



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Arizona, 7-3 in Phoenix...Gio Gonzalez started for the A's and allowed two runs on one hit in 3.2 innings...however, he walked four batters and struck out four and left trailing 2-0...the A's tied the game with two runs in the fourth on an Eric Chavez RBI groundout and a Ryan Sweeney RBI single...Brad Ziegler tossed 1.1 scoreless innings and Tyson Ross allowed a run in the sixth to give the Diamondbacks a 3-2 lead...the A's then scored four unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth on a Gabe Gross RBI single and an Eric Patterson three-run double...Matt Carson added a RBI double in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Ross pitched 3.0 innings for the win and struck out seven (2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb) and Henry Rodriguez retired the side in order in the ninth.

### A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rockies this spring...the clubs also meet in Phoenix, March 28...last spring, the two clubs split their two meetings with the A's losing in Tucson and winning in Phoenix.

### 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 today 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 (7-7-1) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (10-8)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010 – HI CORBETT FIELD – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won five of the last eight games after starting the spring 2-4-1...have gone three consecutive games without a home run but are tied for fourth in the Cactus League with 15 home runs...did not walk yesterday but are third in the CL in walks (59)...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 15 games for a 6.31 ERA...have the highest ERA in the CL and are second in home runs allowed (15)...the A's are 5-3-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 26-10-2 (.711) 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 March 7, 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).

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** is tied for third in the Cactus League in doubles (4), ranks fourth in on-base percentage (.536), tied for seventh in walks (6) and ninth in batting (.409)...is 0 for 2 over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous six contests (9 for 17, .529)...**Corey Brown** is 1 for 11 (.091) over his last six games...**Travis Buck** is 4 for 11 (.364) with five runs scored over his last six games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first five contests...four of his five hits are for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in home runs (2)...**Adrian Cardenas** is 6 for 12 (.500) over his last seven games after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...has appeared in six games at third base and four at second base...**Matt Carson** was hitless over his first 12 at bats this spring before delivering a RBI double in the eighth inning yesterday against Arizona...**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 1 for 12 over his last four games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League with two home runs...each of his seven 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 third in the Cactus League in doubles (4)...five of his seven hits are for extra bases (also has one home run)...has appeared in nine games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** was scratched from the lineup Wednesday 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** is 0 for 5 over his last three games after going 2 for 3 over his first four contests...has two hits, both for extra bases (one double, one home run)...**Mark Ellis** is 7 for 19 (.368) over his last six games after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** is 2 for 26 (.077) in 12 games, including a home run last Sunday against Kansas City...has appeared in five games in left field, four at catcher, four at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** leads the A's with seven RBI...has appeared in five games in center field, three in right field and one in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 4 for 9 (.444) over his last three games after going 3 for 19 (.158) over his first six contests...has appeared in nine games, all at third base batting cleanup...**Eric Patterson** is 4 for 22 (.182) over his last seven games after going 3 for 9 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in eight 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 seventh 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** ranks second in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.571), third in batting (.478) and 10<sup>th</sup> in slugging (.696)...is 8 for 15 (.533) with three multiple hit games over his last six games...has reached base safely in nine of his 10 games...has appeared in seven 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** is 0 for 5 over his last two games after going 1 for 3 in each of his first six games...all eight of his games have been starts at catcher batting third...**Ryan Sweeney** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 6, .667) and is 8 for 18 (.444) over his last six games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** is 1 for 10 (.100) over his last five games...**Steve Tolleson** has appeared in seven 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

### #53 TREVOR CAHILL RHP (1-1, 5.63 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...allowed at least two runs in each of his first two outings before tossing 4.0 shutout innings in his last start Sunday against Kansas City...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
3/14	KC	W	4.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	14
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 9.53 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his five 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 (12 for 55) mark against right-handed hitters and .250 (7 for 28) against left-handers...was also 5-3 with two saves and a 3.84 ERA in 45 relief appearances with Sacramento.

#### BLEVINS' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/15	at CIN	-	1.3	1	2	2	0	2	1	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>5.7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>

### #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...left-handers hit .450 while right-handers batted at a .405 clip.

#### 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>

### #36 FERNANDO HERNANDEZ RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in 5.1 innings and has retired 15 of the 17 batters he has faced...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Dec. 3...spent most of the 2009 season at Double-A Birmingham in the White Sox farm system where he ranked third in the Southern League with 20 saves while posting a 2-3 record and a 1.71 ERA in 44 relief appearances...was promoted to Triple-A Charlotte Aug. 1 and was 1-1 with a 1.59 ERA in 13 appearances...combined for a 3-4 record, a career high 20 saves and a 1.68 ERA in 57 relief appearances...yielded just two home runs in 69.2 innings and struck out 70...allowed a .181 opponents batting average.

#### HERNANDEZ' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3/9	at KC	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/11	at MIL	-	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	7
3/15	at CIN	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>5.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</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						
March 17	San Francisco	L, 1-6	6-7-1	Affeldt	Souza	8,758*	41,261
March 18	Arizona	W, 7-3	7-7-1	Ross	Mulvey	9,038*	50,299
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 19	at Colorado	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. LHP Greg Smith	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	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Johnny Cueto	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			