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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-13-2) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (12-16-0)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 – TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost each of their last four games, which is one short of the A's longest losing streak of the spring (5, Feb. 23-March 3)...have a 12-13-2 record...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 2009-11 when they had three straight...the A's defense has turned 35 double plays, which is the most in the CL and fourth most in the majors...have committed two errors in each of the last two games but have just 20 errors overall, which is tied for second fewest in the CL...Marcus Semien hit the A's 41st home run of the spring yesterday, which are the most by an A's team since 2004 when they had 50...the A's offense has struck out 204 times, which is second fewest in the CL to the Angels (199)...rank second in sacrifice flies (14) and tied for second in fewest doubles (48) and fewest hit by pitches (8)...the A's pitching staff has compiled a 4.00 ERA (67 er in 150.2 ip) over the last 17 games after posting a 7.45 ERA over the first 10 contests...have the second fewest strikeouts in the CL (218) and are tied for fourth in fewest home runs allowed (32)...are 7-7-2 at Hohokam and 5-6 on the road...now have a record of 35-22-5 (.605) at Hohokam Park since moving back to Mesa in 2015...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).

YESTERDAY: The A's lost to the Rockies at Hohokam by a score of 4-2...Andrew Triggs started for Oakland and took the loss (5.1 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 2 er, 3 so), allowing a run in the first, an unearned run in the second and one more run in the fifth...the A's scored their only runs in the bottom of the fifth when Boog Powell had a sacrifice fly and Marcus Semien hit a solo home run...Emilio Pagán struck out the only two batters he faced in the sixth inning, Frankie Montas allowed a run in the seventh and Trevor Cahill made his first appearance of the spring by tossing a scoreless eighth and ninth inning...Semien had two of the A's six hits.

A's vs. ANGELS: This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's have won each of the first two games at Hohokam, 9-8 on Feb. 23 and 7-3 on March 8, to snap a five-game spring training losing streak to Los Angeles...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.

PLAYER NOTES: **Franklin Barreto** had his fourth multiple hit game Wednesday at Milwaukee and is 8-for-25 (.320) over his last eight games...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in triples (2) and tied for ninth in runs (11)...has appeared in 12 games at second base and six at shortstop...is batting .300 and now has a .364 (28-for-77) average over the last three springs...**Mark Canha** is 1-for-10 (.100) over his last five games after going 10-for-20 (.500) over his previous eight contests...has appeared in 14 games at first base, three in left field and two in right field...**Matt Chapman** is 6-for-19 (.316) with three doubles and a home run over his last eight games after going 0-for-14 over his first five contests...**Khris Davis** is 1-for-18 over his last seven games...had his first single of the spring Wednesday at Milwaukee after collecting extra base hits for each of his first four hits (one triple, three home runs)...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter and eight in left field...is batting .116 and is a .179 (15-for-84) hitter over the last two springs...**Dustin Fowler** is 3-for-22 (.136) over his last nine games...has played exclusively in center field on defense...**Matt Joyce** started in left field Wednesday at Milwaukee in his first action in the outfield since March 1...each of his previous six games had come as the designated hitter...has appeared in eight games at DH, two in right field and two in left field...hit his first two home runs Sunday against the White Sox, including a grand slam, and had five RBI...is 5-for-15 (.333) with four walks, one double, one triple, two home runs and six RBI over his last five games...is batting .206 and had a .200 (16-for-80) average in two springs with the A's...**Jed Lowrie** is 7-for-21 (.333) over his last eight games after going 2-for-13 (.154) over his first five contests...**Jonathan Lucroy** made his first appearance in a CL game last Saturday against Seattle and is 0-for-11 with a walk in four games, all at catcher...**Bruce Maxwell** has hit safely in each of his last eight games (8-for-20, .400) after going 3-for-13 (.231) over his first six contests...**Sheldon Neuse (NR)** is 12-for-22 (.545) with two doubles, three home runs, 10 RBI and five multiple hit games over his last eight games...is tied for fourth in the CL in slugging (.680), tied for fifth in RBI (15) and tied for sixth in home runs (5)...has appeared in 16 games at third base, four at designated hitter, two at second base and one at shortstop...**Renato Núñez** has not played since Feb. 24 due to a strained left hamstring and will start the season on the disabled list...**Matt Olson** is 4-for-18 (.222) over his last six games...six of his last eight hits are doubles...had just two doubles in 59 regular season games with Oakland last year...is tied for fourth

in the CL in doubles (6)...**Josh Phegley** broke two fingers on his right hand last Saturday against Seattle and will start the season on the disabled list...**Chad Pinder** has homered in back-to-back games...is 3-for-14 (.214) over his last four games...has played every position except pitcher, catcher and center field this spring (five games in left field, three at third base, three at second base, two at shortstop, two at first base and one in right field)...**Stephen Piscotty** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (9-for-22, .409) after going 3-for-18 (.167) over his first seven contests...has appeared exclusively in right field on defense...**Boog Powell** is 6-for-16 (.375) over his last seven games after going 4-for-23 (.174) over his first 10 contests...has appeared in 10 games in center field, three in right field and three in left field...**Marcus Semien** went 2-for-4 yesterday against Colorado with his first two extra base hits of the spring (double, home run)...went 2-for-22 (.091) over his last previous games after hitting safely in each of his first eight contests (11-for-22, .500)...**Jake Smolinski** is 3-for-20 (.150) over his last seven games after hitting .333 over his first 11 contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, seven in right field, three in left field and one at designated hitter...**Beau Taylor (NR)** is 0-for-7 over his last seven games after going 4-for-7 (.571) over his first five contests.

