



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS GAME INFORMATION

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## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (0-0)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's open their 50th Spring Training in Arizona today, 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...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...finished 2017 spring training with a six-game losing streak...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.

**A's vs. ANGELS:** This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...meet again here in Mesa on March 8 and square off in Tempe March 23...the A's lost both games last spring, dropping a 5-3 decision in Mesa on Feb. 26 and a 14-3 loss at Tempe March 28...now have a five-game spring training losing streak to Los Angeles.

**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 (Garneau, 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 Alcantara (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 complementary 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+).

**SPRING TRAINING TICKETS:** Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Hohokam Stadium are currently on sale at [athletics.com/spring](http://athletics.com/spring) or by calling (877) 493-BALL (2255)...the Hohokam Stadium box office is open on non-game days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and closed Sundays...during all home games, the box office is open from 10 a.m. until a half hour after the game ends...for Spring Training season tickets, call A's Ticket Services at (510) 568-5600, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday...single game tickets start at just \$10 and are priced dynamically, with prices fluctuating based on factors affecting supply and demand...groups of 20 or more are eligible for discounted tickets for select games by emailing [spring@athletics.com](mailto:spring@athletics.com).

**REGULAR SEASON TICKETS:** Tickets for all A's home games can be purchased at the Oakland Coliseum Box Office, online at [athletics.com/tickets](http://athletics.com/tickets), or over the phone at (877) 493-BALL (2255)...membership plans, group tickets and private suites can be purchased by calling (510) 638-GoA's (4627)...the A's will continue using dynamic ticket pricing for all individual game tickets for the 2018 season, with rates fluctuating based on factors affecting supply and demand...fans can lock in their price and save by purchasing seats early.

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American League Champions: 1902•1905•1910•1911•1913•1914•1929•1930•1931•1972•1973•1974•1988•1989•1990

## TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

### STARTING PITCHER

#### #33 DANIEL MENGDEN RHP (6-4, 4.19 ERA in 2017)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...combined to make just 18 starts between the majors and minors last year due to two stints on the disabled list...went 3-2 with a 3.14 ERA and .229 opponents batting average in seven starts over two stints with Oakland...was also 2-4 with a 4.17 ERA in nine starts with Triple-A Nashville and 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA in two starts with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League...walked just nine batters in 43.0 innings (1.88 per nine innings) with the A's for a .268 on-base percentage...went 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA and .371 opponents batting average in two starts during his first stint from May 29 to June 3...then went 3-1 with a 1.54 ERA and .189 opponents batting average in five starts after returning to Oakland Sept. 5 when the Sounds season concluded...his ERA during his second stint was fifth lowest in the American League over that span...his opponents batting average included a .187 (14-for-75) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .268 (22-for-82) against left-handers...allowed a .176 opponents batting average with runners in scoring position.

#### #50 RAUL ALCANTARA RHP (1-2, 7.13 ERA in 2017)

Went 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA in eight games, including four starts, over two stints with the A's in 2017...allowed a .239 opponents batting average but issued 12 walks in 24.0 innings (4.50 per nine innings) for a .343 on-base percentage...12 of the 22 hits (54.5%) he allowed were for extra bases for a .478 slugging percentage...his opponents average included a mark of .238 (10-for-42) against left-handed hitters compared to .240 (12-for-50) against right-handers...began the season in the starting rotation but made just one start and two relief appearances before he was designated for assignment April 25 and outrighted to Triple-A Nashville April 29...returned to Oakland Sept. 5 and made two relief appearances before his final three outings were starts...compiled a 1-2 record, four saves and a 2.67 ERA in 18 games, including three starts, with Nashville...was on the disabled list from May 26 to July 28 with a strained right elbow.

#### #58 PAUL BLACKBURN RHP (3-1, 3.22 ERA in 2017)

Made both his Triple-A and Major League debuts in 2017...spent the first three months of the season at Nashville where he went 5-6 with a 3.05 ERA in 15 games, including 14 starts...was promoted to Oakland July 1 and compiled a 3-1 record and a 3.22 ERA in 10 starts before a right hand contusion ended his season Aug. 23...struck out just 22 batters in 58.2 innings with the A's, an average of 3.38 per nine innings...that was the lowest mark in the majors among pitchers with 50 or more innings pitched...went 1-1 with a 2.25 ERA and .212 opponents batting average over his first five starts through July 26...then went 2-0 despite a 4.39 ERA and .315 opponents average over his final five starts...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .225 (23-for-102) against left-handed hitters compared to .294 (35-for-119) against right-handers...was 2-1 with a 1.47 ERA and .222 opponents batting average in five starts on the road compared to 1-0 with a 5.14 ERA and .301 opponents average in five starts at home.

