



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's had a loss and a tie in a split squad...lost to Kansas City at Surprise, 11-10...Corey Brown was 3 for 4 with two RBI, Jack Cust hit a two-run home run and Eric Sogard was 2 for 4 with a triple and three RBI...Vin Mazzaro started for the A's (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb) and Fernando Hernandez had a scoreless inning of relief...Sam Demel allowed two runs in the bottom of the ninth for the loss...in Phoenix, the A's and Rangers played to an 8-8 tie...Kevin Kouzmanoff had a three-run home run and Max Stassi hit a solo shot...Trevor Cahill started (2.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 3 so) and the A's received a scoreless inning of relief from Marcus McBeth, Pedro Figueroa and Henry Rodriguez.

### A's vs. WHITE SOX

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...meet again in Glendale, March 30...last spring, A's lost two of three to the White Sox...lost the only game in Glendale and split two contests in Phoenix...the A's are 8-1-1 against the White Sox over their last 10 games 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 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 (2-3-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (2-3-1)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have two losses and a tie over the last three games after winning two of the first three contests...are 2-1-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 23-8-2 (.727) at Phoenix over the last three years...lead the Cactus League with nine home runs and rank fourth with a .483 slugging percentage...have the second highest ERA (6.84)...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.

**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

**Corey Brown** had the A's first three-hit game of the spring yesterday against Kansas City...**Adrian Cardenas** had two hits and two RBI yesterday after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...is one of four players to play in every possible game this spring...**Chris Carter** has three hits this spring, all for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is one of four players to play in every possible game this spring...**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 three games this spring, all starts at designated hitter batting leadoff...**Jack Cust** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday against Kansas City...has appeared in two games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** has appeared in three games in left field and one in center field...has batted leadoff three times and second in the only game he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Mark Ellis** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his three games...**Jake Fox** has appeared in two games at catcher, one at third base, one in left field and one in right field...he is hitless in nine at bats...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday, a three-run shot in the third inning...has appeared in three games, all batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is one of four players to appear in every possible game this spring (three in center field, two at second base, one in left field)...**Cliff Pennington** has walked at least once in all three of his games and is tied for the Cactus League in walks (4)...**Adam Rosales** has reached base safely in each of his four games this spring...has appeared in three games at shortstop, one at second base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** has batted third in each of his two starts this spring...**Michael Taylor** is one of four players to appear in all every possible game this spring.

### TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 11 Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento  
March 10 Jay Marshall January 8 waiver claimed voided; Marshall returned to A's and released

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #15 BEN SHEETS RHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...faced his former team, the Brewers, in his first start last Friday in Phoenix...signed with the A's as a free agent Jan. 26, 2010 after missing the entire 2009 season after undergoing surgery on his right elbow in Feb., 2009...last pitched in 2008 with Milwaukee and went 13-9 with a 3.09 ERA in 31 starts...ranked fifth in the National League in ERA and was selected to his fourth All-Star Game...started for the NL squad...his last outing came September 27, 2008 against Chicago, a loss in a 7-3 decision (2.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...spent the first eight years of his career with Milwaukee and is the Brewers all-time leader in strikeouts (1206)...has made 221 career appearances, all starts.

#### SHEETS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	1.7	4	2	1	0	1	0	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings...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...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
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings...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 10<sup>th</sup> lowest in the AL.

#### 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
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

### #52 LENNY DiNARDO LHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the fifth inning of his first outing last Friday against Milwaukee...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Jan. 7...spent the entire 2009 regular season at Triple-A Omaha where he was named Omaha Pitcher of the Year after leading the team in wins (10), innings (151.2) and strikeouts (127)...went 10-5 with two saves and a 3.32 ERA in 29 games, 23 starts, to earn a September call-up to Kansas City...was 0-3 with a 10.13 ERA in five starts for the Royals...allowed a .414 opponents batting average and issued 15 walks in 21.1 innings for a .487 on-base percentage...struck out just eight...left-handers hit .450 (9 for 20) while right-handers batted at a .405 (32 for 79) clip.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	0	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

### #39 BRAD KILBY LHP (0-0, 20.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...struck out the only batter he faced in his last outing Monday against the Cubs after allowing three runs in his first outing...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.

#### 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
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</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
March 9	Texas (ss)	T, 8-8	2-2-1			2,488	17,875
	at Kansas City (ss)	L, 10-11	2-3-1	Colon	Demel	2,247	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Ian Kennedy	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			