

# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

# **Game Information**

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### OAKLAND ATHLETICS (15-10) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (15-13)

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 - CAMELBACK RANCH - 1:05 P.M. MST NO BROADCAST

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won each of the last four games to improve to 15-10 (.600), which is the best record in the Cactus League ahead of Seattle (17-12, .586)...the 15 wins are three more than last spring when Oakland went 12-17-3 (.422)...that was the fifth worst record in the CL...it marked the first time the A's finished Spring Training with a losing record since 2011 when they went 12-21-1...rank fourth in the CL in slugging (.466), on-base percentage (.359) and doubles (60) and fifth in walks (104) but are tied for the second fewest stolen bases (12)...committed three errors yesterday, but have just 20 for the spring, which is second fewest in the CL (Arizona, 19)...last spring, the A's committed 45 errors, which was six more than any other team (39, Chicago-NL)...have turned just 17 double plays, which is the fewest in the CL and tied for second fewest in the majors...the pitching staff has allowed 21 home runs, which is second fewest in the CL (San Francisco, 18)...six of the A's 10 losses have been by two runs or fewer... are 9-5 at Hohokam and 6-5 on the road...this is the A's 49th Spring Training in Arizona, their third 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 34 games this spring plus an exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic club...the total includes 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against the Giants (March 30-April 1).

YESTERDAY: The A's defeated the White Sox in Mesa, 8-2...Oakland sent 10 men to the plate in the first inning and scored five times, highlighted by RBI singles from Trevor Plouffe, Yonder Alonso, Mark Canha and Chris Parmelee...Ryon Healy added a two-run home run in the second inning and Parmelee was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the fourth...Kendall Graveman started for the A's and picked up the win, allowing just one run in seven innings of work (5 h, 0 bb, 7 so)...Liam Hendriks surrendered an unearned run in the eighth inning and Ryan Dull pitch a scoreless ninth to preserve the win...Oakland collected 15 hits and walked nine times... Plouffe, Canha and Richie Martin paced the A's offense with two hits each.

A's vs. DODGERS: This is the first and only meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...also squared off just once last year, with Oakland losing 8-3 in Mesa on March 10.

PLAYER NOTES: Yonder Alonso homered twice Thursday against Milwaukee for his fourth two-hit game of the spring...is now 13-for-30 (.433) with four home runs and 12 RBI over his last 13 games...is tied with teammate Matt Joyce for the Cactus League in walks (11)...also ranks second in the CL in on-base percentage (.532), fourth in batting (.389) and slugging (.350) and tied for eighth in home runs (4)...is batting .360 (31-for-86) over the last two springs... Mark Canha has appeared in six games in right field, three in left field and four in center field... Matt Chapman (NR) is 0-for-8 with a walk and five strikeouts over his last three games after going 7-for-16 (.438) over his previous 12 contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in triples (2)...*Khris Davis* is 7-for-21 (.333) over his last seven games after going 2-for-15 (.133) over his first six contests... Rajai Davis has three stolen bases in his last five games and five for the spring, which is tied for second in the CL...has hit safely in each of his last six games (6-for-19, .316) after going 5-for-24 (.208) over his first nine contests... Alejandro De Aza (NR) had his second two-hit game of the spring Thursday against Milwaukee and is 5-for-12 (.417) over his last six games...has appeared in 11 games in left field and nine in center field... Jaff Decker (NR) has not played since March 17 (oblique)...has appeared in nine games in center field, six in left field and two in right field... Ryon Healy hit a two-run home run yesterday and now has 16 RBI, which is tied for the Major League lead (Sandoval, BOS)...those are the most RBI by an Athletic during the spring since 2010 when Kevin Kouzmanoff also had 16...is tied for third in the CL in home runs (5), tied for fourth in total bases (35) and ranks fifth in slugging (.745)...is 8-for-22 (.364) with two doubles and three home runs over his last seven contests...has appeared in six games at first base, five at designated hitter and five at third base... Matt Joyce is tied with teammate Yonder Alonso for the CL lead in walks (11)...is 2-for-17 (.118) with five walks over his last seven games... Ryan Lavarnway (NR) is 3-for-8 (.375) with a double in seven games since returning from the World Baseball Classic...started all six games for Israel in the WBC and hit .444 (8-for-18) with five walks, two doubles, one home run and six RBI...earned Pool A MVP honors after going 5-for-9 (.556) with four walks, a home run and three RBI in three games in Seoul...**Jed Lowrie** is 8-for-24 (.333) over his last eight games after going 2-for-10 (.200) over his first five contests... is batting .338 (27-for-80) over the last two springs... Bruce Maxwell had his first two-hit game last Tuesday night at Seattle and is now 6-for-13 (.462) over his last seven games after going 2-for-21 (.095) over his first

