



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Kansas City, 10-3 in Phoenix...Trevor Cahill started for the A's and picked up the win, tossing 4.0 shutout innings (2 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...Vin Mazzaro followed and allowed three runs on four hits in 3.1 innings...Craig Breslow recorded the final two outs of the eighth inning and Andrew Bailey pitched a scoreless ninth...the A's scored twice in each of the first three innings, highlighted by a Kurt Suzuki two-run double in the first, a Rajai Davis two-run single in the second and a Ryan Sweeney RBI double and Cliff Pennington RBI single in the third...Steve Tolleson added a RBI single and Jake Fox hit a three-run home run in the A's four-run eighth inning...Davis had two of the A's 12 hits.

A's vs. REDS

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...the two clubs meet again in Phoenix on March 21 and 31...this is the first time the A's have played the Reds during the spring since the A's moved their spring training from Florida to Arizona in 1969.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 49 players in camp, which includes 36 players on the 40-man roster and 13 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 23 pitchers, four catchers, 12 infielders and 10 outfielders...the A's currently have 39 players on the 40-man roster.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Pitchers, catchers and position players have reported to minor league training camp at Papago Park...minor league spring games begin Friday, 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 (6-5-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (4-4-1)

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three straight and four of the last five games after starting the spring 2-4-1...the A's rank second in the Cactus League with 15 home runs and third with six triples and a .482 slugging percentage...are tied for the CL lead with 53 walks...have been successful in 14 of 15 (93.3%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in nine of the 12 games for a 6.16 ERA...have the fourth highest ERA in the CL and are tied for second in home runs allowed (11)...the A's are 4-2-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 25-9-2 (.722) 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).

NUMBER CHANGE: Jason Jennings will switch to number 29 for the remainder of the spring.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 6, .833)...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...ranks fourth 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 9 (.111) in four games since then...**Travis Buck** is 3 for 7 (.429) over his last three games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first five contests...has four hits, all for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in home runs (2)...**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...has appeared in six games at third base and two at second base...**Matt Carson** is hitless in 11 at bats...**Chris Carter** is one of two players (Taylor) to play in every possible game...three of his four hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...**Eric Chavez** played back-to-back days for the first time Saturday and Sunday and was a combined 0 for 6 after hitting safely in each of his first three games...hit two home runs Wednesday against the White Sox and is tied for fourth in the Cactus League with two home runs...each of his five 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** is tied for the Cactus League lead with four doubles...five of his six hits are for extra bases (also has one home run)...has reached base safely via hit or walk in six of his seven games...has appeared in six games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 8, .625) after going 1 for 19 over his first six games...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in steals (3)...has appeared in five games in left field and three in center field...has batted leadoff seven 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 hit safely in each of his last three games (6 for 9, .667) after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** hit his first home run yesterday against Kansas City after going 1 for 19 over his first eight games...has appeared in four games in left field, four at catcher, two at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** 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 last 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 six games, all batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last four games after going 3 for 9 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in six games in center field, three at second base and one in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...**Gregorio Petit** had his first multiple hit game Saturday against San Diego 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 seven of his eight games...has appeared in five games at shortstop, two at second base, one at third base and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 4 for 9 (.444) with a double, a triple and three RBI over his last six games...has scored one run in each of his last five games...has appeared in six games at second base, two at shortstop and one at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** has gone 1 for 3 in each of his five games, all starts at catcher batting third...**Ryan Sweeney** has hit safely in each of his last three games (4 for 12, .333) after starting the spring 1 for 10...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run last Thursday against Milwaukee...is one of two players (Carter) to appear in every possible game...**Steve Tolleson** has four hits and four RBI...has appeared in six 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 Galaraga, Grant Green, Dallas McPherson, Max Stassi, Jemile Weeks, Matt Whitney, Corey Wimberly and Matt Wright reassigned to minor league camp
March 15 Clayton Mortensen optioned to Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa and Fautino De Los Santos optioned to Midland; Bobby Cassevah returned to the Los Angeles Angels (Rule 5).

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, media guide and more at <http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com>

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#15 BEN SHEETS RHP (0-1, 12.46 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...retired six of the first seven batters he faced in his last start before allowing six runs in the White Sox seven-run third inning...faced his former team, the Brewers, in his first start...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...spent the first eight years of his career with Milwaukee and is the Brewers all-time leader in strikeouts (1206)...also ranks fifth in wins (86) and sixth in ERA (3.72)...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
3/10	CWS	L	2.7	5	6	5	1	0	0	15
Totals			4.3	9	8	6	1	1	0	24

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 8.31 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in two of his four outings but has not allowed a base runner in his other two appearances...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 mark against right-handers and .250 against lefties.

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
3/12	at ARI	-	1.3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Totals			4.3	6	4	4	1	2	1	19

#29 JASON JENNINGS RHP (1-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fifth and sixth innings in his last outing Thursday against Milwaukee and picked up the win...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 AL...was granted his unconditional release Aug. 31...opponents hit .286, including .257 against righties.

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
3/11	at MIL	W	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
Totals			3.0	3	1	1	1	1	0	13

#63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 2.70)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.1 ip, 1 h, 3 bb, 3 so) 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, which was the highest mark of his career.

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
3/12	at ARI	-	1.3	1	0	0	2	2	0	7
Totals			3.3	3	1	1	3	4	0	14

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his last outing Thursday against Milwaukee after allowing 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).

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
3/11	at MIL	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4
Totals			3.0	3	2	1	1	3	0	13

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	
March 14	Kansas City	W, 10-3	6-5-1	Cahill	Davies	5,705	32,503
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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	LHP Brett Anderson vs. TBA				1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 18	Arizona	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Kevin Mulvey				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