



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's split a split squad, defeating the Cubs 7-4 in Phoenix and losing to the Indians, 12-4 at Goodyear...Ben Sheets picked up the win against the Cubs (4.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 4 so) and Jerry Blevins and Brad Kilby tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief each...Gregorio Petit had a RBI triple and a Josh Donaldson a RBI single to highlight the A's scoring...Oakland also scored three times in the sixth on two bases loaded walks and a bases loaded hit by pitch...Eric Patterson, Cliff Pennington and Petit had two hits each...Jason Jennings started and took the loss against Cleveland (1.2 ip, 7 h, 8 r, 8 er, 2 bb, 2 so) and Vin Mazzaro allowed four runs, three earned, in 2.0 innings...Cedrick Bowers (1.1 ip), Arnold Leon (2.0 ip) and Marcus McBeth (1.0 ip) all tossed scoreless relief...Kevin Kouzmanoff hit a two-run home run in the sixth, Matt Carson a solo shot in the seventh and Adrian Cardenas added a RBI single in the ninth...Ryan Sweeney, Kouzmanoff, Carson and Cardenas had two hits each.

### A's vs. REDS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Reds this spring...the A's lost at Goodyear on Monday, 13-5, in the first meeting between the two clubs during the spring since the A's moved their spring training from Florida to Arizona in 1969...the Reds return to Phoenix March 31 in the A's Cactus League finale.

### IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 39 players in camp, which includes 35 players on the 40-man roster and four non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders and eight outfielders...the A's currently have 39 players on the 40-man roster.

### 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).

## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (8-9-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (7-8-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 5-4 over the last nine games and 8-9-1 overall...are second in the Cactus League in walks (71), tied for third in home runs (18) and rank fifth in doubles (39)...combined for four grounded into double plays in yesterday's split squad after tallying just three over the first 17 games...have seven GDP overall, which is the fewest in the majors...have made 22 errors, which is tied for second in the CL...have been successful in 16 of 19 (84.2%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in 12 of the 18 games for a 6.74 ERA...lead the majors in hits allowed (188) and rank second in ERA (Washington, 7.54)...are tied for fourth in the CL in most home runs allowed (16)...the A's are 6-3-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 27-10-2 (.718) 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** walked four times yesterday against Chicago (AL) and leads the Cactus League with 10 walks...is tied for the league lead in doubles (5), ranks second in on-base percentage (.583) and is sixth in batting (.423)...**Travis Buck** is 1 for 10 over his last five games...four of his five hits are for extra bases (two doubles, two home runs)...is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in home runs (2)...**Chris Carter** has four hits and three are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is 1 for 10 with two walks over his last eight games...**Eric Chavez** went 0 for 3 in his first road game yesterday and is now 1 for 15 over his last five games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...is tied for 10th in the Cactus League with two home runs...has not drawn a walk this spring...each of his eight 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 0 for 10 with six strikeouts over his last three games...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in doubles (4)...five of his seven hits are for extra bases (also has one home run)...has appeared in 11 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 last 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...**Mark Ellis** is 8 for 21 (.381) over his last seven games after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** is 0 for 8 over his last four games and has just two hits overall, including a home run a week ago today against Kansas City...has appeared in six games in left field, five at catcher, four at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** was 4 for 4 Friday against Colorado in Tucson and added two RBI...he is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in RBI (9)...has appeared in six games in center field, four in right field and two in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** hit his second home run yesterday against Cleveland and is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the Cactus League in home runs...has hit safely in each of his last four games (6 for 12, .500) after going 3 for 19 (.158) over his first six contests...has appeared in 10 games, all at third base...batted cleanup in the first nine of those games before hitting third yesterday...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Eric Patterson** had his second multiple hit game yesterday and has hit safely in each of his last four games (5 for 14, .357) with four RBI...has appeared in nine 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), tied for sixth in walks (7) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in steals (3)...has hit safely in each of his last five games (6 for 14, .429) after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Landon Powell** is 1 for 15 with nine strikeouts over his last seven games...**Anthony Recker** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three RBI in his first game but is 0 for 6 in six games since then...**Adam Rosales** is 0 for 8 over his last two games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, two at second base, two at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 0 for 8 over his last three games after going 1 for 3 in each of his first six games...hit third in each of his first eight games before batting cleanup yesterday against the Cubs...**Ryan Sweeney** has three straight multiple hit games (6 for 10, .600) and is 10 for 22 (.455) over his last seven games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last seven games...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Steve Tolleson** has appeared in eight games at shortstop, four at third base and two at second base...has not struck out this spring.

### 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  
March 21 Corey Brown, Adrian Cardenas, Matt Carson, Lenny DiNardo, Josh Donaldson, Fernando Hernandez, Marcus McBeth, Gregorio Petit and Eric Sogard reassigned to minor league camp

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-0, 5.40)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...had a no decision in each of his first two starts and then faced A's minor leaguers March 16, a scheduled off day...was the A's Opening Day starter last year and went 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts before a rash led to nerve damage in his left foot, ending his season in August...his wins, ERA, opponents batting average (.268), starts, innings pitched (136.2) and strikeouts (81) were the best of his three seasons in the majors...the opponents batting average included a .203 mark against left-handed hitters and .290 against right-handers...allowed just nine home runs in 136.2 innings, an average of 0.59 per nine innings...was 7-7 with a 3.12 ERA and .255 opponents batting average in 18 starts before the All-Star Break and had the seventh lowest ERA in the AL...then went 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .324 opponents batting average in four starts after the break.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	0	9
3/11	at MIL	-	3.0	3	2	2	0	3	1	12
Totals			5.0	5	3	3	1	4	1	21

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #48 MICHAEL WUERTZ RHP (6-1, 2.63 ERA in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was one of the top set-up men in the American League last year as he went 6-1 with four saves and a 2.63 ERA in a team-leading 74 appearances for the A's...the games pitched tied for eighth most in Oakland history...led American League relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts...that was the sixth-highest strikeout total by a reliever in Oakland history...tossed 78.2 innings for an average of 11.67 strikeouts per nine innings...in addition to strikeouts, he also had career-highs in saves and innings pitched, and matched his best in wins...his ERA and .188 opponents batting average were career lows...tied for fourth among AL relievers in games and ranked fifth in opponents batting average.

### #31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 1.69 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (3.1 ip, 4 h, 3 so) 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 LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/18	ARI	-	1.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals			5.3	6	2	1	1	4	0	23

## 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	T, 8-8	2-2-1			2,488	17,875
	at Kansas City	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	W, 10-9 (10)	4-5-1	Bowers	Webb	5,495	26,798
	at San Francisco	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	
March 20	Chicago (NL)	W, 7-4	8-8-1	Sheets	Gorzelanny	7,947*	58,246
	at Cleveland	L, 4-12	8-9-1	Talbot	Jennings	4,135	

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV
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