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2016 OAKLAND A's SPRING TRAINING INFORMATION

Pitchers & Catchers Report Saturday, Feb. 20; Full Squad on Thursday, Feb. 25

OAKLAND, Calif. – Spring Training for the 2016 Oakland Athletics begins on Saturday, Feb. 20, when pitchers and catchers report to Hohokam Stadium, the A's spring home in Mesa, Ariz.

The first pitchers' and catchers' workout will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Lew Wolff Training Complex, formerly known as Fitch Park. Position players report Thursday, Feb. 25, with the first full squad workout set for Friday, February 26, also at the Lew Wolff Training Complex.

The following is pertinent A's Spring Training information, including general guidelines, credential and parking information, roster information, and more.

**TRAINING SITE/
MINOR LEAGUE
HEADQUARTERS:** Lew Wolff Training Complex
160 East 6th Place
Mesa, AZ 85201
480-487-5800

**STADIUM
HEADQUARTERS:** Hohokam Stadium
1235 N. Center Street
Mesa, AZ 85201
480-907-5488

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

**REPORTING DATES/
FIRST WORKOUTS:** **Pitchers and Catchers** – Saturday, Feb. 20 / Sunday, Feb. 21
Full Squad – Thursday, Feb. 25 / Friday, Feb. 26

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MEDIA CREDENTIALS: For daily credentials, apply online at credentials.mlb.com or contact Zak Basch

TICKET INFORMATION: Call (510) 568-5600; visit the Hohokam Stadium box office; purchase online at athletics.com/tickets

PHOTO DAY: Monday, Feb. 29, at 7 a.m. MST, Hohokam Stadium

**CACTUS LEAGUE
OPENING DAY:** Thursday, March 3 at Los Angeles Angels, 1:10 p.m. MST, Tempe Diablo Stadium

**CACTUS LEAGUE
HOME OPENER:** Friday, March 4 (SS) vs. Colorado Rockies, 1:05 p.m. MST, Hohokam Stadium

**OPENING NIGHT
AT O.CO COLISEUM:** Monday, April 4 vs. Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m. PDT

2015 RECORD: 68-94, Fifth Place, American League West

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

TOP RETURNNEES: Sonny Gray, RHP, 14-7, 2.73 ERA, AL All-Star, third in AL Cy Young voting
Stephen Vogt, C, .261, 18 HR, 71 RBI, 136 games, AL All-Star
Billy Burns, OF, .294, 70 runs, 9 triples, 26 SB, led ML rookies in SB and multi-hit games (47)
Josh Reddick, OF, .272, 20 HR, 77 RBI, 149 games, led A's in HR, RBI, slugging (.449)
Mark Canha, 1B/OF, .254, 16 HR, 70 RBI, 124 games, led AL rookies in RBI
Danny Valencia, 3B, .290, 18 HR, 66 RBI, 105 games, 11 HR and 37 RBI in 47 games with A's
Billy Butler, DH, .251, 15 HR, 65 RBI, 151 games
Marcus Semien, SS, .257, 15 HR, 45 RBI, 155 games, led A's in games
Sean Doolittle, LHP, 1-0, 4 saves, 3.95 ERA in 12 games, missed 121 games due to injury

TOP NEWCOMERS: Ryan Madson, RHP, 1-2, 3 saves, 2.13 ERA, 68 games, career low ERA in 10th season (Kansas City)
John Axford, RHP, 4-5, 25 saves, 4.20 ERA, 60 games, led team in saves (Colorado)
Yonder Alonso, 1B, .282, 5 HR, 31 RBI, 103 games, career high 50 runs (San Diego)
Jed Lowrie, IF, .222, 9 HR, 30 RBI, 69 games, missed 83 games with thumb injury (Houston)
Liam Hendriks, RHP, 5-0, 2.92 ERA, 58 games, pitched exclusively in relief 1st time in career (Toronto)
Rich Hill, LHP, 2-1, 1.55 ERA, 4 starts during Sept. call-up with Boston (Boston)
Henderson Alvarez, RHP, 0-4, 6.45 ERA, 4 starts, had shoulder surgery July 28 (Miami)
Marc Rzepczynski, LHP, 2-4, 5.66 ERA, 72 games (Cleveland and San Diego)

Spring Training Guidelines

FACILITY BREAKDOWN: A's workouts will take place at the Lew Wolff Training Complex, 160 East 6th 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 the LWTC for practices. It is approximately a five-minute drive from Hohokam Stadium to the Lew Wolff Training Complex.

A's CLUBHOUSE: 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 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.