IN CAMP: The A's have 34 active players in camp, which does not include one player on the 60-day disabled list (Cotton) and four who will start the year on the DL (Blackburn, Dull, Núñez, Phegley)...the total includes 31 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 17 pitchers, three catchers, seven infielders and seven outfielders.

OPENING DAY: Opening Day is next Thursday at 1:05 against the Los Angeles Angels in Oakland...it marks the first time since 1994 and just the second time over the last 41 years the A's will play a day game for their home opener...Kendall Graveman has been named the A's Opening Day starter for the second consecutive season...Oakland has won two of its last three openers, including a 4-2 decision over the Angels last year...the season-opening four-game series with Los Angeles continues on Friday, March 30 at 7:05 when the A's will honor their 50th Anniversary Team...the games on Saturday and Sunday will start at 1:05.

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 has three remaining broadcasts this spring, all against the Giants in the Bay Area...flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will carry the first two games on March 25 and 26...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 remaining Cactus League games can be heard live via the club's web site...Donny Baarns will call the action.

A'S ON TELEVISION: NBC Sports California has one remaining telecast this spring: March 25 against the Giants in Oakland (1:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...the Giants will televise the other two games against the A's in the Bay Area: March 26 on NBCSBA and March 27 on 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
March 11	Jairo Labourt and Lou Trivino optioned to Nashville; Nolan Blackwood, Jeremy Bleich, Santiago Chavez, Jarrett Martin, Nick Noonan and Bobby Wahl reassigned to minor league camp
March 12	Free agent Jonathan Lucroy agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Jairo Labourt designated for assignment
March 13	Ramón Laureano and Jorge Mateo optioned to Nashville
March 14	Jairo Labourt released
March 18	Chris Bassitt optioned to Nashville; Kyle Finnegan, Anthony Garcia, Slade Heathcott, Eric Jokisch, Steve Lombardozzi, Nick Martini, Sean Murphy and A.J. Puk reassigned to minor league camp
March 19	Free agent Trevor Cahill agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Jharel Cotton placed on the 60-day disabled list (sprained right ulnar collateral ligament)
March 21	Dustin Garneau optioned to Nashville

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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 JESUS LUZARDO LHP (1-0, 1 save, 0.00 ERA)

Was brought over from minor league camp today to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...has not allowed a run in 3.1 innings... was acquired by the A's organization last year on July 16, 2017 from Washington along with Blake Treinen and Sheldon Neuse for Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson...was originally drafted by the Nationals in the third round of the 2016 draft and made his professional debut in 2017...combined with the Gulf Coast National, the Arizona League A's and Short-Season Single-A Vermont for a 2-1 record and a 1.66 ERA in 12 games, including 11 starts...struck out 48 batters in 43.1 innings and walked just five for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 9.6...average 1.04 walks per nine innings...surrendered just two home runs...was ranked as the A's third best prospect by *Baseball America* following the 2017 season.

LUZARDO'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*March 6	Texas	5-3	S	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
March 18	Chicago (AL)	14-0	W	0.00	2.1	2	0	0	0	2	0
Totals (2 games, 1 start)				1-0	0.00	3.1	3	0	0	3	0

*indicates relief appearance

#75 JEREMY BLEICH LHP (0-0, 15.00 ERA)

Tossed a scoreless seventh inning in his last Cactus League outing on March 8 against Los Angeles-AL (1.0 ip, 2 h) after allowing at least two runs in each of his first two outings...opponents are 8-for-15 (.533)...the non-roster invitee was reassigned to minor league camp March 11...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.

#67 SIMON CASTRO RHP (0-0, 1 save, 2.70 ERA)

Has allowed one run in each of his last two outings (2 er in 2.2 ip, 6.75 ERA) after surrendering no runs over his first five appearances (4.0 ip)...last pitched on Tuesday against Los Angeles-NL (1.2 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...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).

#68 KYLE FINNEGAN RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Has not allowed a run in four of his five Cactus League appearances, including his last outing on Monday against the White Sox (1.0 ip)...the non-roster invitee was reassigned to minor league camp on Sunday...started the 2017 season at Double-A Midland but made his Triple-A debut with Nashville in late June and combined for a 2-4 record, 12 saves and a 3.88 ERA in 46 relief appearances...the saves were a career high and ranked second in the A's farm system...his games pitched were also a career high...converted 12-of-14 (85.7%) save opportunities...went 1-3 with nine saves and a 3.19 ERA in 29 games with the RockHounds and was named to the Texas League Midseason All-Star team...was also 1-1 with a 4.94 ERA in 17 relief appearances with the Sounds and converted all three of his save opportunities...combined for a .262 opponents batting average, including .255 (36-for-141) against right-handed hitters and .272 (25-for-92) against left-handers...surrendered six of his eight home runs to righties...yielded a .229 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .205 with RISP and two outs...allowed 6-of-21 (28.6%) inherited runners to score, including 1-of-11 (9.1%) with Nashville.

