



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Monday, the A's lost to Cincinnati at Goodyear, 13-5...Ben Sheets started for the A's and did not retire a batter...he faced 10 batters in the first inning and all 10 scored, including eight hits, a walk and an error...Fernando Hernandez followed with 2.0 perfect innings of relief and Brad Ziegler and Henry Rodriguez tossed a scoreless inning each...the A's scored four times in the third inning on a Rajai Davis RBI single, a Kurt Suzuki two-run double and a Kevin Kouzmanoff RBI single...Adam Rosales added a RBI single in the sixth inning to complete the scoring...Rosales was 3 for 3.

### A's vs. GIANTS

This is the second of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's won the first game in Scottsdale on Saturday, 8-7, and return there March 25 before squaring off three times in the Bay Area (April 1 and 2 at 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 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 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 (6-6-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (10-6)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won four of the last six games after starting the spring 2-4-1...the A's rank third in the Cactus League with 15 home runs and fourth with a .469 slugging percentage...rank second in the CL with 56 walks...have been successful in 14 of 15 (93.3%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in 10 of the 13 games for a 6.67 ERA...have the highest ERA in the CL and are tied for second in home runs allowed (13)...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 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* 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).

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Geren welcomes back his entire coaching staff from last season...they include bench coach Tye Waller, pitching coach Curt Young, hitting coach Jim Skaalen, first base coach Todd Steverson, third base coach Mike Gallego and bullpen coach Ron Romanick.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** leads the Cactus League with a .577 on-base percentage, is tied for second in doubles (4), tied for fifth in walks (6) and tied for seventh in batting (.450)...has a six-game hitting streak (9 for 17, .529) and has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last seven games (9 for 17, six walks, .652 on-base percentage)...**Corey Brown** had the A's first three-hit game last Tuesday against Kansas City but is 1 for 10 (.100) in five games since then...**Travis Buck** is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last four 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 fifth 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 the only player to play in every possible game this spring...three of his four hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is 1 for 8 with two walks over his last six games...**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 a week ago today against the White Sox and is tied for fifth 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 second in the Cactus League in doubles (4)...five of his seven hits are for extra bases (also has one home run)...has reached base safely via hit or walk in seven of his eight games...has appeared in seven games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** has hit safely in each of his last three games (6 for 11, .545) after going 1 for 19 over his first six games...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in steals (3)...has appeared in five games in left field and four in center field...has batted leadoff eight 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** is 6 for 12 (.500) over his last four games after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** is 2 for 24 (.083) in 10 games, including a home run Sunday against Kansas City...has appeared in five games in left field, four at catcher, two at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** has six RBI this spring on six hits...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** has four hits, three for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...has appeared in seven games, all batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last five 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 two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...**Gregorio Petit** was 0 for 1 Monday against Cincinnati after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first four 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** had his first three hit game Monday against Cincinnati and is 6 for 12 (.500) over his last five games...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in batting (.450)...has reached base safely in eight of his nine games...has appeared in six games at shortstop, two at second base, one at third base and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 5 for 11 (.455) with a double, a triple and three RBI over his last seven games...has appeared in seven games at second base, two at shortstop and one at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** has gone 1 for 3 in each of his six games, all starts at catcher batting third...**Ryan Sweeney** is 4 for 12 (.333) over his last four games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run last Thursday against Milwaukee but is 0 for 8 in three games since then...**Steve Tolleson** has four hits and four RBI...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three 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  
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).

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-1, 6.23 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...took the last in his last start last Friday against Arizona after tossing 1.2 scoreless innings in his first start...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...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)	-	1.7	1	0	0	2	3	0	8
3/12	at ARI	L	2.7	4	3	3	1	1	1	12
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4.3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #52 LENNY DiNARDO LHP (0-0, 7.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed two runs in each of his first three 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 average and issued 15 walks in 21.1 innings for a .487 on-base percentage...struck out just eight.

#### 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
3/13	at SF	-	2.0	3	2	0	1	2	0	11
<b>Totals</b>			<b>5.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>

### #39 BRAD KILBY LHP (0-0, 15.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his outings but has yielded five runs in 1.2 innings in his other two appearances...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 mark against right-handed hitters and .217 against left-handers...struck out 20 in 17.0 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
3/13	at SF	-	0.7	2	2	2	3	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>

### #45 MARCUS McBETH RHP (1-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the eighth inning in his last outing Friday against Arizona after not allowing a run in either of his first two outings...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Dec. 12...had two stints with Boston last year but did not appear in a game...compiled a 2-3 record, three saves and a 2.69 ERA in a team leading 44 games, including one start, at Pawtucket...ranked second among International League relievers in opponents batting average (.194) and fewest base runners per nine innings (9.97) and fifth in strikeouts per nine innings (8.86).

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	W	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/9	TEX	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
3/12	at ARI	-	1.0	3	3	3	0	1	1	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>

### #64 JUSTIN SOUZA RHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has six strikeouts in 3.1 innings...has allowed four runs in his last two outings (2.1 ip) 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...yielded just five home runs, or 0.46 per nine innings.

#### 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
3/13	at SF	-	1.3	2	1	1	0	2	0	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</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	
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
March 15	at Cincinnati	L, 5-13	6-6-1	Lincoln	Sheets	4,602	
March 16	OFF DAY						
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>				<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>
March 17	San Francisco	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Barry Zito				1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 18	Arizona	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Kevin Mulvey				1:05	
March 19	at Colorado	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Ubaldo Jimenez				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