	at San Francisco (at SF)	7:15 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 27	at San Francisco (at SF)	6:05 pm	(A's Radio Network)