



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Chicago Cubs in Phoenix, 4-2...Brett Anderson started for the A's and tossed 1.2 scoreless innings (1 h, 2 bb, 3 so) but Gio Gonzalez allowed two runs in 2.0 innings of relief for the loss...Andrew Bailey tossed a scoreless sixth inning but Fautino De Los Santos did not retire any of the six batters he faced (3 h, 6 r, 6 3 er, 2 bb) in the Cubs seven-run seventh inning...Craig Breslow pitched a scoreless eighth and Cedrick Bowers a scoreless ninth...the A's collected just four hits, including a leadoff home run by Kurt Suzuki in the fourth inning and a two-run home run by Josh Donaldson in the eighth...the A's two other hits were a Coco Crisp single in the third and an Eric Chavez infield single in the sixth.

### A's vs. ROYALS

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...the two clubs meet again this Sunday in Phoenix and the A's return to Surprise March 27...last spring, the A's and Royals split two spring meetings with the A's winning in Phoenix and the Royals winning in Surprise.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (5<sup>th</sup>) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 25<sup>th</sup> season in the booth...Robert Buan will webcast all other games in Arizona on oaklandathletics.com...four A's games from Arizona will be televised this spring, including one on Comcast SportsNet California -- March 24 against the Dodgers (7:35 pm) and one on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area -- March 25 against the Giants (7:05 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 (2-2) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (2-2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have split their first four games this spring, with both of their losses coming against the Cubs...are 2-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 23-8-1 (.734) at Phoenix over the last three years...rank last in the Cactus League in batting (.220) but are tied for third in home runs (6)...this is the A's 42<sup>nd</sup> Spring Training in Arizona and their 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...with the rainout on Sunday, the A's are now scheduled to play 32 games this spring, including 29 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).

### 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...**Adrian Cardenas** is one of four players to play in all four games this spring and he is hitless in five at bats...**Chris Carter** homered in his first at bat of the spring last Thursday in the eighth inning at Mesa...is one of four players to play in all four games...**Eric Chavez** has hit safely in each of his two games, both starts at first base...has made just one regular season appearance at first base (August 21, 2001 vs. Cleveland)...**Coco Crisp** has hit safely in each of his two games this spring, both starts at designated hitter...**Josh Donaldson** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday against the Cubs, a two-run shot in the eighth inning...**Jake Fox** has appeared in three games (one at third base, one at catcher, one in left field) and is hitless in five at bats...**Eric Patterson** is one of four players to appear in all four games this spring (two at second base, two in center field)...**Anthony Recker** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three RBI Friday against Milwaukee...**Adam Rosales** has reached base safely in each of his three games this spring, including a home run last Thursday in the fifth inning at Mesa...**Kurt Suzuki** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday in the fourth inning against the Cubs...**Michael Taylor** is one of four players to appear in all four games this spring.

### TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 11 Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #54 VIN MAZZARO RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring....pitched the third and fourth innings in his first outing last Friday against Milwaukee...began the 2009 season at Triple-A Sacramento but made 17 starts for the A's before right shoulder tendinitis ended his season early...was 2-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 10 games, nine starts, with the River Cats before he was promoted to Oakland June 2...went 4-9 with a 5.32 ERA with the A's and made his final start Aug. 29...allowed a .319 batting average, including .316 against right-handed hitters and .321 against left-handers...his opponents average dropped to .250 with runners in scoring position, including .133 with RISP and two outs...received run support of three runs or less in 14 of his 17 starts and his season run support of 3.55 was second lowest among American League pitchers with 90 or more innings.

#### MAZZARO'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	2.0	2	2	2	1	1	0	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his last outing Saturday against the Angels after allowing one run in his first outing...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...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
3/6	LAA	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

### #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
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

### #62 CLAYTON MORTENSEN RHP (0-0, 18.00)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the fourth inning last Thursday at Mesa...was acquired by the A's from St. Louis in the Matt Holliday trade and went 2-4 with a 7.81 ERA in six starts with Oakland...made his Major League debut in just his third professional season with a relief appearance for St. Louis earlier in the season (6.00 ERA)...was 2-4 with a 7.63 ERA in seven games, six starts, overall...yielded six home runs in 30.2 innings and struck out 13 while also walking 13...allowed a .328 opponents batting average, including .317 (19 for 60) by left-handed hitters and .338 (23 for 68) by right-handers...was 7-6 with a 4.37 ERA in 17 starts with Memphis and 2-2 with a 4.45 ERA in six starts with Sacramento...combined for a 9-8 record and a 4.39 ERA in 23 starts overall in the minors.

#### MORTENSEN'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	2	2	1	0	1	5
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

## 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					
March 8	Chicago (NL)	L, 3-10	2-2	Dempster	Gonzalez	4,301	15,387
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	LHP Dallas Braden vs. LHP Randy Wolf	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/CSNBA	
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	