



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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### **2015 OAKLAND A's SPRING TRAINING INFORMATION** **Pitchers & Catchers Report Thursday, February 19; Full Squad on Tuesday, February 24**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's, aiming for their fourth playoff appearance in four years, open the 2015 season and new Spring Training home at Hohokam Stadium and Fitch Park when pitchers and catchers report on Thursday, February 19.

The A's, who move to Mesa, Ariz. following \$26.9 million in renovations to the complex, will hold their first workout Friday, February 20 at the Fitch Park training complex. Position players report Tuesday, February 24 and the first full squad workout is set for Wednesday, February 25, also at Fitch Park. The A's will play 15 of their 32 Cactus League games at Hohokam Stadium after 33 consecutive years at Phoenix Municipal Stadium. In March of 2013, the A's and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the team to return to Mesa, where the team previously trained from 1969-78. Oakland also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years.

The following is pertinent A's Spring Training information, including general Spring Training guidelines, credential and parking information, roster information and more. Please contact the A's Media Relations Department with any questions. Thank you.

**TRAINING SITE/  
MINOR LEAGUE  
HEADQUARTERS:** Fitch Park  
160 East 6<sup>th</sup> Place  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
480-387-5800

**STADIUM  
HEADQUARTERS:** Hohokam Stadium  
1235 N. Center Street  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
480-907-5489 (general), 480-907-5253 (press box)

**HOTEL  
HEADQUARTERS:** Doubletree Guest Suites  
320 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
602-225-0500

**REPORTING DATES/  
FIRST WORKOUTS:** Thursday, February 19 (pitchers & catchers) / Friday, February 20  
Tuesday, February 24 (full squad) / Wednesday, February 25

**A's MEDIA RELATIONS  
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**TICKET INFORMATION:** 510-568-5600 (tickets also available at Hohokam Stadium box office)

**PHOTO DAY:** Saturday, February 28, 7:00 a.m. MT, Hohokam Stadium

**CACTUS LEAGUE  
OPENING DAY:** Tuesday, March 3 vs. San Francisco Giants, 1:05 p.m. MT, Hohokam Stadium

**OPENING NIGHT:** Monday, April 6 vs. Texas Rangers, 7:05 p.m. PT, O.co Coliseum

**2014 RECORD:** 88-74, second AL Wild Card

**TOP RETURNEES:** Sonny Gray, RHP, 14-10, 3.08 ERA, 219.0 innings, two-time AL Pitcher of the Month in 2014  
Scott Kazmir, LHP, 15-9, 3.55 ERA, three-time AL All-Star (2006, 2008, 2014)

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Sean Doolittle, LHP, 2-4, 2.73 ERA, A's LHP record 22 saves, 2014 AL All-Star  
Stephen Vogt, C, .279, 9 HR, 35 RBI, 84 games  
Coco Crisp, CF, .246, 9 HR, 47 RBI, 19 SB, A's career SB percentage leader (86.0%)  
Josh Reddick, RF, .264, 12 HR, 54 RBI, 109 games, 2012 Gold Glove winner  
Dan Otero, RHP, 8-2, 2.28 ERA, 72 games, 86.2 innings (2<sup>nd</sup> among AL relievers)  
Fernando Abad, LHP, 2-4, 1.57 ERA, 13.2% of inherited runners scored (3<sup>rd</sup> in AL)

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Ben Zobrist, IF/OF, .272, 10 HR, 52 RBI, .354 OBP, two-time AL All-Star (2009, 2013) (Tampa Bay)  
Brett Lawrie, 3B, .247, career-high 12 HR, 38 RBI, 70 games (Toronto)  
Tyler Clippard, RHP, 7-4, 2.18 ERA, two-time NL All-Star (2011, 2014) (Washington)  
Billy Butler, DH/1B, .271, 9 HR, 66 RBI, 2012 AL All-Star and Silver Slugger winner (Kansas City)  
Jesse Hahn, RHP, 7-4, 3.07 ERA, 14 games, 12 starts (San Diego)  
Marcus Semien, SS, .234, 6 HR, 28 RBI, 64 games (Chicago-AL)  
Ike Davis, 1B, .233, 11 HR, 51 RBI (New York-NL, Pittsburgh)

### Spring Training Guidelines

**PRACTICES AT FITCH/GAMES AT HOHOKAM:** A's workouts will take place at Fitch Park, 160 East 6<sup>th</sup> Place in Mesa, beginning when pitchers and catchers report and continuing through the end of full squad workouts. All A's players on the Major League roster will dress in the home clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium, 1235 N. Center Street in Mesa, and then go to Fitch Park for practices. Fitch Park is approximately a five-minute drive from Hohokam Stadium.

