



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Colorado at Tucson, 10-4...Trevor Cahill started for the A's and allowed just one run in 5.0 innings pitched (5 h, 1 so)...he left with a 2-1 lead but Lenny DiNardo allowed five runs in 1.0 innings and Fernando Hernandez yielded four in 0.2 innings...DiNardo took the loss...Gabe Gross had a RBI single in the fourth inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead, his second of four hits on the day...Daric Barton hit a solo home run in the sixth and the A's scored two more runs in the eighth on a Cliff Pennington RBI triple and a Gross RBI double...Gross had four of the A's nine hits and Barton added two.

### A's vs. CUBS

This is the third of four meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's have lost the first two contests, 9-3 in Mesa, March 4 and 10-3 in Phoenix, March 8...meet again in Mesa Friday, March 26...last spring, the A's were 0-2-1 against the Cubs...lost the only game in Mesa and had a loss and a tie in the Cactus League finale 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

Minor League spring games began yesterday 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...three remaining 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 the March 26 game against the Cubs (1:00 pm)...CSNCA will also air the game on April 3 against San Francisco in Oakland (1:05 pm)...the A's begin the second year of a five-year agreement with the Spanish Beisbol Network (SBN) to broadcast all 162 regular season games in Spanish...veteran announcer Amaury Pi-González will again serve as the "Voice of the A's" for all Spanish broadcasts, with Manolo Hernández-Douen handling analyst duties.

## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (7-8-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (10-6)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have lost three of the last four games after winning four of the previous five...are tied for third in the Cactus League in home runs (16), tied for fourth in walks (60) and rank fifth in doubles (39)...have grounded into just three double plays, which is three fewer than any other Major League team...have made 21 errors, which is tied for second in the CL...have been successful in 15 of 18 (83.3%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in 11 of the 16 games for a 6.59 ERA...have the highest ERA in the CL, are second in hits allowed (188) and tied for fourth 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** doubled and homered yesterday and is tied for the Cactus League lead with five doubles...also ranks second in on-base percentage (.548), sixth in batting (.440) and eighth in walks (6)...**Corey Brown** is 1 for 13 (.077) over his last seven games...**Travis Buck** is 1 for 7 over his last four games...four of his five hits are for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in home runs (2)...**Adrian Cardenas** is 6 for 12 (.500) over his last eight games after going 0 for 5 over his first four games...has appeared in six games at third base and five at second base...**Matt Carson** was hitless over his first 12 at bats this spring before delivering a RBI double in the eighth inning Thursday against Arizona...**Chris Carter** has four hits and three are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is 1 for 9 with two walks over his last seven 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 ninth 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 fourth in the Cactus League in doubles (4)...five of his seven hits are for extra bases (also has one home run)...has appeared in 10 games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** was scratched from the lineup Wednesday with an abdominal strain and has not played since Monday...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 10th 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 0 for 7 over his last three games and has just two hits overall, including a home run last Sunday against Kansas City...has appeared in six games in left field, four at catcher, four at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** was 4 for 4 yesterday against Colorado in Tucson and added two RBI...he is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in RBI (9)...has appeared in six 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 5 for 26 (.192) over his last eight games after going 3 for 9 (.333) over his first five contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, four at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for the Cactus League lead in triples (2) and is tied for eighth in walks (6)...is 4 for 10 (.400) over his last four games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Gregorio Petit** has reached base safely in five of the six games in which he has an at bat...**Landon Powell** is 1 for 12 with eight strikeouts over his last six games...**Anthony Recker** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three RBI in his first game but is 0 for 5 in five games since then...**Adam Rosales** ranks third in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.516) and is tied for eighth in batting (.423)...is 8 for 18 (.444) over his last seven games...has appeared in seven games at shortstop, two at second base, two at third base and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last eight 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 11 (.091) over his last six games...**Steve Tolleson** has appeared in eight 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

### #15 BEN SHEETS RHP (0-2, 31.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...did not retire a batter in his last start as he faced 10 batters in the first inning with all 10 scoring...allowed six runs in the White Sox seven-run third inning in his second start...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...his last outing came September 27, 2008

against Chicago, a loss in a 7-3 decision (2.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...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
3/15	at CIN	L	0.0	8	10	9	1	0	1	10
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4.3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</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>

### #39 BRAD KILBY LHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his five outings...has yielded seven hits in 5.0 innings, including three home runs...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 (5 for 38) mark against right-handed hitters and .217 (5 for 23) against left-handers...struck out 20 in 17.0 innings, an average of 10.59 per nine innings...with Sacramento, he fanned 77 in 63.1 innings, an average of 10.94 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .179 opponents batting average, including .150 against right-handed hitters.

#### KILBY'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/17	SF	-	2.0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
<b>Totals</b>			<b>5.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>

### #63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 1.69)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.1 ip, 2 h, 3 bb, 5 so) after yielding one in his first outing...has held the opposition to a .222 batting average...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' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/18	ARI	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>5.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</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
March 19	at Colorado	L, 4-10	7-8-1	Corpas	DiNardo	5,067	55,366
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>				<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>
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	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Ian Snell				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