



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's swept a split squad, defeating San Diego in Phoenix, 10-9 in extra innings, and San Francisco in Scottsdale, 8-7...Travis Buck and Dallas McPherson hit solo home runs against the Padres and Rajai Davis went 3 for 4 with a double and a triple...Clayton Mortensen started and had a no decision (3.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er)...Pedro Figueroa tossed 2.0 scoreless innings but Fautino De Los Santos allowed five runs in the ninth inning while retiring just two batters...Cedrick Bowers pitched the final 1.1 innings for the win...in Scottsdale, Mark Ellis was 3 for 4 with two RBI and Daric Barton and Ryan Sweeney added two hits each...Gio Gonzalez started and pitched three scoreless innings for the win (2 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...Arnold Leon tossed a scoreless ninth inning for the save.

A's vs. ROYALS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's lost the first game at Surprise on Tuesday, 11-10...the two clubs meet again in 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 53 players in camp, which includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 13 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 27 pitchers, four catchers, 12 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 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 (5-5-1) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (5-3-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three of the last four games after starting the spring 2-4-1...the A's are tied for the Cactus League lead with 14 home runs this spring and rank third with six triples and a .476 slugging percentage...lead the CL with 47 walks...have been successful in 11 of 12 (91.7%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in nine of the 11 games for a 6.45 ERA...have the second highest ERA in the Cactus League and are tied for second in home runs allowed (10)...the A's are 3-2-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 24-9-2 (.714) 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* began the spring in the major league camp...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).

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 6, .833)...he has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last six games and is 8 for 15 (.533) with five walks (.650 on-base percentage) over that span...is tied for third in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.565)...**Corey Brown** had the A's first three-hit game last Tuesday against Kansas City but is 1 for 8 (.125) in three games since then...**Travis Buck** hit his second home run yesterday, which is tied for second in the Cactus League...he has three hits, all for extra bases (one double, two home runs)...**Adrian Cardenas** is 6 for 10 (.600) with three RBI over his last five games after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...is one of three players to play in every possible game...has appeared in six games at third base and two at second base...**Matt Carson** is hitless in 10 at bats...**Chris Carter** has three hits, all for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is one of three players to play in every possible game...**Eric Chavez** went 0 for 3 with an RBI yesterday after hitting safely in each of his first three games...hit two home runs Wednesday against the White Sox and is tied for second in the Cactus League with two home runs...each of his four games have been 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, all starts at designated hitter batting leadoff...has not played since March 9 because of a strained left hamstring...**Jack Cust** has five hits, four for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...has appeared in five games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** had three hits yesterday against San Diego after going 1 for 19 over his first six games...has appeared in four games in left field and three in center field...has batted leadoff six 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)...**Mark Ellis** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 7, .714) after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** started the spring 0 for 10 before singling in the ninth inning Thursday against Milwaukee...that is his only hit in 19 at bats...has appeared in four games in left field, three games at catcher, two at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in RBI (6)...has hit safely in each of his last four games (5 for 13, .385) and reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last six games (6 for 16, two walks)...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** hit his first home run Tuesday against Texas, a three-run shot in the third inning...has three hits, all for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...has appeared in five games, all batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is 1 for 12 over his last three games after going 3 for 9 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in five games in center field, three at second base and one in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (5)...two of his three hits are for extra bases (one double, one triple)...**Gregorio Petit** had his first multiple hit game yesterday and has reached base safely via hit or walk in all four of his games...**Landon Powell** has three hits and three RBI...**Anthony Recker** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three RBI in his first game but is 0 for 3 in three games since then...**Adam Rosales** has reached base safely in six of his seven games...has appeared in five games at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 4 for 8 (.500) with a double, a triple and three RBI over his last five games...has appeared in five games at second base, two at shortstop and one at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** has hit safely in each of his four games, all starts at catcher batting third...**Ryan Sweeney** had his first multiple hit game yesterday and is 3 for 6 (.500) over his last two games after starting the spring 1 for 10...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run Thursday against Milwaukee...is one of three players to appear in every possible game...**Steve Tolleson** has appeared in five games at shortstop, two at third base and two at second base.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 11 Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento
March 10 Jay Marshall January 8 waiver claimed voided; Marshall returned to A's and released
March 14 Cedrick Bowers, Sam Demel, Joel Galarraga, Grant Green, Dallas McPherson, Max Stassi, Jemile Weeks, Matt Whitney, Corey Wimberly and Matt Wright reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#53 TREVOR CAHILL RHP (0-1, 11.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his two starts...was one of two 21-year olds to spend the season in the A's starting rotation and led the Oakland pitching staff in starts (32), innings pitched (178.2) and losses (13)...was 10-13 with a 4.63 ERA...led Major League rookies in games started...ranked second among American League Rookies in innings pitched, tied for seventh in wins and ninth in strikeouts (90)...the games started fell one short of the Oakland rookie record of 33 set by Joe Blanton in 2005 and he is one of eight rookie 10-game winners in Oakland history...set an Oakland rookie record by allowing 27 home runs, breaking the previous mark of 24 by John Wasdin in 1996...it tied the franchise record set by Dan Pfister in 1962.

CAHILL'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	L	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	1	8
3/9	TEX	-	2.0	4	3	3	1	3	0	11
Totals			4.0	7	5	5	1	5	1	19

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first three 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...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...had just four blown saves and converted each of his final 21 saves opportunities, which is tied for the second longest streak in Oakland history...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
3/10	CWS	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	5
Totals			3.0	4	0	0	1	4	0	14

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first three 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 10th lowest in the AL...his opponents batting average included a .191 mark against right-handed hitters and .204 against left-handers.

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
3/10	CWS	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Totals			3.0	2	0	0	3	1	0	14

#54 VIN MAZZARO RHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...pitched in relief in his first outing before tossing 3.0 scoreless innings in a start last Tuesday at Kansas City...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.

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
3/9	at KC	-	3.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
Totals			5.0	3	2	2	2	1	0	18

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	
March 13	San Diego (ss)	W, 10-9 (10)	4-5-1	Bowers	Webb	5,495	26,798
	at San Francisco (ss)	W, 8-7	5-5-1	Gonzalez	Cain	12,000	

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV
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