

Las Vegas fans get first look at A’s new stadium

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
LAS VEGAS — The Oakland Athletics return to Las Vegas this weekend for exhibition games against Milwaukee, their first appearance since announcing the relocation to what the team envisions as its future home city.

The games at Las Vegas Ballpark, home of the franchise’s Triple-A Aviators, feature an A’s team planning a new regular-season ballpark on the Strip it hopes will open in 2028. The Nevada Legislature last June enacted \$380 million in funding for a \$1.5 billion stadium, and baseball owners unanimously approved the relocation in November.

Close to a sellout crowd is expected in the 10,000-seat capacity ballpark for the Saturday afternoon game, but breezy temperatures that will drop into the 50s could depress attendance Friday night.

Las Vegas has hosted spring training games since at least 1983, and the A’s played their first six regular-season games in 1996 at Cashman Field because of renovations at the Oakland Coliseum. Because of the planned permanent move, this weekend’s game create an unusual dynamic for players, who will return to Oakland and a fan base irate at owner John Fisher.

“Being from the Bay Area, it kind of sucks, just the fan base and the community that’s in Oakland,” right-hander Paul Blackburn said. “I grew up going to A’s games, watching their teams in the early 2000s, the ‘Moneyball’ year (2002). They lose a big part of (the community). But on the other side, you got a community that’s been looking for a big-league team. For the people in Vegas, I would assume it is exciting for them to have a team to look forward to.”

The A’s released render-



The Oakland Athletics and their design teams released renderings Tuesday of the club’s planned \$1.5 billion stadium in Las Vegas that show five overlapping layers with a similar look to the famous Sydney Opera House.

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ings for the 33,000-seat stadium on Tuesday, the latest step in the relocation process. That ballpark will be on a nine-acre segment of a 35-acre property owned by Bally’s at the corner of Tropicana Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard.

The nearly 67-year-old Tropicana resort that sits on that property will close April 2 in preparation for demolition to make room for ballpark and hotel construction.

Where the A’s play from 2025-27 still hasn’t been announced. Club officials met with the city of Oakland about a potential lease extension. Other possible options include the San Francisco Giants’ Oracle Park or Triple-A ballparks in Salt Lake City or Sacramento, California.

A Nevada teachers political action committee has sued to block the state from distributing the money approved by the Legislature for the stadium. Construction delays also are possible.

The A’s went 50-112 last season, the team’s most losses since the 1916 Philadelphia A’s, and finished 40 games back in the AL West. Fans protested the Las Vegas move throughout the season, aiming their ire at Fisher.

“I think we did a pretty good job of handling it,” said designated hitter Brent

Rooker, who hit 30 home runs last season and was the A’s lone All-Star. “I think that we have guys who have the experience where they kind of know what’s coming and we know how to keep things internally.”

Players weren’t the target of fan anger, but had to focus on playing in a negative atmosphere.

“I know there’s a lot of emotions on both sides of it,” Rooker said. “Obviously, that kind of thing is out of our control. We’re just hopeful that wherever we end up playing, whether it’s the next few years or whenever the permanent move is made, that we can play well enough to find some support from the community and establish a fan base to make that the home atmosphere that teams have across the league.”

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BELLO AND RED SOX AGREE TO A \$55M, 6-YEAR CONTRACT

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Young right-hander Brayan Bello and the Boston Red Sox agreed Thursday to a \$55 million, six-year contract.

Bello’s deal includes a \$21 million team option for 2030 with a \$1 million buyout that if exercised would make the agreement worth \$75 million over seven seasons.

Bello turns 25 in May and was signed by the Red Sox from the Dominican Republic in 2017 for \$28,000.

Bello was 12-11 with a 4.24 ERA in 28 starts last year for the last-place Red Sox, averaging 95.5 mph with his four-seam fastball. His fastball velocity was 97.7 mph in 2022, when he went 2-8 with a 4.71 ERA in 11 starts and two relief appearances.

He is part of a projected rotation that includes Nick Pivetta, Kutter Crawford, Tanner Houck and Garrett Whitlock.

Boston signed free agent Lucas Giolito to a \$38.5 million, two-year contract, but the 29-year-old right-hander likely will need Tommy John surgery for the second time.

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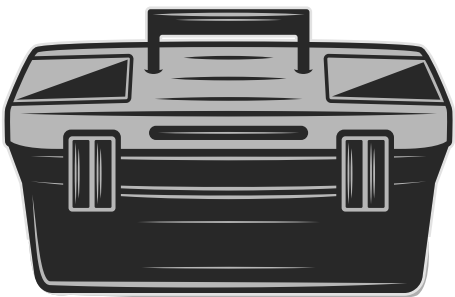
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In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that **Western Kentucky Minerals, Inc.**, 8905 Short Station Road, P.O. Box 155, Philpot, Kentucky 42366, has applied for **Phases II and III bond releases on Increments 21, 25, and 27, as well as Phase III bond release on Increment 22 of Permit No. 830-0092**, which was last issued on 11 October 2023 (Permit 830-0092 MI-23). The application covers a total area of 153.70 acres, located approximately 0.6 mile southeast of Knottsville, Kentucky in Daviess County. The operation is approximately 0.4 mile southwest of the intersection of KY 144 and Aull Road and adjacent to Joes Run Creek. The bonds now in effect for Increment 21 are Bonds #011-002437, BP-08084-20, and RG-014063-18 in the total amount of \$62,100. The entire amount (100%) is requested for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 22 is Bond #BP-08084-12 in the amount of \$29,600. The entire amount (100%) is requested for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 25 is Bond #BP-08084-17 in the amount of \$34,200. The entire amount (100%) is requested for release. The bonds now in effect for Increment 27 are Bonds #011-003754 and RG-014063-20 in the total amount of \$205,500. The entire amount (100%) is requested for release. The following reclamation steps have been successfully achieved for the Phases II and III bond releases on Increments 21, 25, and 27: (1) Revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation have been met. (2) The lands are not contributing suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the permit area or increment in excess of regulatory requirements. (3) The provisions for sound future management of permanent impoundments have been implemented. (4) There has been successful completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, such that the land is capable of supporting the approved postmining land uses (**cropland** and **pastureland**). (5) The permittee has achieved compliance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 350, Title 405, Chapters 7 through 24, and the permit. (6) The expiration of the five-year liability period occurred in September 2022. The following reclamation steps have been successfully achieved for the Phase III bond release on Increment 22: (1) There has been successful completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, such that the land is capable of supporting the approved postmining land uses (**cropland** and **pastureland**). (2) There has been achievement of compliance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 350, Title 405, Chapters 7 through 24, and the permit. (3) The expiration of the five-year liability period occurred in October 2017. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources (KDNr), Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by **Monday, 15 April 2024**. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for **Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 1:00 P.M.** at the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources (KDNr), Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431-1683. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by **Monday, 16 April 2024**.

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