



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Giants here in Phoenix, 6-1...Eric Patterson singled to lead off the first inning, stole second and then scored on a Kevin Kouzmanoff RBI double to give the A's a 1-0 lead, but that would be the A's only run of the game...A's starter Brett Anderson tossed 4.0 shutout innings (2 h, 1 so) and left with a 1-0 lead...Brad Kilby allowed a run in the fifth inning, but that was the only run he would allow in two innings...Justin Souza then allowed three runs while retiring just two batters in the seventh inning and took the loss...Marcus McBeth tossed 1.1 scoreless innings and Sam Demel allowed two runs in the ninth inning...the A's collected six hits, including two each by Kouzmanoff and Ryan Sweeney.

### A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's lost the first meeting at Tucson last Friday, 10-1...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 48 players in camp, which includes 35 players on the 40-man roster and 13 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 22 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 tomorrow 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 (6-7-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (9-6-1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have lost two straight after winning four of the previous five games...have homered just once over the last three games but are tied for third in the Cactus League with 15 home runs...also rank third in walks (59) and are fifth in slugging (.452)...have been successful in 15 of 17 (88.2%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in 10 of the 14 games for a 6.55 ERA...have the highest ERA in the CL and are tied for second in home runs allowed (13)...the A's are 4-3-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 25-10-2 (.703) 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 Steversen, third base coach Mike Gallego and bullpen coach Ron Romanick.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** is tied for second in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.556) and doubles (4), tied for sixth in walks (6) and ninth in batting (.429)...went 0 for 1 yesterday to snap his hitting streak at six games (9 for 17, .529)...**Corey Brown** is 1 for 10 (.100) over his last five games...**Travis Buck** is 3 for 10 (.300) over his last five 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 sixth in the Cactus League in home runs (2)...**Adrian Cardenas** is 6 for 10 (.600) with three RBI over his last six games after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...has appeared in six games at third base and three at second base...**Matt Carson** is hitless in 12 at bats...**Chris Carter** has four hits and three are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is 1 for 8 with two walks over his last six games...**Eric Chavez** is 0 for 9 over his last three games after hitting safely in each of his first three games (4 for 8, .500)...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League with two home runs...each of his six 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 appeared in eight games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** was scratched from the lineup yesterday with an abdominal strain...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 ninth 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 16 (.375) over his last five games after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** is 2 for 25 (.080) in 11 games, including a home run Sunday against Kansas City...has appeared in five games in left field, four at catcher, three at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** has six RBI this spring on six hits...has appeared in five games in center field and three in right field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** had his second multiple hit game yesterday against the Giants...four of his six hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...has appeared in eight games, all at third base batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is 3 for 18 (.167) over his last six games after going 3 for 9 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in seven games in center field, three at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is 3 for 7 (.429) over his last three games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...is tied for sixth 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 4 in four 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...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** went 0 for 2 yesterday after going 1 for 3 in each of his first six games...all seven of his games have been starts at catcher batting third...**Ryan Sweeney** is 6 for 15 (.400) over his last five games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run a week ago today against Milwaukee but is 0 for 9 in four 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)  
March 18 Justin Souza optioned to Midland

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #47 GIO GONZALEZ LHP (1-1, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...picked up the win in his first with 3.0 scoreless innings in his last outing Saturday against San Francisco after taking the loss in relief in his first outing...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
3/13	at SF	W	3.0	2	0	0	1	3	0	12
<b>Totals</b>			<b>5.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 2.08)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (3.1 ip, 2 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...allowed a .222 opponents batting average, including .190 against right-handed hitters and .275 against lefties.

#### 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
3/15	at CIN	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>

### #66 TYSON ROSS RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...was charged with four runs in his last outing Friday against Arizona, but only one was earned...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 RISP...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
3/12	at ARI	-	1.7	5	4	1	1	1	1	12
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

### #31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip) after allowing one run in each of his first two outings (2.0 ip)...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) and had a .293 opponents batting average...that included a .265 (45 for 170) mark against right-handed hitters and .336 (37 for 110) against left-handers.

#### 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
3/15	at CIN	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</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						
March 17	San Francisco	L, 1-6	6-7-1	Affeldt	Souza	8,758*	41,261
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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)	RHP Ben Sheets vs. LHP Tom Gorzelanny	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM			
	at Cleveland (ss)	RHP Jason Jennings vs. RHP Mitch Talbot	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			