11 contests... Chris Parmelee (NR) is 6-for-8 (.750) with three walks, four doubles and five RBI over his last four games...went 4-for-4 over a three-game stretch earlier this spring...is 1-for-18 in his other 13 games. has appeared in 10 games in right field, six at first base and three in left field... Josh Phegley is 3-for-15 (.200) with eight strikeouts over his last six games... Trevor Plouffe has three straight multiple hit games (6-for-9, .667) after going 1-for-12 (.083) over his previous four contests... Adam Rosales had his first two-hit game last Tuesday night at Seattle and is 5-for-15 (.333) over his last six games after going 1-for-16 (.063) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop and five at second base... Marcus Semien is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (13)... is 2-for-17 (.118) over his last seven games after hitting safely in each of his previous four contests (6-for-11, .545)... Stephen Vogt has doubled in each of his last three games and has six for the spring, which is tied for seventh in the CL...is 8-for-24 (.333) with six doubles over his last eight contests... Joey Wendle has not played since March 7 (right shoulder). is 2-for-6 (.333) over his last two games after going 1-for-8 (.125) over his first five.

**IN CAMP:** The A's have 40 players in camp...the total includes 32 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 20 pitchers, four catchers, nine infielders and seven outfielders...began the spring with 70 players in camp, which were the A's most players in camp since 1982 when they had 78 (35 roster, 43 non-roster).

**THE STARTING ROTATION:** A's manager Bob Melvin has named Kendall Graveman as the Opening Day starting pitcher for Monday, April 3 against Los Angeles (AL)...first pitch is at 7:05...Graveman is scheduled to become Oakland's 11th different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last 12 years...Melvin also announced that Sean Manaea will start on Tuesday, April 4, and Jharel Cotton will face the Angels on Wednesday, April 5.

**CONTRACT STATUS:** The A's have four players under contract beyond the 2017 season...Santiago Casilla, Sean Doolittle, Matt Joyce and Ryan Madson are signed through 2018 with the A's holding club options on Doolittle for 2019 and 2020...Jed Lowrie has a club option for 2018.

**OFF SEASON MOVES:** The A's signed five free agents this offseason, including Matt Joyce (Nov. 30), Rajai Davis (Jan. 3), Trevor Plouffe (Jan. 18), Santiago Casilla (Jan. 20) and Adam Rosales (Jan. 25)...the A's also acquired one 40-man player via trade on Nov. 12 when they received Paul Blackburn from Seattle for Danny Valencia.

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 has five remaining broadcasts this spring, including today against the Reds, tomorrow against the Brewers and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area...four of those will air in the Bay Area on 95.7 FM The Game and the March 31 game at San Francisco will air on 102.9 FM KBLX...Ken Korach returns for his 22nd year in the broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (12th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 32nd season in the booth... NBC Sports California has one remaining broadcast on April 1 against the Giants in Oakland (12:05 pm)...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast...all games not broadcast over the air can be heard live via the club's web site.

## TRANSACTIONS

- March 5 Michael Brady, Trey Cochran-Gill, Heath Fillmyer, Tucker Healy, Aaron Kurcz, A.J. Puk and Josh Smith reassigned to minor league camp
- March 12 Renato Nuñez optioned to Nashville; Jermaine Curtis, Felix Doubront, Andrew Lambo, Richie Martin, Max Muncy, Zach Neal, Rangel Ravelo, Josh Rodriguez, Tyler Sturdevant and Kenny Wilson reassigned to minor league camp
- March 13 Paul Blackburn, Jaycob Brugman, Yairo Muñoz and Bobby Wahl optioned to Nashville
- March 17 Franklin Barreto, Matt Olson and Chad Pinder optioned to Nashville
- March 19 Daniel Gossett, Matt McBride, Sean Murphy, Max Schrock and Chris Smith reassigned to minor league camp

