



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's overcame a 6-0 deficit to defeat Milwaukee 8-7 in their home opener...Ben Sheets (1.2 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 so), Vin Mazzaro and Lenny DiNardo allowed two runs each to give the Brewers a 6-0 lead entering the bottom of the fifth before Mark Ellis had a RBI single to get the A's on the board...Oakland then scored seven times in the sixth inning, all with two outs...Travis Buck had a solo home run, Gabe Gross a RBI single, Jemile Weeks a RBI double, Anthony Recker a three-run homer and Chris Carter a RBI double...Andrew Bailey tossed a scoreless sixth inning for the win, Brad Ziegler allowed an unearned run in the seventh, Bobby Cassevah pitched a scoreless eighth and Craig Breslow shut down the Brewers in the ninth for the save...the A's collected 13 hits, including two by Recker.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Angels this spring with the other meeting coming tomorrow in Tempe...the A's won two of three games from the Angels last spring, winning the only game in Phoenix and splitting two contests in Tempe.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 63 players in camp, which includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 23 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 30 pitchers, six catchers, 17 infielders and 10 outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Pitchers and catchers report to minor league training camp at Papago Park today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...position players report March 12 with the first workout scheduled for the same day...minor league spring games begin March 19 and run through April 3...extended Spring Training will begin April 8.

A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast 13 games from Arizona this spring and all three games in the Bay Area...games can be heard in the Bay Area on XTRA Sports 860 AM...Ken Korach returns for his 15th year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (5th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 25th season in the booth...Robert Buan will webcast all other games in Arizona on oaklandathletics.com...three A's games from Arizona will be televised this spring, including one on Comcast SportsNet California: March 24 against the Dodgers (7:35 pm)...MLB Network will air games on March 7 against the Angels (4:00 PT tape delay) and March 26 against the Cubs (1:00 pm)...CSNCA will also air the game on April 3 against San Francisco in Oakland (1:05 pm).

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have split their first two games this spring, losing the opener to the Cubs at Mesa, 9-3, before winning the home opener yesterday against Milwaukee, 8-7...went 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring and are 22-7-1 (.750) at Phoenix over the last three years...this is the A's 42nd Spring Training in Arizona and their 29th consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...are scheduled to play 33 games this spring, including 30 in Arizona before returning to the Bay Area for three games with the Giants on April 1 and 2 in San Francisco and April 3 in Oakland...the A's went 17-18-2 last spring and finished with a losing record for the first time since 2006 (15-17)...the 18 losses tied an Oakland spring record set in 1993 and matched in 2005...however, the 37 games played were an Oakland record, topping the previous high of 34 in 1993 and 2004.

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Eight of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in camp this spring...the list includes two players already on the A's 40-man roster in Chris Carter (#1) and Pedro Figueroa (#5)...six are non-roster invitees including Michael Taylor (#2), Grant Green (#3), Max Stassi (#4), Tyson Ross (#6), Jemile Weeks (#7) and Adrian Cardenas (#8)...the other two are Grant Desme (#8), who retired to become a priest, and Sean Doolittle (#10)...three of the A's top 10 appear on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospect List including Carter (#28), Taylor (#29) and Green (#52).

OFF-SEASON MOVES: The A's signed RHP Ben Sheets as a free agent Jan. 26 and he brings with him 221 career starts in eight years of service...last year, the five pitchers in the A's starting rotation at the beginning of the season combined for just 63 starts...other off-season additions to the 40-man roster include IF Jake Fox (trade with Cubs, Dec. 3), RHP Bobby Cassevah (Rule 5 draft, Dec. 10), OF Coco Crisp (free agent, Dec. 23), 3B Kevin Kouzmanoff (trade with Padres, Jan. 16), IF Adam Rosales (trade with Reds, Feb. 1), OF Gabe Gross (free agent, Feb. 1) and IF Steve Tolleson (waivers from Twins, Feb. 1)...in addition, RHP Justin Duchscherer and OF Jack Cust both became free agents before re-signing with the A's.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Geren welcomes back his entire coaching staff from last season...they include bench coach Tye Waller, pitching coach Curt Young, hitting coach Jim Skaalen, first base coach Todd Steverson, third base coach Mike Gallego and bullpen coach Ron Romanick.

A's EN ESPAÑOL: The A's begin the second year of a five-year agreement with the Spanish Beisbol Network (SBN) to broadcast all 162 regular season games...last year marked the first time in club history the A's featured Spanish broadcasts for every regular season game, home and away...veteran announcer Amaury Pi-González will again serve as the "Voice of the A's" for all Spanish broadcasts, with Manolo Hernández-Douen handling analyst duties.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse is 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 game begins, 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 Geren will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at 9:15 am...Geren will also be available on the field following the conclusion of the game...at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, 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 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner of Phoenix Municipal Stadium...the A's are able to provide complimentary lunches to beat writers, play-by-play broadcasters and designated team officials only.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for A's spring training home games are available at the Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office, on-line at oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling (877) 493-BALL (2255)...the box office hours of operations are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games...tickets for all A's regular season home games can be purchased at all the usual ticket outlets, including the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Box Office, online at oaklandathletics.com and all Tickets.com outlets, or over the phone by calling (877) 493-BALL...season, group and luxury suite tickets can be purchased by calling (510) 638-GoA's (4627).

