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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-6-2) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (11-3-3)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Started the spring 2-0-1, lost five straight from Feb. 26 to March 3 and are now 5-1-1 over the last seven games...allowed eight runs yesterday after surrendering nine runs over the previous four contests...have a 6.11 ERA overall, which is second highest in the Cactus League (LAA, 6.21) and third highest in the majors (PIT, 6.39)...are tied for the second fewest home runs allowed in the CL (17) but have the third fewest strikeouts (121) and have issued the fourth most walks (64)...have committed 12 errors, which is second fewest in the CL...the offense has struck out 112 times, which is tied with Kansas City for second fewest in the majors (MIN, 102)...have 23 doubles, which is tied with Seattle for second fewest in the majors (WAS, 20)...are 4-2-2 at Hohokam and 3-4 on the road...this is the A's 50th Spring Training in Arizona, their fourth 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...also had a losing record in 2016, which 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)...the offense had 300 strikeouts, which were the most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1990 (previous: 248 in 2009)...went 9-7 at Hohokam, 0-1 in Oakland and 7-10 on the road.

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to Texas at Surprise, 8-2...Paul Blackburn (3.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 1 hr) started for the A's and took the loss after allowing two runs in the first inning...Eric Jokisch pitched a scoreless fourth inning and Jake Smolinski hit a solo home run in the fifth to make the score 2-1...Daniel Mengden (4.0 ip, 7 h, 6 r, 6 er, 1 bb, 4 so) then allowed five runs in the fifth inning and another in the sixth...Chad Pinder has a RBI single in the sixth inning to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. CUBS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...Oakland lost the first game at Sloan Park on Feb. 28, 7-5...the A's lost two of three games last spring...both of the losses came at Sloan Park (4-3 on Feb. 25 and 15-11 on March 29) and the win came at Hohokam (9-8 on March 12)...are 2-6-2 against the Cubs over the last four springs...are 0-4-1 all-time at Sloan Park.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** has eight hits, five of which are for extra bases (one double, two triples, two home runs)...is tied for second in the Cactus League in triples (2) and ranks seventh in slugging (.679)...has appeared in seven games at second base and four at shortstop...**Mark Canha** is 5-for-12 (.417) over his last five games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first six contests...has appeared in seven games at first base, two in left field and two in right field...**Khris Davis** has four hits this spring, all for extra bases (one triple, three home runs)...is tied for seventh in the CL in home runs and RBI (10)...has appeared in five games in left field and four at designated hitter...**Dustin Fowler** is 3-for-4 (.750) over his last two games after going 1-for-11 (.091) over his first four contests...has appeared exclusively in center field...**Anthony Garcia (NR)** hit his third home run Tuesday against Texas, which ties him for seventh in the CL...is 5-for-11 (.455) with two doubles, three home runs and four RBI over his last seven games...has appeared in five games in right field, three in left field and one in center field...**Slade Heathcott (NR)** stole his third base of the spring Friday at Milwaukee, which is tied for sixth in the CL...has appeared in 11 games at first base, one in left field, one in center field and one in right field...**Matt Joyce** has appeared in two games in right field, two at designated hitter and one in left field...has not played in a CL game since a week ago today at San Diego (0-for-3)...**Ramon Laureano** is 5-for-13 (.385) with a walk over his last nine games after going 2-for-9 (.222) over his first five contests...**Nick Martini (NR)** is 3-for-5 (.600) with two walks over his last six games...**Josh Phegley** is 3-for-8 (.375) over his last four games after going 1-for-7 (.143) over his first three contests...**Chad Pinder** has hit safely in each of his last five games (5-for-15, .333) after going 2-for-14 (.143) over his first five contests...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (three games at third base, two at second base, two in left field, one at shortstop, one in right field and one at first base)...**Stephen Piscotty** has appeared in six games in right field and one at designated hitter...**Marcus Semien** went 0-for-2 with a walk Friday at Milwaukee after hitting safely in each of his first eight games (11-for-22, .500)...is tied for sixth in the CL in hits (11)...**Jake Smolinski** hit his third home run yesterday, which is tied for seventh in the CL...has appeared in four games in center field, three in right field, two in left field and one at designated hitter.

IN CAMP: The A's have 57 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 17 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 29 pitchers, six catchers, 11 infielders and 11 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.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: A's minor leaguers had their first full squad workout yesterday...Double-A and Triple-A games begin on 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 will broadcast 11 games this spring, including eight from Arizona and three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will carry each game except March 27 against San Francisco...the Cactus League schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games except today, 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 with the exception of March 15...Donny Baarns will call the action on the remaining webcasts.

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...two remaining games will air in the Bay Area on MLB Network, including 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+).

TRANSACTIONS

March 4	Jairo Labourt claimed off waivers from Cincinnati; Brandon Moss designated for assignment
March 6	Brandon Moss released
March 10	Grant Holmes and Logan Shore reassigned to minor league camp

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

#55 SEAN MANAEA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in his first start last Tuesday against Texas...compiled a 12-10 record and a 4.37 ERA in 29 starts in his second season in the majors last year...went 1-3 with a 5.52 ERA and .179 opponents batting average over his first six starts, 7-2 with a 2.92 ERA and .246 opponents average over an 11-start span from May 20 to July 16 and 4-5 with a 5.55 ERA and .328 opponents average over his final 12 starts...led the A's in wins, games started, innings pitched (158.2), strikeouts (140), hits (167), walks (55) and hit batters (10)...now has 264 career strikeouts, which are third most in Oakland history by a pitcher in his first two seasons in the majors (Hudson, 301; Zito, 283), and 19 wins, which are tied for sixth most...allowed a .268 opponents batting average, including .227 (30-for-132) against left-handed hitters compared to .279 (137-for-491) against right-handers...surrendered 16 of his 18 home runs and issued 49 of his 55 walks to righties...had a .593 OPS against lefties, .809 against righties.

MANAEA'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 6	Texas	5-3	-	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	2	3	0
Totals (1 game, 1 start)			0-0	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	2	3	0

#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP (1-0, 7.20 ERA)

Has allowed at least two runs in two of his four appearances, including his last outing Wednesday night at Seattle when he picked up the win (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 1 so, 1 hr)...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.

#35 DANNY COULOMBE RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in three of his four appearances, including his last outing Wednesday night at Seattle when he tossed a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 2-for-13 (.154)...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 (1-0, 3.00 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in two of his three appearances, including his last outing a week ago today at San Diego when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning (1.0 ip, 2 so)...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 (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Allowed a run in the sixth inning of his last outing on Sunday at San Diego (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er) after tossing 1.0 scoreless innings in each of his first two appearances...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, hits (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.

#60 ANDREW TRIGGS RHP (1-0, 6.23 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his previous three appearances, including his last outing last Tuesday against Texas when he picked up the win (4.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...started in his first outing but has pitched in relief in each of his last two contests...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.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 11 vs. Chicago (NL)

Cubs: RHP Yu Darvish, LHP Justin Wilson, RHP Steve Cishek, RHP Justin Grimm, LHP Kyle Ryan

March 12 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, LHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Ryan Buchter
Giants: RHP Chris Stratton, RHP Sam Dyson, RHP Jose Valdez, RHP Roberto Gomez]

March 13 at Kansas City

A's: RHP Kendall Graveman
Royals: LHP Danny Duffy

March 14 OFF DAY

March 15 vs. Seattle

A's: LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Paul Blackburn
Mariners: LHP Ariel Miranda

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcántara	Pinder	4,315	4,315	March 11	Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm	
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837	March 12	San Francisco	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
Feb. 25	Kansas City	T, 4-4	2-0-1	—	—	4,144	11,981	March 13	at Kansas City	1:05 pm	
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	L, 6-7	2-1-1	Kopech	Graveman	2,826		March 14	OFF DAY		
Feb. 27	at Cleveland	L, 8-16	2-2-1	DeMasi	Wahl	2,275		March 15	Seattle	7:05 pm	(NBCSCA)
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-7	2-3-1	Hendricks	Blackburn	8,313		March 16	Cleveland	1:05 pm	
March 1	Texas	L, 4-9	2-4-1	Blackburn	Cotton	3,043	15,024	March 17	Seattle (ss)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 2	OFF DAY								at San Francisco (ss)	4:05 pm	
March 3	San Diego	L, 4-10	2-5-1	Lyles	Graveman	5,251	20,275	March 18	Chicago (AL)	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)
March 4	at San Diego	W, 12-4	3-5-1	Montas	Richard	4,676		March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	7:05 pm	
March 5	Chicago (AL)	T, 9-9	3-5-2	—	—	4,302	24,577	March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 6	Texas	W, 5-3	4-5-2	Triggs	Rodriguez	3,731	28,308	March 21	at Milwaukee	1:05 pm	
March 7	at Seattle	W, 7-3	5-5-2	Bassitt	Phelps	4,571		March 22	Colorado	1:05 pm	
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-3	6-5-2	Wahl	Middleton	5,239	33,547	March 23	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	
March 9	at Milwaukee	W, 2-0	7-5-2	Puk	Gallardo	4,990		March 24	Milwaukee	12:05 pm	
March 10	at Texas	L, 2-8	7-6-2	Minor	Blackburn	5,239		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)