



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Monday the A's defeated Seattle 7-2 in Peoria...Justin Duchscherer started for the A's in his first appearance of the spring and tossed 4.0 shutout innings for the win (4 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...Jared Lansford (0.2 ip), Jason Ray (1.0 ip) and Fernando Hernandez (1.0 ip) also pitched scoreless relief...the A's scored five times in the second inning on an Eric Patterson RBI triple, a Gabe Gross RBI double and a Coco Crisp three-run home run...Patterson added a sacrifice fly in the third inning and Gross had a sacrifice fly in the sixth...the A's collected 10 hits, including a pair of doubles by Kevin Kouzmanoff and a triple and single from Patterson.

### A's vs. DODGERS

This is the only meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the two clubs met twice last year with the A's winning 10-8 in Phoenix and 9-5 in Glendale.

### IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 40 players in camp, which includes 36 players on the 40-man roster and four non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 20 pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders and eight outfielders...the A's currently have 40 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 tonight on Comcast SportsNet California and tomorrow on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area 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 (9-10-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (7-10-1) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 7:35 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 3-3 over the last six games and have not won more than three in a row or lost more than two in a row this spring...rank third in the Cactus League in walks (77), tied for third in home runs (20) and fifth in stolen bases (19)...have been caught stealing just three times for a stolen base percentage of 86.3...have grounded into just seven double plays, which is the fewest in the majors...have made 27 errors, which is second most in the majors (Colorado, 29)...the pitching staff has allowed at least seven runs in 12 of the 20 games for a 6.25 ERA...rank second in the majors in ERA and hits allowed (227)...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 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** leads the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.538), ranks second in walks (10) and tied for sixth in doubles (5)...walked four times last Saturday against Chicago (AL)...is 2 for 9 (.222) over his last five games...**Travis Buck** doubled Sunday 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 13 with two walks over his last 10 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** returned to the lineup Monday after being out since March 9 because of a strained left hamstring...hit his first home run against the Mariners and has now hit safely in each of his four games, all starts at designated hitter batting leadoff...**Jack Cust** is 0 for 13 with nine strikeouts over his last four games...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 a week ago today 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** was scratched from the lineup Monday with tightness in both of his hamstrings...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 11 over his last six 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** had two RBI Monday against the Mariners and is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in RBI (11)...is 7 for 15 (.467) with five RBI over his last five games, including a 4 for 4 performance last Friday against Colorado in Tucson...has appeared in seven games in center field, four in right field and three in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** doubled twice Monday against the Mariners and is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in doubles (5)...is 8 for 17 (.471) with five RBI over his last six games after going 3 for 19 (.158) over his first six contests...has appeared in 12 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 11 of those games and third once...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Eric Patterson** has hit safely in each of his last six games (8 for 20, .400) with six RBI and four walks...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...has appeared in 11 games in center field, five at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2), tied for seventh in steals (4) and tied for eighth in walks (7)...has hit safely in each of the last six games in which he has batted (7 for 18, .389) after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...**Landon Powell** is 2 for 17 (.118) with nine strikeouts over his last nine games...**Anthony Recker** singled and walked Sunday after going 0 for 6 over his previous six games...**Adam Rosales** is 1 for 13 over his four games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in nine games at shortstop, three at second base, two at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 1 for 13 over his last five games after going 1 for 3 in each of his first six games...has hit third in 10 of his 11 games and hit cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** is 11 for 28 (.393) over his last nine games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** is 3 for 17 (.176) over his last nine games...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Steve Tolleson** is 0 for 5 over his last six games after going 4 for 9 over his previous six games...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, six 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  
March 24 Edwar Ramirez acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor leaguer Gregorio Petit

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #47 GIO GONZALEZ LHP (1-1, 4.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...pitched in relief in his first outing but his last two appearances have been starts...has nine strikeouts in 8.2 innings but has also walked five...opponents are batting .207...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
3/18	ARI	-	3.7	1	2	2	4	4	1	15
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8.7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 7.04 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his six outings but has allowed just one base runner total in his other three 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
3/9	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
3/20	CHI (NL)	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>7.7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>

### #53 TREVOR CAHILL RHP (1-1, 4.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...his first four outings were all starts...has allowed just one run over his last two starts (9.0 ip) after yielding five runs over his first two (4.0 ip)...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
3/19	at COL	-	5.0	5	1	1	0	1	0	20
<b>Totals</b>			<b>13.0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>

### #63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 5.68)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his last outing after holding the opposition scoreless over his previous four outings (4.1 ip, 2 h, 3 bb, 5 so)...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
3/12	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
3/20	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>6.3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</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	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
March 22	at Seattle	W, 7-2	9-10-1	Duchscherer	Snell	7,264	
March 23	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Hiroki Kuroda	7:35	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNCA			
March 25	at San Francisco	RHP Jason Jennings vs. RHP Todd Wellemeyer	7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNBA			
March 26	at Texas (ss)	RHP Vin Mazzaro vs. RHP Rich Harden	1:05				
	at Chicago (NL) (ss)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Carlos Zambrano	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			