BASEBALL BARGAINS: The A's are unveiling some remarkable new bargains during the 2010 season...free Parking Tuesday will highlight the new initiatives for 2010...for non-Premium Tuesday Home Games, fans will be able to park free of charge...also new in 2010 are Jumbo Tickets...fans who purchase tickets in the Plaza Club and Value Deck sections will receive loaded value embedded into the ticket barcode that will be good for food and merchandise throughout the Coliseum...back again in 2010 are two of the most popular promotions, University of Phoenix Family Packs, and the \$2 Wednesday ticket promotion...for more information, go to the A's website, oaklandathletics.com.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Travis Buck hit his first home run of the spring yesterday against Milwaukee to start the A's seven-run rally in the sixth inning...**Chris Carter** has hit safely and driven in a run in both games this spring, including a home run in his first at bat Thursday in the eighth inning at Mesa...**Eric Chavez** started at first base yesterday...has made just one regular season appearance at first base (August 21, 2001 vs. Cleveland)...**Anthony Recker** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three RBI yesterday against Milwaukee...**Adam Rosales** has hit safely in both games this spring, including a home run Thursday in the fifth inning at Mesa.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 11 Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento

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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 STARTING PITCHER

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (8-9, 3.89 ERA in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was the A's Opening Day starter and went 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts before a rash led to nerve damage in his left foot, ending his season in August...his wins, ERA, opponents batting average (.268), starts, innings pitched (136.2) and strikeouts (81) were the best of his three seasons in the majors...the opponents batting average included a .203 mark against left-handed hitters and .290 against right-handers...allowed just nine home runs in 136.2 innings, an average of 0.59 per nine innings...was 7-7 with a 3.12 ERA and .255 opponents batting average in 18 starts before the All-Star Break and had the seventh lowest ERA in the AL...then went 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .324 opponents batting average in four starts after the break.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the sixth inning last Thursday at Chicago (NL)...made the A's Opening Day roster for the first time in 2009 and had three stints with Oakland, compiling a 4.84 ERA in 20 relief appearances...posted a 12.46 ERA in five relief appearances over his first two stints but returned when rosters expanded in September to compile a 3.00 ERA in 15 appearances...allowed a .229 batting average overall, which was the lowest mark of his three seasons in the majors...that included a .218 (12 for 55) mark against right-handed hitters and .250 (7 for 28) against left-handers...walked just six while striking out 23 in 22.1 innings...yielded a .190 average with runners in scoring...was also 5-3 with two saves and a 3.84 ERA in 45 relief appearances with Sacramento.

BLEVINS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	1	5
Totals			1.0	3	1	1	0	0	1	5

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (13-6, 3.38 ERA in minors in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year last year after combining for a 13-6 record and a 3.38 ERA in 27 starts with the A's Single-A affiliates at Kane County and Stockton...tied for seventh among all Single-A pitchers in wins and walks (66)...ranked second in the A's organization in wins, third in strikeouts (145) and fourth in ERA...allowed a .260 opponents batting average, including .256 against right-handed hitters and .271 against left-handers...opponents hit .220 with runners in scoring position...yielded nine home runs in 152.0 innings (0.53 per nine innings) and eight of those were solo shots...was rated as the A's fifth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2009 and posted a 2.25 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in three games in September...pitched exclusively in relief for the first time as a professional and combined for a 2-1 record and a 5.18 ERA in a career-high 40 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento...also had a career high four saves...struck out 82 in 48.2 innings for an average of 15.16 per nine innings, which was the highest mark of his career...also walked 39, for an average of 7.21 per nine innings, and had nine wild pitches (1.66 per nine innings)...allowed a .222 opponents batting average, including .190 against right-handed hitters and .275 against left-handers.

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (10-10, 4.09 ERA in minors in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee began his first full professional season in 2009 at Single-A Stockton but earned a late season promotion to Double-A Midland and combined for a 10-10 record and a 4.09 ERA in 27 games, all starts...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins (10) and ranked seventh in ERA (4.09), strikeouts (113) and innings (136.1)...allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .224 (66 for 295) against right-handed hitters and .245 (52 for 212) against left-handers...opponents hit .216 with runners in scoring position and were 10 for 59 (.169) with RISP and two outs...was named as the A's sixth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

2010 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 4	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-9	0-1	Wells	Cahill	7,496	
March 5	Milwaukee	W, 8-7	1-1	Bailey	Dillard	4,617	4,617
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
March 6	Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Jered Weaver		1:05			
March 7	at Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Joe Saunders		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM/MLB Network		
March 8	Chicago (NL)	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Ryan Dempster		1:05			
March 9	Texas (ss)			1:05			
	at Kansas City (ss)			1:05			
March 10	Chicago (AL)			1:05			
March 11	at Milwaukee			1:05			
March 12	at Arizona			1:05			
March 13	San Diego (ss)			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
	at San Francisco (ss)			1:05			
March 14	Kansas City			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 15	at Cincinnati			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 16	OFF DAY						
March 17	San Francisco			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 18	Arizona			1:05			
March 19	at Colorado			1:10			
March 20	Chicago (NL) (ss)			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
	at Cleveland (ss)			1:05			
March 21	Cincinnati			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 22	at Seattle			1:05			
March 23	OFF DAY						
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)			7:35	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNCA		
March 25	at San Francisco			7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 26	at Texas (ss)			1:05			
	at Chicago (NL) (ss)			1:05	MLB Network		
March 27	at Kansas City			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 28	Colorado			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM		
March 29	Seattle			1:05			
March 30	at Chicago (AL)			1:05			
March 31	Cincinnati			1:05			
April 1	vs. San Francisco (at SF)			7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNBA		
April 2	vs. San Francisco (at SF)			7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM/KNTV		
April 3	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNCA		