



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's scheduled game vs. the Angels at Tempe was cancelled because of rain...on Saturday, 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. CUBS

This is the second of four meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's lost the first meeting last Thursday in Mesa, 9-3...meet again Saturday, March 20 in Phoenix and return to Mesa Friday, March 26...last spring, the A's were 0-2-1 against the Cubs...lost the only game in Mesa and had a loss and a tie in the Cactus League finale in Phoenix.

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 have reported to minor league training camp at Papago Park...position players report Friday, 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. CHICAGO CUBS (2-1)

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL 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 Saturday 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 scheduled to start in yesterday's game at Tempe...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

#40 ANDREW BAILEY RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless sixth inning last Friday against Milwaukee and picked up the win...made the jump from Double-A to the majors in 2009 and was named American League Rookie of the Year by the BBWAA...became the eighth Athletic to win Rookie of the Year honors, the third in the last six years...assumed the A's closer duties by the end of May and set an Oakland rookie record with 26 saves, breaking the previous mark of 23 set by Street in 2005...led all Major League rookies in saves...had just four blown saves and converted each of his final 21 saves opportunities, which is tied for the second longest streak in Oakland history...was named to the AL All-Star team, the only rookie named to either team...led AL relievers and ranked second in the majors with a .167 opponents batting average.

BAILEY'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	W	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Totals			1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5

#56 CRAIG BRESLOW LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA, 1 save)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless ninth inning last Friday against Milwaukee for the save in the A's 8-7 win...began the 2009 season with Minnesota and had a 6.28 ERA in 17 appearances when he was claimed off waivers by the A's May 20...went 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in 60 games with Oakland and combined for an 8-7 record and a 3.36 ERA in 77 appearances overall...the games pitched were a career high and second most in the American League...his losses tied for the lead among AL relievers but he ranked second in wins...his .197 opponents batting average tied for 10th lowest...allowed 12 of 50 (24.0%) inherited runners to score, which was 10th lowest in the AL...his opponents batting average included a .191 mark against right-handed hitters and .204 against left-handers...allowed a .143 average with runners in scoring position.

BRESLOW'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	S	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Totals			1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4

#47 GIO GONZALEZ LHP (6-7, 5.75 ERA in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was originally scheduled to start today's game but will pitch in relief of Brett Anderson who was scheduled to start yesterday...began the 2009 season at Triple-A Sacramento and had two one-game stints with Oakland before returning for a third time June 24...spent the remainder of the season in the starting rotation and was 6-7 with a 5.75 ERA in 20 games, 17 starts, overall...had 109 strikeouts, which ranked fifth among American League rookies and was the seventh-best total by a rookie in Oakland history...tossed just 98.2 innings for an average of 9.94 strikeouts per nine innings...based on a minimum of 90 innings pitched, that is the best ratio in Athletics history, topping the previous high of 9.77 by Wes Stock of the 1964 Kansas City A's...however, he issued 56 walks for an average of 5.11 per nine innings, which led the AL (min. 90 ip).

#77 JASON JENNINGS RHP (2-4, 4.13 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 Feb. 28...went 2-4 with a 4.13 ERA over 44 relief appearances for Texas last year before being designated for assignment Aug. 27...led the Rangers staff with 61.0 relief innings through Aug. 26, which tied for the 10th-highest total in the American League...was granted his unconditional release Aug. 31...marked his first campaign in a major league bullpen, as he entered the 2009 season with just one career relief appearance and 180 starts...opponents hit .286 with 7 home runs, 14 doubles and 2 triples...lefties batted .327 (32 for 98) with two homers, while right-handers batted .257 (35 for 136) with five homers.

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	
March 7	at Los Angeles (AL)	Cancelled, Rain						
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV		
March 8	Chicago (NL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Ryan Dempster			1:05			
March 9	Texas (ss)	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Rich Harden			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	