**A's CLUBHOUSE:** The A's clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8 a.m. 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 will also open to media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day.

**FIELD ACCESS:** During workouts at Fitch Park, media are permitted in the dugout area, in the open area behind the backstops and on the grass behind the batting cages. Media are not permitted in fair or foul territory down the lines on any fields at Fitch Park. At Hohokam Stadium, 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 need to leave the field. The A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time.

**MANAGER INTERVIEW SESSIONS:** Prior to the start of Cactus League games, A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning at approximately 9:15 a.m. at Fitch Park near the picnic tables on the west side behind the administrative building. Once games start, he will be available at Hohokam Stadium in the first base dugout at 9:15 a.m. Melvin will also be available immediately following the conclusion of the workout session or game.

**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.

### Credentials & Parking

**CREDENTIALS:** Media members covering A's Spring Training workout sessions and games must have a credential issued by the Oakland A's, Major League Baseball or the Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA). Any media member without proper credentials will be denied access. For credentials, please contact Adam Loberstein.

**PARKING:** The A's provide complimentary parking at Fitch Park and Hohokam Stadium to media members. At Hohokam, media can park in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate. At Fitch Park, media can park in the main lot facing the administrative building.

**MEALS:** When games begin, lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials at the patio area in the right field corner of Hohokam Stadium. The A's are able to provide complimentary lunches only to Bay Area beat writers, play-by-play broadcasters and designated team officials. There is no lunch service at Fitch Park.

**TV/PHOTOGRAPHY:** 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.

### Roster Information

**SPRING TRAINING ROSTER NOTES:** The Athletics will have 61 players in camp this spring. In addition to the club's 40-man roster, the A's will have 21 non-roster invitees in camp.

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his fourth full season with the A's, welcomes back four returning members of last year's coaching staff in pitching coach Curt Young (10<sup>th</sup> season), first base coach Tye Waller (9<sup>th</sup> season), third base coach Mike Gallego (7<sup>th</sup> season) and Darren Bush (3<sup>rd</sup> season), who moves from bullpen coach to hitting coach. Melvin has added three new faces to his 2015 staff, including bench coach Mike Aldrete, bullpen coach Scott Emerson and assistant hitting/catching coach Marcus Jensen. Aldrete, a native of Carmel who attended Stanford University, was on Melvin's staff as first base coach for Seattle in 2004 and hitting coach for Arizona from 2005-06. Emerson is in his 13<sup>th</sup> season in the A's organization, including the last two as

minor league roving pitching instructor. Jensen, an Oakland native and graduate of Skyline HS, is in his ninth season in the A's organization and most recently served as minor league hitting instructor in 2014.

**NON-ROSTER PLAYERS (21):** The Athletics will have 21 non-roster invitees to their 2015 Major League Spring Training camp. The players include C Bryan Anderson, C Carson Blair, RHP Matt Buschmann, C Luke Carlin, IF Alden Carrithers, RHP Angel Castro, LHP Jim Fuller, RHP Brock Huntzinger, C Bruce Maxwell, LHP Brad Mills, IF Max Muncy, IF Matt Olson, LHP Rudy Owens, IF Andy Parrino, OF Jason Pridie, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, IF Niuman Romero, SHP Patrick Venditte, LHP Ryan Verdugo, IF Joey Wendle and RHP Kevin Whelan. Ten of the 21 non-roster players have Major League experience (Anderson, Carlin, Mills, Owens, Parrino, Pridie, Rodriguez, Romero, Verdugo, Whelan).

**SIGNING UPDATE:**

**THROUGH 2015 (37):** LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Chris Bassitt, OF Billy Burns, IF Mark Canha, RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Tyler Clippard, RHP Ryan Cook, IF Ike Davis, LHP Eury De La Rosa, IF Nate Freiman, OF Sam Fuld, OF Craig Gentry, RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Sonny Gray, RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Jesse Hahn, LHP Scott Kazmir, IF Tyler Ladendorf, IF Brett Lawrie, RHP Arnold Leon, LHP Sean Nolin, IF Renato Nuñez, LHP Eric O'Flaherty, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Jarrod Parker, C Josh Phegley, LHP Drew Pomeranz, IF Rangel Ravelo, OF Josh Reddick, RHP Evan Scribner, IF Marcus Semien, IF Eric Sogard, RHP Taylor Thompson, C Stephen Vogt, IF Ben Zobrist

**THROUGH 2016 (1):** OF Coco Crisp (includes vesting option for 2017)

**THROUGH 2017 (1):** IF Billy Butler

**THROUGH 2018 (1):** LHP Sean Doolittle (includes club options for 2019 and 2020)

**MAJOR OFFSEASON TRANSACTIONS:**

- Nov. 19** Free agent Billy Butler agrees to terms on a three-year contract
- Nov. 23** Ike Davis and international bonus slot 86 acquired from Pittsburgh for international bonus slot 27
- Nov. 28** Josh Donaldson traded to Toronto for Brett Lawrie, Kendall Graveman, Sean Nolin and minor leaguer Franklin Barreto
- Dec. 8** Brandon Moss traded to Cleveland for minor leaguer Joey Wendle
- Dec. 9** Chris Bassitt, Josh Phegley, Rangel Ravelo and Marcus Semien acquired from the Chicago White Sox for Jeff Samardzija and Michael Ynoa
- Dec. 11** Mark Canha acquired from Colorado for minor leaguer Austin House and cash considerations
- Dec. 18** Eury De La Rosa acquired from Arizona for cash; R.J. Alvarez and Jesse Hahn acquired from San Diego for Derek Norris, minor leaguer Seth Streich and international bonus slot 117; Nick Punto released
- Jan. 10** Ben Zobrist and Yunel Escobar acquired from Tampa Bay for John Jaso, Daniel Robertson, Boog Powell and cash considerations
- Jan. 14** Tyler Clippard acquired from Washington for Yunel Escobar

**How the A's 40-Man Roster Was Built**

**Free Agent Draft (3):** LHP Sean Doolittle (2007, 1<sup>st</sup> compensation), RHP A.J. Griffin (2010, 13<sup>th</sup> round), RHP Sonny Gray (2011, 1<sup>st</sup> round)

**Signed as Non-Drafted Free Agent (1):** IF Renato Nuñez

**Signed as Free Agent (4):** IF Billy Butler, OF Coco Crisp, LHP Scott Kazmir, LHP Eric O'Flaherty

**Claimed off waivers (4):** IF Nate Freiman, RHP Dan Otero, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Taylor Thompson

**Acquired Via Trade (28):** LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Chris Bassitt, OF Billy Burns, IF Mark Canha, RHP Jesse Chavez, RHP Tyler Clippard, RHP Ryan Cook, IF Ike Davis, LHP Eury De La Rosa, OF Sam Fuld, OF Craig Gentry, RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Jesse Hahn, IF Tyler Ladendorf, IF Brett Lawrie, RHP Arnold Leon, LHP Sean Nolin, RHP Jarrod Parker, C Josh Phegley, LHP Drew Pomeranz, IF Rangel Ravelo, OF Josh Reddick, IF Marcus Semien, IF Eric Sogard, C Stephen Vogt, IF Ben Zobrist

**Miscellaneous Information**

**SPRING TRAINING HISTORY:** This year marks the A's 47<sup>th</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, their first since returning to Mesa following 33 consecutive years in Phoenix. The A's new Spring Training home at Hohokam Stadium and Fitch Park recently underwent \$26.9 million in renovations. 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). In March of 2013, the A's and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the team to return to Mesa beginning this season. Oakland also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years. After relocating from Kansas City, the Oakland A's spent their first Spring Training in Bradenton, Fla. and then moved to Arizona the following season. The A's had their first stint in Mesa from 1969-78 before a three-year stay in Scottsdale (1979-81). The team then moved to Phoenix for the 1982 Spring Training season.