FIELD ACCESS: During workouts at the Lew Wolff Training Complex, 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 the Lew Wolff Training Complex. 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 during the A's stretch time at the Lew Wolff Training Complex 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 during team stretch time. He also will be available on the field immediately following the conclusion of the workout session or game.

A's MEDIA ALERTS ON TWITTER: 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.

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. Daily credentials can be picked up at the player/press will call window to the right of Gate D at Hohokam Stadium. Spring training credential requests can be made online at credentials.mlb.com or by contacting Zak Basch.

PARKING: The A's provide complimentary parking to media members at both facilities. At Hohokam, media may park in the Center Street Lot (Lot D) located behind home plate. At the LWTC, they may park in the main lot facing the administrative building.

MEALS: When games begin, lunch is available for \$8 to media members with proper credentials in the landing area at the top of Section 209, **which is a new location for the 2016 spring season.** 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 the LWTC.

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 62 players in camp this spring. In addition to the club's 40-man roster, the A's will have 22 non-roster invitees in camp.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his fifth full season with the A's, has one new face on the A's coaching staff, Mark Kotsay. Kotsay is in his first season as the A's bench coach after serving as the hitting coach with San Diego in 2015, his first professional coaching assignment. Kotsay played 17 seasons in the Major Leagues from 1997-2013, including a four-year stint with Oakland from 2004-07. Mike Aldrete moves from bench coach to first base and outfield coach in 2016. The remainder of the coaching staff remains the same with Curt Young as pitching coach, Darren Bush as hitting coach, Ron Washington as third base coach, Scott Emerson as bullpen coach and Marcus Jensen as assistant hitting and catching coach.

NON-ROSTER PLAYERS (22): The Athletics will have 22 non-roster invitees to their 2016 Major League Spring Training camp. The players include IF Franklin Barreto, C Carson Blair, RHP Ryan Brasier, RHP Angel Castro, IF Matt Chapman, LHP Daniel Coulombe, RHP Ryan Doolittle, LHP Sean Manaea, IF Richie Martin, C Bruce Maxwell, C Matt McBride, C Jacob Nottingham, IF Matt Olson, LHP Dillon Overton, IF Chad Pinder, IF Josh Rodriguez, RHP Eduard Santos, LHP Patrick Schuster, RHP Chris Smith, LHP Eric Surkamp, C Beau Taylor and RHP Taylor Thompson. Nine of the 22 non-roster players have Major League experience (Blair, Brasier, Castro, Coulombe, McBride, Rodriguez, Smith, Surkamp, Thompson).

SIGNING UPDATE:

Through 2016 (35): RHP Raul Alcantara, IF Yonder Alonso, RHP Henderson Alvarez, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Aaron Brooks, OF Billy Burns, IF Mark Canha, OF Coco Crisp (includes vesting option for 2017), LHP Felix Doubront, RHP Ryan Dull, OF Sam Fuld, RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Sonny Gray, RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Liam Hendriks, LHP Rich Hill, IF Tyler Ladendorf, OF Andrew Lambo, IF Max Muncy, LHP Sean Nolin, IF Renato Nuñez, RHP Jarrod Parker, C Josh Phegley, IF Rangel Ravelo, OF Josh Reddick, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, IF Marcus Semien, OF Jake Smolinski, IF Eric Sogard, IF Danny Valencia, C Stephen Vogt, RHP J.B. Wendelken, IF Joey Wendle

Through 2017 (3): RHP John Axford, IF Billy Butler, IF Jed Lowrie (includes club option for 2018)

Through 2018 (2): LHP Sean Doolittle (includes club options for 2019 and 2020), RHP Ryan Madson

MAJOR OFFSEASON TRANSACTIONS:

Nov. 20 Free agent Rich Hill agrees to terms on one-year contract; Liam Hendriks acquired from Toronto for Jesse Chavez
Nov. 25 Jed Lowrie acquired from Houston for minor leaguer Brendan McCurry
Dec. 2 Yonder Alonso and Marc Rzepczynski acquired from San Diego for Drew Pomeranz, Jose Torres and a player to be named later
Dec. 9 J.B. Wendelken and minor leaguer Zack Erwin acquired from the Chicago White Sox for Brett Lawrie
Dec. 11 Free agent Ryan Madson agrees to terms on a three-year contract; Free agent John Axford agrees to terms on a two-year contract
Dec. 28 Henderson Alvarez agrees to terms on a one-year contract; Arnold Leon designated for assignment

