



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Chicago White Sox, 9-5 in Phoenix...Ben Sheets (2.2 ip, 5 h, 6 r, 5 er, 1 bb) retired six of the seven batters he faced over the first two innings before allowing six runs in the Brewers seven-run third inning...Andrew Bailey, Craig Breslow and Brad Kilby all tossed 1.0 scoreless inning of relief each...Eric Chavez hit two home runs and was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and three RBI...he hit a two-run home run in the first and a solo shot to lead off the sixth...Josh Donaldson added a RBI double in the eighth inning and Daric Barton walked with the bases loaded in the ninth to complete the A's scoring...the A's collected 10 hits, including two by Gabe Gross.

A's vs. BREWERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's won the first contest last Friday in Phoenix, 8-7...last spring, the A's were 0-2-1 against Milwaukee...lost the only game in Phoenix and had a loss and a tie at Maryvale.

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 tomorrow 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...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 (2-4-1) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (3-4)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have three losses and a tie over the last four games after winning two of the first three contests...the A's lead the Cactus League with 11 home runs this spring and are tied for second with a .488 slugging percentage...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in six of the seven games this spring for a 6.88 ERA...have the highest ERA in the Cactus League and tied for the second most home runs allowed (7)...the A's are 2-2-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 23-9-2 (.706) 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...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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Corey Brown had the A's first three-hit game of the spring Tuesday against Kansas City...**Adrian Cardenas** is 3 for 4 with two RBI over his last two games after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...is one of four players to play in every possible game this spring...has appeared in three games at third base and one at second base...**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** hit two home runs yesterday against the White Sox and is tied for the Cactus League lead with two home runs...he has hit safely in all three of his games this spring, all 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** has four hits this spring, three for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...has appeared in three games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** has appeared in three games in left field and two in center field...has batted leadoff four times and second in the only game he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Josh Donaldson** has driven in at least one run in three of his four games this spring...has two hits, both for extra bases (one double, one home run)...**Jake Fox** has appeared in two games at catcher, two in left field, one at third base and one in right field...is hitless in 10 at bats...**Gabe Gross** had his first multiple hit game of the spring yesterday against the White Sox...has reached base safely in each of his last four games (4 for 11, one walk)...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** hit his first home run of the spring Tuesday, 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, three at second base, one in left field)...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for second in the Cactus League in walks (4)...**Gregorio Petit** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all three of his games this spring...**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...**Eric Sogard** is 3 for 6 with three RBI over his last two games after going 0 for 3 over his first three contests...**Kurt Suzuki** has hit safely in each of his three games this spring, all starts batting third...**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

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-0, 4.50)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...had a no decision in his first start last Saturday against the Angels, a 4-2 A's win...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 before the All-Star Break and 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA after the break.

BRADEN'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	0	9
Totals			2.0	2	1	1	1	1	0	9

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#29 BOBBY CASSEVAH RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the seventh inning of his last outing Monday against the Cubs after tossing a scoreless eighth inning in his first outing...was selected by the A's in the Rule 5 draft from the Angels organization, December 10, 2009...spent the entire 2009 season at Double-A Arkansas and was 3-7 with four saves and a 3.68 ERA in a career high and team leading 57 relief appearances...tied for third in the Texas League in games pitched...also had career highs in wins, losses, saves and innings pitched (73.1)...yielded just two home runs in 73.1 innings and opponents grounded into 16 double plays...allowed a .236 opponents batting average.

CASSEVAH'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
Totals			2.0	2	1	1	0	2	0	9

#60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-0, INF ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...did not retire any of the six batters he faced in the seventh inning of his first outing Monday against the Cubs...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.

DE LOS SANTOS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	0.0	3	6	3	2	0	0	6
Totals			0.0	3	6	3	2	0	0	6

#77 JASON JENNINGS RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the fifth inning in his first outing Monday against the Cubs...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) while right-handers batted .257 (35 for 136).

JENNINGS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
Totals			1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his first two outings...was 2-4 with seven saves and a 3.07 ERA in 69 relief appearances last year...allowed two home runs in 73.1 innings for an average of 0.25 per nine innings, the third lowest mark among American League relievers...now has yielded four home runs in 133.0 career innings or 0.27 per nine innings...led AL relievers and ranked second in the majors with 14 grounded into double plays (Affeldt, SF 18)...ranked third among AL relievers in most hits allowed (82) and had a .293 opponents batting average...that included a .265 (45 for 170) mark against right-handed hitters and .336 (37 for 110) against left-handers.

ZIEGLER'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	1.0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5
3/9	TEX	-	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
Totals			2.0	2	2	1	1	1	0	9

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	
March 10	Chicago (AL)	L, 5-9	2-4-1	Hudson	Sheets	3,428	21,303
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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)	RHP Clayton Mortensen vs. RHP Kevin Correia	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM			
	at San Francisco (ss)	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Steve Johnson	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			