#71 JARRET MARTIN LHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Has allowed at least one run in each of his two Cactus League appearances, including his last outing Feb. 27 at Cleveland (0.2 ip, 1 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee was reassigned to minor league camp March 11...signed a minor league contract with the A's Nov. 21, 2017...started the 2017 season with York of the independent Atlantic League and was 0-0 with four saves and a 0.98 ERA in 18 relief appearances before signing a minor league contract with the San Francisco Giants June 3...was assigned to Double-A Richmond where he went 4-2 with a save and a 2.04 ERA in 37 games, including one start...combined with both clubs for a career-low 1.71 ERA in a career-high 55 appearances...struck out 67 batters in 58.0 innings (10.40 per nine innings) but walked 40 (6.21 per nine innings)...did not allow a home run...ranked third in the Eastern League with 10 holds...with Richmond, he allowed a .167 opponents batting average...that included .158 (9-for-57) against left-handed hitters compared to .173 (13-for-75) against right-handers...allowed a .128 batting average with runners in scoring position, including .136 with RISP and two outs...yielded a .185 batting average to hitters leading off an inning but had a .405 on-base percentage in that situation...allowed 3-of-22 (13.6%) inherited runners to score.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 23 at Los Angeles (AL)

Angels: LHP John Lamb, RHP Cam Bedrosian, RHP Jim Johnson, RHP Keynan Middleton, RHP Blake Parker, LHP Jose Alvarez

March 24 vs. Milwaukee

A's: RHP Santiago Casilla, LHP Ryan Buchter
Brewers: RHP Jhoulys Chacin

March 25 vs. San Francisco

A's: RHP Daniel Gossett
Giants: TBA

March 26 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Daniel Mengden
Giants: TBA

March 27 at San Francisco

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs
Giants: TBA

2018 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.
Feb. 23	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 9-8	1-0	Alcántara	Pinder	4,315	4,315
Feb. 24	San Diego	W, 8-3	2-0	Hatcher	Lockett	3,522	7,837
Feb. 25	Kansas City	T, 4-4	2-0-1	—	—	4,144	11,981
Feb. 26	at Chicago (AL)	L, 6-7	2-1-1	Kopech	Graveman	2,826	
Feb. 27	at Cleveland	L, 8-16	2-2-1	DeMasi	Wahl	2,275	
Feb. 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 5-7	2-3-1	Hendricks	Blackburn	8,313	
March 1	Texas	L, 4-9	2-4-1	Blackburn	Cotton	3,043	15,024
March 2	OFF DAY						
March 3	San Diego	L, 4-10	2-5-1	Lyles	Graveman	5,251	20,275
March 4	at San Diego	W, 12-4	3-5-1	Montas	Richard	4,676	
March 5	Chicago (AL)	T, 9-9	3-5-2	—	—	4,302	24,577
March 6	Texas	W, 5-3	4-5-2	Triggs	Rodriguez	3,731	28,308
March 7	at Seattle	W, 7-3	5-5-2	Bassitt	Phelps	4,571	
March 8	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-3	6-5-2	Wahl	Middleton	5,239	33,547
March 9	at Milwaukee	W, 2-0	7-5-2	Puk	Gallardo	4,990	
March 10	at Texas	L, 2-8	7-6-2	Minor	Blackburn	5,239	
March 11	Chicago (NL)	W, 7-2	8-6-2	Manaea	Ryan	10,029*	43,576
March 12	San Francisco	L, 5-6	8-7-2	Gomez	Gossett	8,539	52,015

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.
March 13	at Kansas City	W, 9-8	9-7-2	Graveman	Duffy	5,297	
March 14	OFF DAY						
March 15	Seattle	L, 2-6	9-8-2	Miranda	Puk	8,143	60,158
March 16	Cleveland	W, 7-3	10-8-2	Hendriks	Torres	10,012*	70,170
March 17	Seattle (SS)	L, 1-4	10-9-2	Misiewicz	Buchter	6,330	76,500
	at San Francisco (SS)	W, 8-3	11-9-2	Triggs	Blach	12,045	
March 18	Chicago (AL)	W, 14-0	12-9-2	Luzardo	Shields	6,227	82,727
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 1-3	12-10-2	Chargois	Pagán	8,535	
March 20	Los Angeles (NL)	L, 2-8	12-11-2	Maeda	Blackburn	7,227	90,054
March 21	at Milwaukee	L, 3-4	12-12-2	Hader	Alcántara	4,371	
March 22	Colorado	L, 2-4	12-13-2	Bettis	Triggs	7,356	97,410
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME		RADIO/TV			
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)			