



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Angels in Phoenix, 4-2...Oakland scored twice in the first inning on sacrifice flies by Gabe Gross and Landon Powell...Dallas Braden allowed a run in 2.0 innings (2 h, 1 bb, 1 so) and Tyson Ross followed with 2.0 scoreless innings...Henry Rodriguez allowed a run in the fifth inning to tie the game at 2-2, but the A's scored twice in the bottom of the sixth for the win...Jemile Weeks scored on a fielders choice and Matt Whitney an error...Marcus McBeth (win), Pedro Figueroa, Jerry Blevins and Sam Demel (save) all pitched a scoreless inning of relief each...Coco Crisp had two of the A's eight hits.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's won the first contest yesterday in Phoenix, 4-2...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 reported to minor league training camp at Papago Park yesterday and the first workout is scheduled for today...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 (2-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (0-2-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010 – TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's have won two straight after losing the spring opener to the Cubs at Mesa...both wins have come in Phoenix...went 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring and are 23-7-1 (.758) 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 Friday against Milwaukee to start the A's seven-run rally in the sixth inning...**Chris Carter** homered in his first at bat Thursday in the eighth inning at Mesa...**Eric Chavez** started at first base Friday against Milwaukee...has made just one regular season appearance at first base (August 21, 2001 vs. Cleveland)...**Coco Crisp** went 2 for 3 with a double in his A's debut yesterday against the Angels, a start at designated hitter...**Jake Fox** has appeared in two games (one at third base, one at catcher)...**Anthony Recker** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three RBI Friday against Milwaukee...**Adam Rosales** has hit safely in both of his 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

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (11-11, 4.06 ERA in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was one of two 21-year olds to spend the 2009 season in the A's starting rotation...set an Oakland rookie record with 150 strikeouts...led the A's pitching staff in strikeouts and wins (11) and finished second in starts (30)...compiled an 11-11 record and 4.06 ERA...led all Major League rookies in strikeouts...tied for third among American League rookies in games started, ranked fourth in innings pitched (175.1) and tied for fourth in wins...his strikeouts broke the previous Oakland rookie record of 141 set by Rick Langford in 1977...fell one short of the Oakland rookie record of 12 wins set by Chris Codiroli in 1983 and matched by Joe Blanton in 2005...became the eighth Oakland rookie to make 30 or more starts.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-1, 3.86 ERA at Arizona Rookie League A's in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the 2009 season on the disabled list as he continued his recovery from "Tommy John" surgery...was assigned to the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League for a rehab assignment July 5 and started seven games...was 0-1 with a 3.86 ERA and did not pitch more than 2.0 innings in any of his appearances...struck out 16 and walked four in 11.2 innings and did not allow a home run...issued four wild pitches... allowed a .279 opponents batting average, which included a .185 (5 for 27) mark against right-handed hitters and .438 (7 for 16) against left-handers...opponents hit .182 with the bases empty and .333 with runners in scoring position.

#39 BRAD KILBY LHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed three runs on a pair of home runs in the seventh inning last Thursday at Chicago (NL)...spent nearly the entire 2009 regular season at Triple-A Sacramento and went 4-2 with two saves and a 2.13 ERA in 45 relief appearances to earn a Sept. 1 call-up to Oakland...was 1-0 with a 0.53 ERA in 11 games, one start, with the A's...allowed a .164 batting average, which included a .132 (5 for 38) mark against right-handed hitters and .217 (5 for 23) against left-handers...struck out 20 in 17.0 innings, an average of 10.59 per nine innings...with Sacramento, he fanned 77 in 63.1 innings, an average of 10.94 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .179 opponents batting average, including .150 (22 for 147) against right-handed hitters and .234 (18 for 77) against left-handers.

KILBY'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	3	3	3	0	0	2	6
Totals			1.0	3	3	3	0	0	2	6

#44 JOHN MELOAN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed an unearned run in the fifth inning last Thursday at Chicago (NL)...pitched for four different organizations in 2009 but his only Major League action came with Oakland in September...did not allow an earned run in six games and 8.1 innings with the A's...struck out 11 of the 29 batters he faced for an average of 11.88 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .111 opponents batting average and no extra base hits...combined for a 0-0 record and a 4.37 ERA in 44 games, two starts, with Columbus, Durham, Indianapolis and Sacramento, all Triple-A affiliates...walked 30, struck out 61 and yielded nine home runs in 68.0 innings...opponents batted .257, which included .242 (40 for 165) against right-handed hitters and .280 (28 for 100) against left-handers.

MELOAN'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5
Totals			1.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5

#59 MATT WRIGHT RHP (1-5, 6.75 ERA at Triple-A Omaha in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Nov. 25...began the 2009 season on the disabled list and went 1-5 with a 6.75 ERA in nine games, eight starts, with Triple-A Omaha before he was released July 6...allowed a .299 batting average, including .250 (13 for 52) against left-handed hitters and .324 by right-handers (34 for 105)...opponents hit .322 with runners in scoring position, but that mark dropped to .190 with RISP and two outs...pitched for Licey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and went 1-2 with a 2.27 ERA in nine games, six starts...held the opposition to a .228 batting average and did not allow a home run in 31.2 innings.

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
March 6	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 4-2	2-1	McBeth	Chick	6,469	11,086
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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)	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. TBA	1:05				
	at Kansas City (ss)	RHP Vin Mazzaro vs. RHP Robinson Tejeda	1:05				
March 10	Chicago (AL)	RHP Ben Sheets vs. RHP Daniel Hudson	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			