



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (0-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 – TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM – 1:05 P.M. MST  
A'S WEBCAST — MLB NETWORK (Tape Delayed to 11:00 pm PDT)

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's open their 48th Spring Training in Arizona today, their second since returning to Mesa last year 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, including 29 in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 31-April 2)...the A's went 22-11-2 (.657) last spring, which was the second best record in the majors to Kansas City (20-10-1, .661)...the 22 wins tied the Oakland Spring Training record set in 2001...had the fourth best winning percentage...finished with a winning record for the fourth consecutive spring...went 14-1 in their first season at the newly renovated Hohokam Stadium where they currently have a 12-game winning streak...drew 110,059 fans last year, which was the A's second best Arizona total to the record of 110,543 in 2005... were also 8-7-2 on the road, 0-2 at Las Vegas and 0-1 in Oakland...the A's led the majors in runs (199), doubles (90) and sacrifice flies (18)...ranked second among Cactus League teams in slugging (.461), on-base percentage (.343) and walks (112), third in triples (14), tied for third in home runs (33) and fewest grounded into double plays (22), fourth in hit by pitches (12) and strikeouts (255) and fifth in batting (.280)...the 90 doubles were second most by an A's team during the spring since at least 1991 (first year spring stats are available)...the pitching staff ranked second in the CL in ERA (3.60) and strikeouts (262) and third in most walks (104)...the strikeouts were the most by an A's pitching staff during the spring since at least 1991, topping the 247 from 2014, and the ERA ranks second lowest (3.29 in 1994)...committed the third fewest errors in the CL (23).

**A's vs. ANGELS:** This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...meet again in Tempe on March 22 and in Mesa on March 25...the A's won all three games last spring, posting victories in Mesa on March 7 (8-7) and April 1 (4-1) and Tempe March 31 (13-10)... have won each of their last three games in Tempe and have not lost here since Feb. 28, 2011.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 62 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 22 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 29 pitchers, seven catchers, 18 infielders and eight outfielders.

**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.

**CONTRACT STATUS:** The A's have five players under contract beyond the 2016 season...John Axford and Billy Butler are signed through 2017 while Jed Lowrie is signed through 2017 with a club option for 2018...Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson are signed through 2018 with the A's hold club options on Doolittle for 2019 and 2020...in addition, Coco Crisp has a vesting option for 2017.

**HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT:** Of the 40 players on the 40-man roster, only four were drafted by the A's (Doolittle, compensation pick following the 1st round in 2007; Dull, 32nd in 2012; Muncy, 5th in 2012; Gray, 1st in 2011)... one was signed as a non-drafted agent (Nuñez), three were claimed off waivers (Lambo, Smolinski, Valencia) and six were signed as free agents (H.Alvarez, Axford, Butler, Crisp, Hill, Madson)...the other 26 were all acquired in trades...25 of the 40 players have joined the A's organization since the end of the 2014 season.

**OFF SEASON MOVES:** The A's signed four free agents this offseason, including Rich Hill, John Axford, Ryan Madson and Henderson Alvarez... the A's also acquired seven 40-man players via trade, including Liam Hendriks (Toronto), Jed Lowrie (Houston), Yonder Alonso and Marc Rzepczynski (San Diego), J.B. Wendelken (Chicago-AL), Khris Davis (Milwaukee) and Chris Coghlan (Chicago-NL)...the A's also claimed Andrew Lambo off waivers from Pittsburgh.

**A's TOP PROSPECTS:** Eight of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring: Franklin Barreto (#1), Sean Manaea (#2), Matt Chapman (#3), Renato Nuñez (#4), Richie Martin (#5), Matt Olson (#6), Chad Pinder (#7) and Dillon Overton (#8)... the other two are Casey Meisner (#9) and Yairo Munoz (#10).

**MINOR LEAGUE DATES:** Minor League mini camp is currently underway...pitchers and catchers report this Saturday with the first workout scheduled for Sunday...position players report Friday, March 11 with the first workout scheduled for March 12.

**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 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 will also open to 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 in the first base dugout during team stretch time...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout 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 need 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, which is a new location for 2016...the A's provide complementary parking to members of the media in the Center Street Lot (Lot D), located behind home plate.

**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 THE AIR:** The A's radio network and flagship station 95.7 FM The Game will broadcast 12 games this spring, including nine from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games and the night game against the Giants on March 14...Ken Korach returns for his 21st year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (11th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 31st season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including March 14 against the Giants (7:05 pm) and April 2 against the Giants in Oakland (1:05 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, 10 games will be televised by MLB Network...six of those will air in the Bay Area (March 3 at LAA, March 12 at TEX, March 22 at LAA, March 23 at SEA, March 25 vs. LAA and March 29 at CHC)...three (March 23, 25 and 29) will air live.

**SPRING TRAINING TICKETS:** Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Hohokam Stadium are currently on sale at [athletics.com/tickets](http://athletics.com/tickets) or by calling 877-493-BALL (877-493-2255)...the Hohokam Stadium box 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. PT 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 e-mailing [sping@athletics.com](mailto:sping@athletics.com)

#### TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 12	Khris Davis acquired from Milwaukee for minor leaguers Bubba Derby and Jacob Nottingham; Sean Nolin designated for assignment
Feb. 22	Sean Nolin claimed off waivers by Milwaukee
Feb. 25	Chris Coghlan acquired from the Chicago Cubs for Aaron Brooks

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, updated media guide and more at <http://pressbox.athletics.com>

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

TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER  
#48 ERIC SURKAMP RHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA with Dodgers in 2015)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first start of the spring... was signed by the A's to a minor league contract Dec. 4, 2015...began the 2015 season at Triple-A Charlotte in the Chicago White Sox organization and finished it with Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system...in between, he made one appearance for the Dodgers in July...was selected July 6, pitched that day against Philadelphia (3.1 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 4 so), and was designated for assignment the next day... pitched mostly in relief at Charlotte, going 3-0 with a save and 2.81 ERA in 10 relief appearances and one start...then made 15 starts and one relief appearance with Oklahoma City where he was 9-3 with a 3.57 ERA...combined at the Triple-A to post a 12-3 record and a 3.39 ERA in 27 games, including 16 starts...the 12 wins were his most as a minor leaguer, as were his 11 home runs allowed...tied for third among all Triple-A pitchers in wins...allowed a .264 opponents batting average, including .244 against right-handed hitters compared to .305 against left-handers.

#30 R.J. ALVAREZ RHP (0-2, 9.90 ERA with Oakland in 2015)

Will be making his first outing of the spring...had four stints with the A's last year and posted a 9.90 ERA in 21 relief appearances...the ERA was the highest in the majors among pitchers with 20 or more innings pitched... struck out 23 batters in 20.0 innings (10.35 per nine innings) but also issued 13 walks (5.85 per nine innings) and surrendered seven home runs (3.15 per nine innings)...had five wild pitches...allowed a .318 opponents batting average, including .200 (9-for-45) by right-handed hitters compared to .450 (18-for-40) against left-handers...allowed 7-of-12 (58.3%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 8-for-21 (.381) with two doubles and two home runs (.762 slugging percentage)...spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Nashville where he was 3-3 with five saves and a 4.11 ERA in 31 relief appearances...surrendered two home runs in 35.0 innings...struck out 41, an average of 10.54 per nine innings...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .235 (19-for-81) against right-handed hitters compared to .315 (17-for-54) against left-handers.

#50 RYAN BRASIER RHP (1-1, 2.57 ERA in minors in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...was signed by the A's to a minor league contract July 7, 2015 after missing the 2014 season following June 10, 2014 "Tommy John" surgery...was placed on the disabled list at Single-A Stockton after signing and began his rehab assignment with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League Aug. 14... went 1-1 with a 3.60 ERA in four games, including one start, before he was reinstated from the DL and transferred to Triple-A Nashville Sept. 1...did not allow a run in two appearances with the Sounds (2.0 ip) and combined for a 2.57 ERA in six games overall...struck out seven and walked just one in 7.0 innings...allowed a .192 opponents batting average, including .143 (2-for-14) against right-handed hitters compared to .250 (3-for-12) against left-handers...started against the Angels in his first rehab appearance Aug. 14 (1.0 ip, 1 so)...it was his first professional appearance since Sept. 27, 2013 with Los Angeles-AL (0.1 ip, 1 bb).

#57 DANIEL COULOMBE LHP (0-0, 5.63 ERA in majors in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...began the 2015 season in the Los Angeles (NL) organization and logged a 7.56 ERA in five games over five stints with the Dodgers...was traded to Oakland Sept. 10 for cash and compiled a 3.52 ERA in nine games with the A's...had no decisions and a 5.63 ERA in 14 relief appearances overall... did not allow a home run in 16.0 innings in the majors and surrendered just one in 41.1 minor league innings...yielded a .270 opponents batting average, including .200 (6-for-30) against left-handed hitters compared to .333 (11-for-33) against right-handers...allowed just 1-of-8 (12.5%) inherited runners to score and first batters faced were 2-for-13 (.154) with a walk (.214 on-base percentage)...spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Dodgers farm system where he went 3-1 with a save and a 3.27 ERA in 38 relief appearances...allowed a .235 opponents batting average, including .204 (21-for-103) against right-handed hitters compared to .304 (14-for-36) against left-handers.

#64 RYAN DOOLITTLE RHP (4-3, 3.32 ERA, 4 SV w/Midland in 2015)

The non-roster invitee will be making his first outing of the spring...spent the entire 2015 season with Double-A Midland where he was 4-3 with four

saves and a 3.32 ERA in 40 relief appearances...the games pitched and saves were career highs...also had career highs in hits (67), runs (27), earned runs (21) and wild pitches (4)...allowed a .273 opponents batting average, which included a mark of .264 (32-for-121) against right-handed hitters compared to .283 (30-for-106) against left-handers...surrendered five home runs, four of which came with the bases empty...yielded a .340 batting average to batters leading off an inning...compiled a 3.78 ERA in 22 appearances during the first half, a 2.66 ERA in 18 games in the second half...logged a 2.52 ERA in 20 games on the road compared to 3.94 in 20 games at home...allowed 4-of-9 (44.4%) inherited runners to score, all before the All-Star Break...converted 4-of-5 (80.0%) save opportunities, all after the break...tossed at least one inning in 37 of his 40 outings, including two or more 16 times.

#66 RYAN DULL RHP (1-2, 4.24 ERA, 1 SV with Oakland in 2015)

Will be making his first outing of the spring...made his Triple-A and Major League debut last year, earning a September call-up with Oakland...went 1-2 with a save and a 4.24 ERA in 13 games with the A's...began his career with an eight-game, 11.0-inning scoreless streak...that tied for the sixth longest career-opening scoreless streak in Oakland history...held the opposition to a .203 batting average but yielded a .441 slugging percentage as six of the 12 hits he allowed were for extra bases...surrendered four home runs in 17.0 innings after yielding just two home runs in 61.0 innings in the minors...his opponents batting average included a mark of .167 against left-handed hitters compared to .229 against right-handers...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year after combining for a 3-2 record, 12 saves and a 0.74 ERA in a career-high 47 relief appearances with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Nashville...was named to the Texas League Midseason and Postseason All-Star Teams...opponents hit .180, including .117 by right-handed hitters compared to .270 by left-handers.

#35 MARC RZEPczynski LHP (2-4, 5.66 ERA in majors in 2015)

Will be making his first outing of the spring...was acquired from San Diego in a five-player trade, Dec. 2, 2015...began the 2015 season with Cleveland and went 2-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 45 games before he was traded to San Diego July 31...logged a 0-1 record and a 7.36 ERA in 27 games with the Padres and combined for a 5.66 ERA in 72 games overall...tossed fewer than one inning in 55 of his 72 appearances and had just 35.0 innings pitched...the only other pitcher in Major League history to appear in 70 or more games and finish with at least twice as many games as innings pitched is Randy Choate (2012 and 2015)...struck out 41 batters, marking the first time in his career he finished with more strikeouts than innings pitched...his opponents batting average included a .255 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .372 against right-handers...allowed 17-of-64 (26.6%) inherited runners to score, including 7-of-34 (20.6%) with Cleveland, which was the eighth lowest percentage in the American League... his 64 inherited runners were second most in the majors (Ramos, LAA 66).

UPCOMING PROBABLES

March 3 at Los Angeles (AL)  
Angels: RHP Garrett Richards, RHP Mike Morin, RHP Yunesky Maya, RHP Al Alburquerque, RHP Javy Guerra, RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Cory Rasmus, LHP Tyler DeLoach

March 4 vs. Colorado (ss)  
A's: LHP Sean Manaea, LHP Dillon Overton, RHP Ryan Madson, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Angel Castro  
Rockies: LHP Chris Rusin, RHP Shane Carle, LHP Harrison Musgrave, RHP Simon Castro, RHP Brock Huntzinger, RHP Carlos Estevez

March 4 at Arizona (ss)  
A's: LHP Felix Doubront, RHP Chris Smith, RHP Fernando Rodriguez, RHP Taylor Thompson, RHP Eduard Santos, LHP Patrick Schuster  
Diamondbacks: RHP Zack Greinke, RHP Tyler Wagner, RHP Daniel Hudson, RHP Josh Collmenter, RHP Evan Marshall, LHP Matt Reynolds, RHP Cody Hall

2016 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 3	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (airs at 11pm PT)
March 4	Colorado (SS)	1:05	
	at Arizona (SS)	1:05	
March 5	Milwaukee	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 6	at San Diego	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 7	Kansas City	1:05	
March 8	Texas	1:05	
March 9	at Chicago (AL)	1:05	
March 10	Los Angeles (NL)	1:05	
March 11	at Cincinnati	1:05	
March 12	at Texas	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network/MLBN (airs at 1pm PT)
March 13	Chicago (NL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 14	San Francisco	7:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 15	at Colorado	1:05	
March 16	OFF DAY		
March 17	Seattle	1:05	

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 18	at Cleveland	1:05	
March 19	Cincinnati (SS)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
	at San Francisco (SS)	1:05	
March 20	Chicago (AL)	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 21	at San Francisco	1:05	
March 22	at Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN (airs March 23 at 6am PT)
March 23	at Seattle	7:10	MLBN
March 24	Texas	7:05	
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	1:05	MLBN
March 26	at Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 27	Kansas City	1:05	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
March 28	Cleveland	1:05	
March 29	at Chicago (NL)	1:05	MLBN
March 30	Arizona	12:05	
March 31	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 1	San Francisco (at SF)	7:15	95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network
April 2	San Francisco (at Oak)	1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game/A's Radio Network