



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS (5-3-2) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (5-5-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.
A'S WEBCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their second tie yesterday at Arizona and have tallied at least two tie games in five of the last six springs...A's hitters lead the majors in walks (40) and strikeouts (81) and rank third in runs (52)...A's pitchers are tied for the lead in home runs allowed (11), have issued the second most walks (36) and rank third in strikeouts (73)...this is the A's 46th Spring Training in Arizona, including their 33rd and final spring in Phoenix...return to Mesa next spring, where the A's trained from 1969-78 after moving from Florida...moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring, including 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 27-29)...the A's went 17-13-3 last spring, which was the third best record in the Cactus League and sixth best in the majors...went 15-7-2 in 2012, marking the first time they have posted a winning record in consecutive springs since 2007-08.

YESTERDAY: The A's and Diamondbacks played to an 8-8 tie at Salt River Fields...Oakland scored three times in the first on RBI singles by Yoenis Céspedes, Josh Donaldson and John Jaso but Arizona scored four in the bottom of the first off Sonny Gray (1.0 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er)...Sam Fuld homered to start the second inning to tie the game, Brandon Moss hit a two-run home run in the third and Josh Reddick added a RBI double in the fourth, giving the A's a 7-4 lead...the Diamondbacks scored a run in the fifth and three in the eighth to take a one-run lead but Addison Russell tripled to lead off the ninth and scored on a Luke Montz sacrifice fly to tie the game...Dan Otero tossed two scoreless innings of relief and Andrew Werner, Sean Doolittle, Seth Frankoff and Matt Buschmann added a scoreless inning each...Russell, Céspedes and Moss had two hits each.

PLAYER NOTES: *Billy Burns* had his second two-steal game Tuesday at the Cubs and now has seven stolen bases overall, which is three more than any other Major Leaguer this spring...the seven steals match the most by an A's player during a non-strike spring since at least 1991, the first year spring stats are available (also Rajai Davis, 2009)...also leads the majors in runs scored (7), is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in walks (4) and tied for seventh in hits (7)...*Yoenis Céspedes* had his first multiple hit game yesterday at Arizona...also drove in a run and is tied for third in the CL in RBI (6)...*Coco Crisp* has drawn at least one walk in each of his four games and has five walks overall, which is tied for the second in the CL...however, is 0 for 9...*Sam Fuld* is tied for second in the CL in runs (6)...*Brandon Moss* has three multiple hit games in four games...has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his four games...*Nick Punto* has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his six games...has appeared in three games at shortstop and three at second base...*Josh Reddick* has hit safely in five of his six games, including a pair of multiple hit games...*Addison Russell* had his first multiple hit game yesterday at Arizona and is 4 for 9 (.444) over his last four games after going 1 for 10 (.100) over his first five contests...*Michael Taylor* is 5 for 7 (.714) over his last three games after going 0 for 10 over his previous four contests...*Stephen Vogt* went 3-for-3 with a double Wednesday at Milwaukee and has now reached base safely via hit or walk in all five of his games.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS: This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the two clubs played to an 8-8 tie yesterday at Salt River Fields...went 1-1-1 last spring, losing 9-4 in Scottsdale on February 26, winning 7-5 in Phoenix on March 10 and playing to a 2-2 tie in Scottsdale March 15...are 3-1-2 against the Diamondbacks over the last three springs.

PHOENIX MUNI FAREWELL: This is the A's final spring in Phoenix as last March the team and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the A's to return to Mesa beginning in 2015...Oakland, which also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years, will conduct workouts at Fitch Park and play its Spring Training games at Hohokam Stadium, the former home of the Chicago Cubs...Fitch Park and Hohokam Stadium are currently undergoing \$20 million in renovations.

IN CAMP: The A's have 55 players in camp, including 40 players on the 40-man roster and 15 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, seven catchers, 12 infielders and eight outfielders...the total does not include Eric O'Flaherty, who is on the 60-day disabled list.

OFF SEASON MOVES: In the course of 72 hours in December, the A's added five players in four separate transactions...on Dec. 2, the A's acquired closer Jim Johnson from Baltimore...the A's made two more deals the next day, adding Luke Gregerson from San Diego and Craig Gentry and Josh Lindblom from Texas...the A's capped the three-day spree by signing Scott Kazmir to a two-year contract Dec. 4...other off season highlights include the signing of free agent Nick

Punto on Nov. 13 and a two-year deal with free agent Eric O'Flaherty Jan. 22.

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Three of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Addison Russell (#1), Raul Alcantara (#3) and Michael Ynoa (#4)...Russell is ranked No. 3 on ESPN.com's Top 100 Prospects list, No. 12 on MLB.com and No. 14 by *Baseball America*.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES: Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park...position players report Sunday, March 9 (first workout, March 10)...Triple-A and Double-A games begin March 10 and Single-A games commence March 17.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse at Phoenix Municipal Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the games begin, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at 9:15 am...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed 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 that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room...lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner...complimentary parking is available in the main lot at Phoenix Muni at the corner of Van Buren and Priest by presenting your credential to the attendant.

A's MEDIA ALERTS: New for the 2014 season, the A's Public Relations Department has created a media-only Twitter account to provide as up-to-date information as possible...for clubhouse hours, interview times and various media alerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts.

A's ON THE AIR: The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 15 games this spring, including 12 from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games, all Giants games (except the split squad on March 15) and March 13 against Colorado...Ken Korach returns for his 19th year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (ninth) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 29th season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including the March 13th against the Rockies (7:05 PM) and March 28 against the Giants in San Francisco (7:15 PM)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site...in addition, five remaining games from Arizona will be carried on MLB Network, although not necessarily live...those games are March 10 vs. LAD (7:00 am PT on March 11), March 15 vs. TEX (1:00 am PT on March 16), March 18 vs. CWS (1:00 pm PT), March 23 vs. CHI (12:00 am PT on March 24), March 24 vs. TEX (11:00 pm PT).

2013 RECAP: The A's compiled a 96-66 record, which was second best in the American League and tied for third best in the majors...it was the second consecutive season the A's finished with the second best record in the AL...won their second straight AL West title, marking the fourth time in Oakland history the A's have won consecutive division championships (1971-75, 1988-90, 2002-03)...it was the A's sixth AL West crown in the last 14 years and their 16th since moving to Oakland...only the Yankees (18) and Braves (17) have more division championships...finished 5½ games ahead of second place Texas, which was the A's largest margin since 1992 when they won the West by six games...the 96-66 (.593) record was the A's best since 2003 when they also went 96-66...it tied for the ninth best record in Oakland history...are 190-134 over the last two years, which is tied with Atlanta for the best record in the majors.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 17	Joe Savery claimed off waivers from Philadelphia; Eric O'Flaherty placed on the 60-day disabled list (Tommy John surgery)
Feb. 27	Jake Elmore acquired from Chicago (AL) for cash; Andy Parrino designated for assignment
March 3	Andy Parrino claimed off waivers by Texas

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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
#26 SCOTT KAZMIR LHP (10-9, 4.04 ERA in 2013)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance and start of the spring...was signed as a free agent to a two-year contract, December 4, 2013...went from the independent Atlantic League in 2012 to a key member of the Cleveland Indians rotation in 2013, going 10-9 with a 4.04 ERA in 29 starts...it was his sixth 10-win season but his first since 2009...his 29 starts were his most since 2007, as were his 158.0 innings pitched...walked 47 batters for an average of 2.68 walks per nine innings, which was the lowest mark of his career...struck out 162, and his strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.45 was also a career best...averaged 9.23 strikeouts per nine innings...did not qualify for the league leaders but had the seventh best strikeout per nine inning ratio among AL pitchers with 150 or more innings pitched...allowed a .262 opponents batting average, including .226 against left-handed hitters compared to .275 against right-handers...went 7-5 with a 3.06 ERA and .239 opponents average over his final 18 starts.

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (2-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...his first two outings were starts...did not allow a run in either of those two appearances (4.2 ip) and picked up the win in each outing, including his last appearance Sunday at Los Angeles-AL (2.2 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...the two wins are tied for the Major League lead...spent most of the 2013 season with the A's and was 2-4 with a save and a career-low 3.92 ERA in 35 games over two stints...also went 2-2 with a 2.70 ERA and .285 opponents batting average in five starts with Triple-A Sacramento...the save was the first of his career and he also struck out a career-high 55 batters...also had career lows in opponents batting average (.230), on-base percentage (.302) and slugging percentage (.318)...surrendered just three home runs in 57.1 innings, an average of 0.47 per nine innings...entered the season with 34 home runs in 177.1 career innings (1.73 per nine innings)...had a 2.97 ERA and .210 opponents batting average in 18 games before the All-Star Break...then compiled a 5.25 ERA and .258 opponents average in 17 games after the break...his opponents batting average included a .212 (21-for-99) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .246 (29-for-118) against left-handers...allowed a .167 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs.

#72 JOSE FLORES RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 11.57 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Wednesday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb)...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 14, 2013...spent the entire 2013 season with Double-A Akron in the Cleveland organization and was 7-3 with 16 saves and a 2.71 ERA in 59 relief appearances...led the Eastern League in games pitched and tied for fourth in saves...yielded just one home run in 66.1 innings...struck out 87, an average of 11.80 per nine innings, which was the best mark among EL relievers...also ranked fourth among EL relievers in opponents batting average (.222)...had career highs in wins, games, saves, innings pitched (66.1), walks (27) and strikeouts (98)...led the Aeros and ranked second in the Indians farm system in saves...his opponents batting average included a .197 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .248 against left-handers...pitched for Magallanes in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and compiled an 11.25 ERA in five relief appearances.

#71 DERYK HOOKER RHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 bb)...the non-roster invitee was signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...combined for a 1-4 record, eight saves and a 4.12 ERA in a career-high 54 appearances with Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis in his seventh and final season in the St. Louis Cardinals organization last year...it was the first time in his career he pitched

exclusively in relief...the saves were a career-high as he had just three over his first six professional seasons...all eight saves came at Springfield, which led the team...struck out 75 batters in 67.2 innings, an average of 9.98 per nine innings...walked just 18 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.17...allowed a .228 opponents batting average, including .223 (35-for-157) against right-handed hitters compared to .237 (23-for-97) against left-handers...pitched for Lara in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and posted a 9.31 ERA in nine relief appearances.

#49 FERNANDO NIEVE RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Wednesday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee was re-signed to a minor league contract November 18, 2013...began the 2013 season at Triple-A Columbus in the Cleveland organization and was 5-3 with a 1.81 ERA in 22 games, including two starts, when he was traded to the A's organization for cash considerations, Aug. 3...was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento and logged a 1-0 record and 2.19 ERA in seven games, one start...also had a one-day stay with Cleveland in April but did not appear in a game...combined for a 6-3 record and a 1.89 ERA in 29 games, three starts, overall...struck out 64 batters in 57.0 innings, an average of 10.11 per nine innings...walked 14 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.57...allowed a .208 opponents batting average, including .161 (14-for-87) against left-handed hitters compared to .242 (29-for-120) against right-handers...made five starts in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season for Margarita and Caracas, going 0-2 with a 4.74 ERA.

#50 JOE SAVERY LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his first two appearances, including his last outing Wednesday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 2 bb)...was claimed off waivers from Philadelphia February 17...went 2-0 with a 3.15 ERA in 18 relief appearances over four stints with the Phillies last year...held opponents to a .205 batting average, including .118 (6-for-51) by right-handed hitters and .409 (9-for-22) against left-handers...allowed 1 of 2 (50.0%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 3 for 14 (.214) with three walks and a sacrifice fly...pitched just once during his first stint in April and did not pitch during a three day stay from May 6-8...returned May 31 and went 2-0 with a 1.50 ERA in nine outings before going on the disabled list July 23 with elbow stiffness...was reinstated and optioned to Triple-A August 28 before returning in September...was 3-1 with two saves and a 3.08 ERA in 20 appearances with Lehigh Valley...allowed a .209 opponents batting average, including .194 (6-for-31) against left-handed hitters compared to .218 (12-for-55) against righties.

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 7 vs. Arizona
Diamondbacks: LHP Wade Miley, RHP Addison Reed, RHP Marcos Mateo, LHP Joe Paterson, RHP Will Harris, RHP David Hernandez

March 8 at Colorado
A's: RHP A.J. Griffin, RHP Josh Lindblom, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Evan Scribner, RHP Philip Humber, LHP Drew Pomeranz
Rockies: LHP Brett Anderson, LHP Christian Friedrich, RHP Jon Gray, RHP Chris Martin, RHP Chad Bettis

March 9 vs. Chicago (AL)
A's: RHP Dan Straily, LHP Tommy Milone, RHP Raul Alcantara, RHP Jim Johnson, LHP Fernando Abad, RHP Jeremy McBryde, LHP Andrew Werner
White Sox: RHP Erik Johnson, RHP Cody Winiarski, LHP Charliee Leesman, RHP Deunte Heath, RHP Jake Petricka, LHP Scott Snodgrass

2014 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 26	at San Francisco	W, 10-5	1-0	Chavez	Petit	6,498	
Feb. 27	Milwaukee	L, 3-11	1-1	Estrada	Milone	3,649	3,649
Feb. 28	San Francisco	W, 7-6	2-1	Neal	Hembree	4,285	7,934
March 1	Texas	T, 2-2	2-1-1	--	--	4,232	12,166
March 2	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 3-2	3-1-1	Chavez	Santiago	4,777	
March 3	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 7-3	4-1-1	Doolittle	Kershaw	3,862	16,028
March 4	Milwaukee	W, 6-4		Urlaub	Hellweg	2,209	18,237
	at Chicago (NL)	L, 4-6	5-2-1	Rosscup	Ynoa	10,049	
March 5	at Milwaukee	L, 2-7	5-3-1	Duke	Pomeranz	2,408	
March 6	at Arizona	T, 8-8 (10)	5-3-2	--	--	8,185	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV				
March 7	Arizona	1:05					
March 8	at Colorado	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 9	Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				
March 10	at Los Angeles (NL)	1:05					
March 11	at San Diego	1:05					
March 12	Kansas City	1:05					
March 13	Colorado	7:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network				

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 14	at Kansas City	1:05	
March 15	Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at San Francisco	3:05	
March 16	at Cincinnati	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 17	Chicago (NL)	1:05	
March 18	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 19	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 20	OFF DAY		
March 21	at San Francisco	6:35	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 22	Seattle	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 23	Chicago (NL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at Seattle	1:05	
March 24	at Texas	1:05	
March 25	Cincinnati	1:05	
March 26	Los Angeles (AL)	12:05	
March 27	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	7:15	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 29	San Francisco (at Oak.)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network