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# **TODAY'S AVAILABLE PITCHERS**

#### STARTING PITCHER #32 JESSE HAHN RHP (1-1, 7.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring... allowed seven runs in his last start after allowing just three runs over his first three appearances (3.12 ERA)...also pitched in relief in the exhibition game against Italy's World Baseball Classic team March 8 (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 4 so)...had four separate stints with the A's last year and went 2-4 with a career-high 6.02 ERA in nine starts...also had career highs in opponents batting average (.313), on-base percentage (.376) and slugging percentage (.484)...allowed a career-high eight home runs in 46.1 innings (1.55 per nine innings) after surrendering nine home runs in 170.0 innings over his first two seasons (0.48 per nine innings)...struck out just 23 batters and walked 19 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 1.21, which was the lowest in the AL and fifth lowest in the majors among pitchers with 40 or more innings pitched...his opponents batting average included a mark of .273 against right-handed hitters compared to .361 against left-handers...went 1-7 with a 4.32 ERA in 15 starts with Nashville...the starts were the first of his career at the Triple-A level...surrendered just four home runs in 68.2 innings, an average of 0.54 per nine innings...allowed a .276 opponents batting average, including .255 against right-handers compared to .304 against left-handers.

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Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	HR
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	3-4	_	16.20	1.2	4	3	3	1	2	0
March 2	Texas	5-1	W	5.79	3.0	3	0	0	0	3	0
*March 8	Italy (WBC)	7-0	_		3.0	2	0	0	1	4	0
*March 13	at Cincinnati	1-3	_	3.12	4.0	2	0	0	0	2	0
March 19	at Colorado	2-9	L	7.50	3.1	8	7	7	2	0	1
Totals (4 g	ames, 3 starts)	1-1	7.50	12.0	17	10	10	3	7	1	
	arance (Italy game is	s exhibition.	does ı	not count	in stats)						

#### #71 SIMON CASTRO RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee has not allowed a run in eight outings this spring (6.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday night at Seattle (1.1 ip, 3 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 4-for-22 (.182) with one walk...spent the entire 2016 season at Triple-A Albuquerque in the Colorado organization and was 0-5 with 10 saves and a 3.38 ERA in a career-high 50 appearances, all in relief...the saves were the first of his career and the ERA was his lowest as a minor leaguer since logging a 3.27 ERA in 2010...struck out 58 batters in 53.1 innings, an average of 9.79 per nine innings...walked just 12 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.83...allowed a .255 opponents batting average, including .217 against right-handed hitters compared to .303 against left-handers...surrendered four of his five home runs to lefties and yielded just three extra base hits to righties (two doubles, one home run)... had a .261 slugging percentage against righties, .528 against lefties... converted 10-of-13 (76.9%) save opportunities...posted a 4.22 ERA in 31 games before the All-Star Break, a 2.11 ERA in 19 games after the break... pitched for Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and had a save and a 2.84 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

#### #73 CÉSAR VALDEZ RHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

The non-roster invitee did not allow a run in his last outing Tuesday night at Seattle (2.0 ip, 3 h, 2 so)...it was his first Cactus League outing since March 4 as he pitched for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic...made one appearance in the first round on March 12 against Colombia (1.2 ip. 1 h. 1 r. 1 er. 1 bb)...spent the entire 2016 campaign at Triple-A Fresno in his first season with a Major League organization since 2011...was 12-1 with a 3.12 ERA in 30 games (18 starts) with the Grizzlies...led the Pacific Coast League in winning percentage (.923), ranked third in ERA and tied for fourth in wins...walked just 13 batters in 138.1 innings, an average of 0.84 per nine innings...struck out 114 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8.77...was 2-1 with a 5.40 ERA over his first 15 games (four starts) through June 5...then went 10-0 with a 2.20 ERA over his final 15 games (14 starts) beginning June 11...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .257 against right-handed hitters compared to .282 against left-handers...yielded a .182 average with RISP and two outs...11 of his first 12 appearances came in relief...17 of his final 18 outings were starting assignments...was 11-1 with a 3.47 ERA and .276 opponents batting average in his 18 starts, 1-0 with a 1.25 ERA and .213 opponents average in 12 relief appearances.