#### #75 JEREMY BLEICH LHP (5-4, 3 saves, 3.77 ERA in minors in 2017)

The non-roster invitee signed with the A's Jan. 9 after spending the 2017 season in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization...was 5-3 with three saves and a 3.22 ERA in 31 games with Triple-A Oklahoma City and 0-1 with a 6.17 ERA in seven appearances with Double-A Tulsa...combined for a 3.77 ERA in 38 games overall...allowed a .261 opponents batting average, including .228 (37-for-162) against right-handed hitters compared to .329 (25-for-76) against left-handed hitters...yielded a .301 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .324 with RISP and two outs...opponents were 12-for-52 (.231) with no walks when leading off an inning...allowed 10-of-27 (37.0%) inherited runners to score...compiled an 8.18 ERA in the sixth inning, a 3.54 ERA in all other innings...posted a 4.55 ERA in 19 games in his home ballparks and a 2.97 ERA in 19 games on the road...did not allow a home run in 31.2 innings at home...tossed at least one inning in 32 of his 38 appearances, including two innings or more 15 times.

#### #66 RYAN DULL RHP (2-2, 5.14 ERA in 2017)

Went 2-2 with a 5.14 ERA and .236 opponents batting average in 49 games last year in a season shortened by a two-month stint on the disabled list with a strained right knee...struck out 45 batters in 42.0 innings, the first time in his career he has finished with more strikeouts than innings pitched...his ERA more than doubled his mark of 2.42 from 2016...walked 16 batters in

42.0 innings (3.43 per nine innings) after issuing just 15 walks in 74.1 innings in 2016 (1.82 per nine innings)...his opponents batting average and on-base percentage (.316) were also career highs...held right-handed hitters to a .206 (22-for-107) batting average while lefties hit .300 (15-for-50)...had a .639 OPS against righties, .897 against lefties...first batters faced hit .114, which was third lowest in the American League and third lowest by an A's reliever since 1974...also ranked third in the AL in first batter on-base percentage (.184)...allowed 6-of-24 (25.0%) inherited runners to score...compiled a 3.60 ERA and .161 opponents batting average at home, a 7.41 ERA and .329 opponents average on the road.

#### #38 GRANT HOLMES RHP (11-12, 4.49 ERA in minors in 2017)

The non-roster invitee made his Double-A debut with Midland last year and spent the entire season with the RockHounds...was 11-12 with a 4.49 ERA in 29 games, including 24 starts...led the Texas League in strikeouts (150), tied for second in wins (11), ranked sixth in innings pitched (148.1) and tied for eighth in games started (24)...also led the league in walks (61), tied for the lead in losses (12), ranked fourth in runs (82) and fifth in most hits allowed (149)...tied for the lead in the A's farm system in wins and ranked second in strikeouts and innings pitched...had career highs in strikeouts, games, innings pitched, losses, hits, earned runs (74), home runs (15), hit batters (9) and walks (51) and matched his best in wins and games started...allowed a .262 opponents batting average which broke down to .189 (42-for-222) against left-handed hitters compared to .309 (107-for-346) against right-handers...had a .586 OPS against lefties, .836 against righties...compiled a 5-6 record and a 5.45 ERA in 15 games in the first half of the season, 6-6 with a 3.72 ERA in 14 games in the second half.

#### #15 EMILIO PAGÁN RHP (2-3, 3.22 ERA in 2017)

Was acquired from Seattle with Alexander Campos for Ryon Healy on Nov. 15, 2017...made his Major League debut with the Mariners last year and was 2-3 with a 3.22 ERA in 34 relief appearances over four stints...struck out 56 batters in 50.1 innings (10.01 strikeouts per nine innings) and walked just eight (1.43 per nine innings) for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 7.00...ranked fifth among American League relievers in walks per nine innings, sixth in strikeout-to-walk ratio and 10th in opponents on-base percentage (.246)...allowed a .212 opponents batting average, which included .189 against right-handed hitters compared to .258 against left-handers...had a .172 opponents batting with runners in scoring position...began the season at Tacoma and went 2-1 with five saves and a 2.56 ERA in 23 relief appearances with the Rainiers...did not allow a home run in 31.2 innings...struck out 36, an average of 10.23 per nine innings...allowed a .171 opponents batting average, including .157 against right-handed hitters compared to .195 against left-handers...opponents hit .133 with runners in scoring position.

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

#### February 23 vs. Los Angeles (AL)

**Angels:** RHP Nick Tropeano, RHP Parker Bridwell, RHP Osmer Morales

#### February 24 vs. San Diego

**A's:** RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Blake Treinen, RHP Chris Hatcher, LHP Danny Coulombe, RHP Chris Bassitt

**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:** RHP Daniel Gossett, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Ryan Buchter, RHP Lou Trivino

**Royals:** RHP Trevor Oaks, RHP Heath Fillmyer

## 2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb 23	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05 pm	
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)
March 11	Chicago (NL)	1:05 pm	
March 12	San Francisco	1:05 pm	(95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
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)