**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 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255). The Hohokam Stadium box office opens Monday, Feb. 9 at

10 a.m. MST. Office hours of operation on non-game days are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, 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 Tickets Services at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday. Single game ticket pricing is based on current market value. Pricing will fluctuate based on factors affecting supply and demand. Base prices are: Infield Box \$30, Terrace Box \$26, Field Level \$22, Terrace Reserved \$16, Lawn (general admission) \$9. Group discount tickets are available for groups of 20 or more in Field Level (\$18) and Terrace Reserved sections (\$10) for select games. The Terrace Patio is a reserved, covered area above Terrace Box sections 209 and 210/212 for 30 to 90 guests to enjoy a catered meal and watch the game.

**REGULAR SEASON TICKETS:** Tickets for all A's home games can be purchased at the O.co Coliseum Box Office, online at athletics.com, or over the phone by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255). Ticket 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 2015 season, with rates fluctuating based on factors affecting supply and demand. Fans can lock in their price and save by purchasing seats early.

### Spring Training Schedule

**SPRING SCHEDULE:** The Athletics will play 35 exhibition games this spring in preparation for the 2015 season, including a 32-game Cactus League schedule. In addition to the dates in the desert, the A's will also play their traditional three-game Bay Bridge Series against the San Francisco Giants in Northern California April 2-4. Oakland opens its Cactus League season and new home at Hohokam Stadium on Tuesday, March 3 against the Giants. The team will play a total of 15 games at Hohokam Stadium this spring. The A's will also play two games in Las Vegas as part of the 2015 Big League Weekend at Cashman Field against the Chicago Cubs March 13-14. The A's break camp April 1 following their game against the Los Angeles Angels.

**BROADCAST SCHEDULE:** The A's will televise one Spring Training game from Arizona this year, with Comcast SportsNet California carrying the Sunday, March 8 game at Hohokam Stadium against the Chicago White Sox. Nine games in Arizona will be broadcast on flagship station 95.7 FM The GAME and the A's Radio Network. In addition, all three Bay Bridge Series games – April 2-3 in San Francisco and April 4 in Oakland – will be broadcast on 95.7 FM The GAME and the A's radio network, with the April 2 game being aired on Comcast SportsNet California as well. Spring Training games not broadcast over the air can be heard live on athletics.com.

**FULL SCHEDULE:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>12:05 pm</b>
Wed	Mar 4	San Francisco	Scottsdale	12:05 pm
Thur	Mar 5	Chicago (NL)	Mesa/Cubs Park	12:05 pm
Fri	Mar 6	Arizona	Salt River	12:05 pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 7</b>	<b>Los Angeles (AL) (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>12:05 pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Chicago (AL) (CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Mon	Mar 9	Texas	Surprise	1:05 pm
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Fri	Mar 13	Kansas City (SS)	Surprise	1:05 pm
		Chicago (NL) (SS)	Las Vegas	5:05 pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
		Chicago (NL) (SS) (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	Las Vegas	12:05 pm
Sun	Mar 15	Milwaukee (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	Maryvale	1:05 pm
Mon	Mar 16	Los Angeles (NL)	Glendale	1:05 pm
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Wed	Mar 18	Seattle	Peoria	1:05 pm
Thur	Mar 19	Off Day		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Los Angeles (NL) (SS)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
		Colorado (SS)	Salt River	1:05 pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Cincinnati (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Sun	Mar 22	Cincinnati (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	Goodyear	1:05 pm
Mon	Mar 23	Cleveland	Goodyear	1:05 pm
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Chicago (NL)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Wed	Mar 25	Milwaukee	Maryvale	1:05 pm
Thur	Mar 26	San Francisco (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	Scottsdale	7:05 pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Sat	Mar 28	Chicago (AL) (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	Glendale	1:05 pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Milwaukee (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>
Tues	Mar 31	Los Angeles (AL)	Tempe	1:05 pm
<b>Wed</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Los Angeles (AL)</b>	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>12:05 pm</b>
Thur	April 2	San Francisco (CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	San Francisco	7:15 pm
Fri	April 3	San Francisco (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)	San Francisco	7:15 pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>San Francisco (95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network)</b>	<b>Oakland</b>	<b>1:05 pm</b>

All Times are Pacific (ss) denotes split squad