



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Arizona in Tucson, 10-1...Brett Anderson started and took the loss, allowing three runs in 2.2 innings (4 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...Jerry Blevins followed with 1.1 scoreless innings but Tyson Ross allowed four runs, one earned, in 1.2 innings...Henry Rodriguez added 1.1 scoreless innings of relief and Marcus McBeth allowed three runs in the eighth inning...the A's were held scoreless until the ninth inning when Eric Sogard doubled with two outs and scored on a Steve Tolleson RBI single...the A's collected seven hits, including three from Daric Barton.

### A's vs. GIANTS

This is the first of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the two clubs meet two more times in Arizona (March 17 at Phoenix and March 25 at Scottsdale) before squaring off three times in the Bay Area (April 1 and 2 in San Francisco and April 3 at Oakland)...last spring, the A's went 4-3 against San Francisco...split two games in Phoenix, Scottsdale and San Francisco and won the only game in Oakland.

### 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, catchers and position players have reported to minor league training camp at Papago Park...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 (3-5-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (8-2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 1-4-1 over the last six games after winning two of the first three contests...the A's are tied for the Cactus League lead with 12 home runs this spring and rank tied for second with 38 walks...are a perfect 8 for 8 in stolen bases attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in seven of the nine games for a 6.41 ERA...have the second highest ERA in the Cactus League and have allowed the second most home runs (10)...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 the posted stretch time...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.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** went 3 for 3 against Arizona yesterday and has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last five games (6 for 12, three walks)...**Corey Brown** had the A's first three-hit game of the spring Tuesday against Kansas City but is 0 for 3 in two games since then...**Adrian Cardenas** is 4 for 8 (.500) with two RBI over his last three games after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...is one of three players to play in every possible game this spring...has appeared in five 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 three 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...has not played since March 9 because of a strained left hamstring...**Jack Cust** has four hits this spring, three for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...has appeared in four games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** has appeared in three games in left field and three in center field...has batted leadoff five times and second in the only game he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Josh Donaldson** 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 Thursday against Milwaukee...has appeared in three games at catcher, three 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 Thursday against Milwaukee 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 against Texas, a three-run shot in the third inning...has appeared in four games, all batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** has appeared in four games in center field, three at second base and one in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> 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** went 0 for 3 yesterday against Arizona after reaching base safely in each of his five games this spring...has appeared in four games at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 4 for 7 (.571) with a double, a triple and three RBI over his last four games...has appeared in four games at second base, two at shortstop and one at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** has hit safely in each of his four games this spring, all starts at catcher batting third...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run of the spring Thursday against Milwaukee in the eighth inning, a three-run shot...is one of three players to appear in 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

### #47 GIO GONZALEZ LHP (0-1, 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 Monday against the Cubs and took the loss...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).

#### GONZALEZ' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	L	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	0	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #70 SAM DEMEL RHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA, 1 save)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless ninth in his first outing for the save but then allowed two runs in the ninth inning of his second outing for the loss...the non-roster invitee compiled a 0.61 ERA and 11 saves in 27 relief appearances with Double-A Midland last year to earn a midseason promotion to Triple-A Sacramento...had a 3.62 ERA in 28 outings with the River Cats and was 2-5 with 14 saves and a 2.19 ERA in a career high 55 games overall...ranked third in the A's farm system in saves...yielded just two home runs in 61.2 innings...allowed a .217 opponents batting average, including .216 with both of his home runs against right-handed hitters and .220 against left-handers.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	S	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
3/9	at KC	L	1.0	4	2	2	2	2	0	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### #52 LENNY DINARDO LHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed two runs in each of his first two outings...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.

#### 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
3/10	CWS	-	2.0	4	2	2	0	1	0	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

### #39 BRAD KILBY LHP (0-0, 11.57 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has retired four of the five batters he has faced over his last two outings after allowing three runs in his first contest...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.

#### 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
3/10	CWS	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>

### #64 JUSTIN SOUZA RHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his last outing after tossing a scoreless inning in his first appearance...was acquired by the A's last year from the Seattle Mariners organization for infielder Jack Hannahan July 11 and was assigned to Double-A Midland...went 0-2 with a 10.35 ERA in five starts before a shoulder injury ended his season Aug. 4...was 6-6 with a 3.35 ERA in 20 games, 14 starts, at Double-A West Tenn and combined for a 6-8 record and a 4.78 ERA in 25 games, 19 starts, overall...it was the first time in his career he had more starts than relief appearances...yielded just five home runs, or 0.46 per nine innings...allowed a .274 opponents batting average.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
3/9	TEX	-	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</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	
March 12	at Arizona	L, 1-10	3-5-1	Anderson	Kennedy	4,819	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Kyle Davies	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM			
March 15	at Cincinnati	RHP Ben Sheets vs. RHP Mike Lincoln	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			