



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Cincinnati, 4-3 in Phoenix...Mark Ellis scored on a Kevin Kouzmanoff ground out in the third inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead but Dallas Braden (5.0 ip, 8 h, 3 r, 2 er, 6 so) allowed two runs in the fourth and another in the fifth...the A's tied the game in the bottom of the fifth on a leadoff home run by Adam Rosales and a Kurt Suzuki sacrifice fly...Michael Wuertz came on to pitch the sixth inning and allowed one run in his Cactus League debut and took the loss...Jonathan Hunton, Michael Benacka and Brad Ziegler all tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's were held to just six hits...in addition to Rosales' homer, Travis Buck doubled and Eric Patterson, Mark Ellis, Anthony Recker and Landon Powell singled.

A's vs. MARINERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...meet again in Phoenix a week from today...last spring, the A's split two games with the Mariners, winning 12-1 in Phoenix and losing 8-5 in Peoria.

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 15th year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (5th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 25th 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 (8-10-1) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (7-10-1) MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010 – PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost five of the last seven games and are a spring-low two games under .500 for the third time...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (77), tied for third in home runs (19) and fifth in doubles (42) and stolen bases (18)...have been caught stealing just three times for a stolen base percentage of 85.7...have grounded into just seven double plays, which is the fewest in the majors...have made 25 errors, which is second most in the majors (Colorado, 27)...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in 12 of the 19 games for a 6.53 ERA...lead the majors in hits allowed (220) and rank second in ERA (Washington, 7.26)...are third in the CL in most home runs allowed (17)...the A's are 6-4-1 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 27-11-2 (.700) at Phoenix over the last three years...this is the A's 42nd Spring Training in Arizona and their 29th 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 Saturday against Chicago (AL) and is tied for the Cactus League lead with 10 walks...he leads the CL in on-base percentage (.583), is tied for second in doubles (5), ranks third in slugging (.731) and is fourth in batting (.423)...**Travis Buck** doubled yesterday against Cincinnati and five of his six hits are for extra bases (three doubles, two homers)...is 2 for 13 (.154) over his last six games...**Chris Carter** has four hits and three are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...is 1 for 12 with two walks over his last nine games...**Eric Chavez** is 1 for 18 over his last six games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...has not drawn a walk this spring...each of his nine 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 13 with nine strikeouts over his last four games...is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in doubles (4)...five of his seven hits are for extra bases (also has one home run)...has appeared in 12 games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** was scratched from the lineup last Wednesday with an abdominal strain and has not played since March 15...has hit safely in each of his last three games (6 for 11, .545) after going 1 for 19 over his first six games...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 9 for 23 (.391) over his last eight games after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** is 0 for 10 over his last five games and has just two hits overall...has appeared in seven games in left field, five at catcher, five at third base and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** was 4 for 4 Friday against Colorado in Tucson but is 1 for 6 in two games since then...has appeared in seven games in center field, four in right field and two in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 6 for 14 (.429) with five RBI over his last five games after going 3 for 19 (.158) over his first six contests...has appeared in 11 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 10 of those games and third once...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Eric Patterson** has hit safely in each of his last five games (6 for 17, .353) with four RBI and four walks...has appeared in 10 games in center field, five at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for third in the Cactus League in triples (2), tied for fifth in steals (4) and tied for sixth in walks (7)...has hit safely in each of the last five games in which he has batted (6 for 14, .429) after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Landon Powell** had a pinch hit single yesterday but is 2 for 16 (.125) with nine strikeouts over his last eight games...**Anthony Recker** singled and walked yesterday after going 0 for 6 over his previous six games...**Adam Rosales** hit his second home run yesterday but is 1 for 10 over his three games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in nine games at shortstop, two at second base, two at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 0 for 10 over his last four games after going 1 for 3 in each of his first six games...has hit third in nine of his 10 games and hit cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** is 10 for 25 (.400) over his last eight games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last eight games...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Steve Tolleson** is 0 for 4 over his last five games after going 4 for 9 over his previous six games...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, five 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

#58 JUSTIN DUCHSCHERER RHP (Did not pitch in majors in 2009)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...missed the entire 2009 season as his rehab from elbow surgery was halted after being diagnosed with clinical depression...did not pitch in a Major League game last spring before Dr. Lewis Yocum performed arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow March 31...his comeback was delayed by back issues but he eventually made three rehab starts from July 26 to Aug. 13...did not yield a run in 11.0 innings and allowed a .162 (6 for 37) opponents batting average...issued just one walk and struck out eight...on Aug. 21, it was announced that he would not pitch the rest of the season after being diagnosed with clinical depression.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#36 FERNANDO HERNANDEZ RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in 5.1 innings over his first four outings and retired 15 of the 17 batters he faced...then allowed four runs on four hits and two walks in 0.2 innings in his last outing Friday against Colorado...was reassigned to minor league camp Sunday...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' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/19	at COL	-	0.7	4	4	4	2	0	0	8
Totals			6.0	5	4	4	3	4	0	25

#45 MARCUS McBETH RHP (1-0, 5.06 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his five outings...has held the opposition to a .238 batting average...was reassigned to minor league camp Sunday...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)...issued a career high 30 walks...allowed a .189 opponents batting average overall, including .181 against right-handed hitters and .200 against lefties.

McBETH'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/17	SF	-	1.3	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
3/20	at CLE	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Totals			5.3	5	3	3	1	3	1	22

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	
March 21	Cincinnati	L, 3-4	8-10-1	Burton	Wuertz	6,332	64,578
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 22	at Seattle	RHP Justin Duchscherer vs. RHP Ian Snell	1:05				
March 23	OFF DAY						
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Hiroki Kuroda	7:35	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNCA			
March 25	at San Francisco	RHP Jason Jennings vs. TBA	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			