



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Milwaukee 7-3 in Maryvale...Dallas Braden started for the A's and allowed two runs in 3.0 innings (3 h, 3 so)...he ended up with a no decision as the A's scored twice in the fourth inning on a Travis Buck sacrifice fly and a wild pitch...Brad Ziegler pitched a scoreless fourth inning and Jason Jennings followed with two scoreless innings...Jennings picked up the win after the A's scored twice in the seventh inning on a Gabe Gross pinch hit two-run triple...Michael Taylor added a three-run home run in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Fautino De Los Santos allowed an unearned run in the seventh inning and Fernando Hernandez finished the game with 2.0 scoreless innings...the A's collected 10 hits, including two each from Mark Ellis and Adam Rosales.

### A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...square off again in Phoenix, March 18...the A's won two of three last spring, winning both contests in Phoenix and losing the only meeting in Tucson.

### 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 today and will also workout today...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 (3-4-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (3-5-1) FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010 – TUCSON ELECTRIC PARK – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 1-3-1 over the last five games after winning two of the first three contests...the A's lead the Cactus League with 12 home runs this spring and are tied for third with a .488 slugging percentage...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in six of the eight games this spring for a 6.24 ERA...have the third highest ERA in the Cactus League and are tied for the second most home runs allowed (8)...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 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.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Corey Brown** had the A's first three-hit game of the spring Tuesday against Kansas City...**Adrian Cardenas** is 4 for 6 with two RBI over his last three 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 four 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 Wednesday against the White Sox and is tied for second in the Cactus League 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** started the spring 0 for 10 before singling in the ninth inning yesterday against Milwaukee...has appeared in three games at catcher, two in left field, one at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** had a pinch hit two-run triple in the seventh inning yesterday to break a 2-2 tie...he has reached base safely in each of his last five games (5 for 12, one walk)...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** hit his first home run of the spring Tuesday, a three-run shot in the third inning...has appeared in four games, all batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is one of four players to appear in every possible game this spring (four in center field, three at second base, one in left field)...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for fifth 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 five games this spring...has appeared in four games at shortstop, one at second base and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 3 for 6 with three RBI over his last three 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** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday in the eighth inning, a three-run shot...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

### #49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...had a no decision in his first start last Monday against the Cubs after his scheduled start on Sunday against Los Angeles (AL) was rained out...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 Codioli in 1983 and matched by Joe Blanton in 2005...became the eighth Oakland rookie to make 30 or more starts.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.2	1	0	0	2	3	0	8
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in two of his three outings...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.

#### 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
3/9	at KC	-	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>

### #65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 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...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year last year after combining for a 13-6 record and a 3.38 ERA in 27 starts with the A's Single-A affiliates at Kane County and Stockton...tied for seventh among all Single-A pitchers in wins and walks (66)...ranked second in the A's organization in wins, third in strikeouts (145) and fourth in ERA...allowed a .260 opponents batting average, including .256 against right-handed hitters and .271 against left-handers.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5
3/9	TEX	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

### #63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 4.50)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing after yielding one in his first outing...made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2009 and posted a 2.25 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in three games in September...pitched exclusively in relief for the first time as a professional and combined for a 2-1 record and a 5.18 ERA in a career-high 40 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento...also had a career high four saves...struck out 82 in 48.2 innings for an average of 15.16 per nine innings.

#### RODRIGUEZ' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
3/9	TEX	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

### #66 TYSON ROSS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless third and fourth inning last Saturday against Los Angeles...the non-roster invitee began his first full professional season in 2009 at Single-A Stockton but earned a late season promotion to Double-A Midland and combined for a 10-10 record and a 4.09 ERA in 27 games, all starts...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins (10) and ranked seventh in ERA (4.09), strikeouts (113) and innings (136.1)...allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .224 against right-handed hitters and .245 against left-handers...opponents hit .216 with runners in scoring position and were 10 for 59 (.169) with RISP and two outs...was named as the A's sixth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#### ROSS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</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	
March 10	Chicago (AL)	L, 5-9	2-4-1	Hudson	Sheets	3,428	21,303
March 11	at Milwaukee	W, 7-3	3-4-1	Jennings	Rivas	4,015	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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 Matt Cain	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			