#### **UPCOMING PROBABLES**

#### March 25 vs. Cincinnati

A's: LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Santiago Casilla, RHP Ryan Madson,

LHP Sean Doolittle

Reds: LHP Amir Garrett, LHP Lucas Luetge

March 25 at Los Angeles (NL)

Dodgers: LHP Rich Hill

#### March 26 at Milwaukee

A's: RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP John Axford, LHP

Sean Doolittle, LHP Ross Detwiler

Brewers: RHP Matt Garza, RHP Corey Knebel, RHP Jhan Marinez,

RHP Taylor Jungmann

#### March 27 vs. Kansas City

A's: RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP John Axford, LHP Daniel Coulombe Royals: LHP Jason Vargas, RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Chris Young

# 2017 OAKLAND A'S SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	CUM.
Feb. 25	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-4	0-1	Berg	C.Smith	14,929		March 16	at Cleveland	L, 5-6	10-7	McAllister	Triggs	6,314	
Feb. 26	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-5	0-2	Miller	Kurcz	4,072	4,072	March 17	Arizona	L, 2-3	10-8	Bradley	Alcantara	8,210	60,694
Feb. 27	at San Francisco	W, 5-4	1-2	Castro	Suarez	7,385		March 18	San Diego	W, 2-1	11-8	Dull	Lee	7,303	67,997
Feb. 28	Cleveland	W, 5-4	2-2	J.Smith	Russell	3,108	7,180	March 19	at Colorado	L, 2-9	11-9	Gray	Hahn	8,682	
March 1	at San Diego	L, 0-5	2-3	Bawcom	Coulombe	1,864		March 20	Arizona	L, 6-10	11-10	Wilhelmsen	Detwiler	7,412	75,409
March 2	Texas	W, 5-1	3-3	Hahn	Hauschild	3,326	10,506	March 21	at Seattle	W, 8-5	12-10	Cotton	Heston	8,080	
March 3	San Francisco	W, 6-1	4-3	Graveman	Samardzija	a 8,203	18,709	March 22	at Chicago (AL)	W, 5-3	13-10	Triggs	Gonzalez	3,895	
March 4	Cleveland	L, 5-15	4-4	Clevinger	Manaea	6,707	25,416	March 23	Milwaukee	W, 15-5	14-10	Alcantara	Guerra	6,164	81,573
March 5	at Seattle	W, 5-4	5-4	Detwiler	DeJong	6,639		March 24	Chicago (AL)	W, 8-2	15-10	Graveman	Putnam	7,027	88,600
March 6	OFF DAY							DATE	OPPONENT	Т	IME RADI	O/TV			
March 7	at Arizona	W, 21-13	6-4	Dull	Bradley	8,208		March 25	Cincinnati	•	1:05 95.7 F	M The Game	e/A's Radio	Network	
March 8	Italy (WBC) (exhib.)	W, 7-0		Graveman	Oberto	3,204			at Los Angeles (NL)	•	1:05				
March 9	Cincinnati	W, 12-5	7-4	Manaea	Adelman	4,779	30,195	March 26	at Milwaukee		1:05 95.7 F	M The Game	e/A's Radio	Network	
March 10	at Kansas City	W, 11-7	8-4	Cotton	Hammel	6,507		March 27	Kansas City	•	1:05				
March 11	Texas	W, 8-7	9-4	Shore	Wolff	6,072	36,267	March 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	•	1:05				
March 12	Chicago (NL)	W, 9-8	10-4	Montas	Pugliese	10,606*	46,873	March 29	at Chicago (NL)	•	1:05				
March 13	at Cincinnati	L, 1-3	10-5	Garrett	Graveman	3,075		March 30	at San Francisco	7	7:15 95.7 F	M The Game	e/A's Radio	Network	
March 14	Colorado	L, 3-4	10-6	Estevez	Coulombe	5,611	52,484	March 31	at San Francisco	7	7:15 102.9	FM KBLX/A's	s Radio Ne	twork	
March 15	OFF DAY							April 1	San Francisco (at O	ak) 12	2:05 CSNC	CA/95.7 FM T	he Game/A	i's Radio N	etwork