How the A's 40-Man Roster Was Built

Free Agent Draft (4): LHP Sean Doolittle (2007, 1st compensation), RHP Ryan Dull (2012, 32nd round), IF Max Muncy (2012, 5th round), RHP Sonny Gray (2011, 1st round)

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

Signed as Free Agent (6): RHP Henderson Alvarez, RHP John Axford, IF Billy Butler, OF Coco Crisp, LHP Rich Hill, RHP Ryan Madson

Claimed off waivers (3): IF Andrew Lambo, OF Jake Smolinski, IF Danny Valencia

Acquired Via Trade (26): RHP Raul Alcantara, IF Yonder Alonso, RHP R.J. Alvarez, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Aaron Brooks, OF Billy Burns, IF Mark Canha, LHP Felix Doubront, OF Sam Fuld, RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Jesse Hahn, RHP Liam Hendriks, IF Tyler Ladendorf, IF Jed Lowrie, LHP Sean Nolin, RHP Jarrod Parker, C Josh Phegley, IF Rangel Ravelo, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, OF Josh Reddick, LHP Marc Rzepczynski, IF Marcus Semien, IF Eric Sogard, C Stephen Vogt, RHP J.B. Wendelken, IF Joey Wendle

Miscellaneous Information

SPRING TRAINING HISTORY: This year marks the A's 48th Spring Training in Arizona, their second during their second stint in Mesa following 33 consecutive years in Phoenix. The A's Spring Training home at Hohokam Stadium and the Lew Wolff Training Complex underwent \$26.9 million in renovations prior to the A's return in 2015. Hohokam Stadium now seats 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 is 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 in 2015. 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. before moving 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/tickets or by calling (877) 493-BALL (2255). The Hohokam Stadium box office is now open, and will remain 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.

REGULAR SEASON TICKETS: Tickets for all A's home games can be purchased at the O.co Coliseum Box Office, online at athletics.com/tickets, or over the phone at (877) 493-BALL (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 2016 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 32 exhibition games this spring in preparation for the 2016 season, including a 29-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 from March 31-April 2. The team will play a total of 15 games at Hohokam Stadium this spring, and will break camp March 30 following their 12:05 p.m. game against the D-backs.

BROADCAST SCHEDULE: The A's will televise one Spring Training game from Arizona this year, with Comcast SportsNet California carrying the Monday, March 14 game at Hohokam Stadium against the San Francisco Giants. 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 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:

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time*
Thur.	March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	Tempe Diablo	1:05 p.m.
Fri.	March 4	Colorado (SS)	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
	March 4	at Arizona (SS)	Salt River	1:05 p.m.
Sat.	March 5	Milwaukee – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Sun.	March 6	at San Diego – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Peoria	1:05 p.m.
Mon.	March 7	Kansas City	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Tue.	March 8	Texas	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Wed.	March 9	at Chicago (AL)	Camelback	1:05 p.m.
Thurs.	March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Fri.	March 11	at Cincinnati	Goodyear	1:05 p.m.
Sat.	March 12	at Texas – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Surprise	1:05 p.m.
Sun.	March 13	Chicago (NL) – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Mon.	March 14	San Francisco – CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Hohokam	7:05 p.m.
Tue.	March 15	at Colorado	Salt River	1:05 p.m.
Wed.	March 16	OFF DAY		
Thur.	March 17	Seattle	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Fri.	March 18	at Cleveland	Goodyear	1:05 p.m.
Sat.	March 19	Cincinnati (SS) – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
	March 19	at San Francisco (SS)	Scottsdale	1:05 p.m.
Sun.	March 20	Chicago (AL) – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Mon.	March 21	at San Francisco	Scottsdale	1:05 p.m.
Tue.	March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	Tempe Diablo	1:05 p.m.
Wed.	March 23	at Seattle	Peoria	7:10 p.m.
Thur.	March 24	Texas	Hohokam	7:05 p.m.
Fri.	March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Sat.	March 26	at Kansas City – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Surprise	1:05 p.m.
Sun.	March 27	Kansas City – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Mon.	March 28	Cleveland	Hohokam	1:05 p.m.
Tue.	March 29	at Chicago (NL)	Sloan Park	1:05 p.m.
Wed.	March 30	Arizona	Hohokam	12:05 p.m.
Thur.	March 31	at San Francisco – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	AT&T Park	7:15 p.m.
Fri.	April 1	at San Francisco – 95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	AT&T Park	7:15 p.m.
Sat.	April 2	San Francisco – CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network	O.co Coliseum	1:05 p.m.

*All times are local (SS) denotes split squad