



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's and Dodgers played to a 3-3 tie in nine innings last night in Phoenix...Gio Gonzalez started for the A's and allowed one run in 4.1 innings (2 h, 2 bb, 5 so)...Trevor Cahill finished the game by allowing two runs in 4.2 innings (4 h, 2 bb, 6 so)...the Dodgers built a 3-0 lead before Kurt Suzuki hit a solo home run in the sixth inning to make the score 3-1...the A's then tied the game with a two-run seventh inning as Eric Chavez scored on a wild pitch and Ryan Sweeney was plated on an Adam Rosales sacrifice fly...the A's collected six hits, led by Jack Cust who was 2 for 2 with two walks.

### A's vs. GIANTS

This is the third of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the clubs have split the first two games with the A's winning 8-7 in Scottsdale March 13 and losing 6-1 in Phoenix March 17...the two clubs square off three times in the Bay Area (April 1 and 2 at San Francisco and April 3 at Oakland)...last spring, the A's went 4-3 against San Francisco...split two games in Phoenix, Scottsdale and San Francisco and won the only game in Oakland.

### 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...two remaining games from Arizona will be televised this spring, including tonight on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area against the Giants (7:05 pm)...MLB Network will air the game on Friday 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)...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 (9-10-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (17-7) THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 7:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 3-3-1 over the last seven games and have not won more than three in a row or lost more than two in a row this spring...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (82), tied for third in home runs (21) and tied for 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 the second most hits in the majors (233) and has the third highest ERA (6.09)...the A's are 6-4-2 at home after going 11-5-1 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium last spring...are 27-11-3 (.695) 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.

**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** ranks second in the Cactus League 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 14 (.143) over his last seven 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 2 for 22 (.091) over his last seven 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 10 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 and is 1 for 7 in two games since his return...the one hit was his first home run of the spring, Monday against the Mariners...started in center field last night after his first four starts came at designated hitter...has batted leadoff in all five of his games...**Jack Cust** went 2 for 2 with two walks last night after going 0 for 13 with nine strikeouts over his previous four games...has appeared in 12 games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** returned to the lineup last night for the first time since March 15 due to an abdominal strain...went 0 for 3 after going 6 for 11 over his final three games before the injury...has appeared in six games in left field and four in center field...has batted leadoff eight times and second in the two games he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Mark Ellis** was scratched from the lineup Monday with tightness in both of his hamstrings and has not played March 21...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 seventh in the Cactus League in RBI (11)...is 7 for 17 (.412) with five RBI over his last six games, including a 4 for 4 performance last Friday against Colorado in Tucson...has appeared in eight 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 20 (.400) with five RBI over his last seven games after going 3 for 19 (.158) over his first six contests...has appeared in 13 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 12 of those games and third once...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Eric Patterson** struck out in his only at bat last night after hitting safely in each of his previous 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, six at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (9), tied for fourth in triples (2) and tied for seventh in steals (4)...is 7 for 20 (.350) over his last eight games 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 16 over his last five games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in nine games at shortstop, four at second base, three at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last six games...has gone exactly 1 for 3 in eight of 12 games...has batted third in 11 of his 12 games and hit cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** is 12 for 31 (.387) over his last 10 games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** is 4 for 10 (.400) over his last six 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

### #29 JASON JENNINGS RHP (1-1, 12.27 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and second start of the spring...started in his last outing last Saturday against Cleveland but allowed eight runs in 1.2 innings...allowed two runs in 5.2 innings over his first three appearances, all in relief...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's Feb. 28...went 2-4 with a 4.13 ERA over 44 relief appearances for Texas last year before being designated for assignment Aug. 27...led the Rangers staff with 61.0 relief innings through Aug. 26, which tied for the 10th-highest total in the American League...was granted his unconditional release Aug. 31...opponents hit .286, including .257 against right-handers.

#### JENNINGS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
3/11	at MIL	W	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
3/15	at CIN	-	2.7	4	1	1	1	2	0	13
3/20	at CLE	L	1.7	7	8	8	2	2	1	14
Totals			7.3	14	10	10	4	5	1	40

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #59 EDUAR RAMIREZ RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring, his first since he was traded to the A's yesterday for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit...began the spring in the Yankees organization but was designated for assignment March 1 before spring games began...traded to Texas for cash considerations March 9 and made his only appearance with the Rangers March 15 against San Francisco when he allowed one run in 1.1 innings...made 20 relief appearances with New York in 2009, posting no decisions and a 5.73 ERA over two stints.... opponents batted .281.

#### RAMIREZ' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/15	*SF	-	1.3	3	1	1	0	3	0	7
Totals			1.3	3	1	1	0	3	0	7

\*Indicates appearance with Texas

### #66 TYSON ROSS RHP (1-0, 2.70 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...struck out seven in 3.0 innings in his last outing a week ago today against Arizona, including five in a row...has allowed one earned run or less in each of his three outings...the non-roster invitee began his first full professional season in 2009 at Single-A Stockton but earned a late season promotion to Double-A Midland and combined for a 10-10 record and a 4.09 ERA in 27 games, all starts...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins (10) and ranked seventh in ERA (4.09), strikeouts (113) and innings (136.1)...allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .216 with RISP.

#### ROSS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
3/12	at ARI	-	1.7	5	4	1	1	1	0	12
3/18	ARI	W	3.0	2	1	1	1	7	0	13
Totals			6.7	8	5	2	2	10	0	32

### #48 MICHAEL WUERTZ RHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the sixth inning in his first outing last Sunday against Cincinnati and took the loss...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.

#### WUERTZ' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/21	CIN	-	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	0	6
Totals			1.0	2	1	1	1	0	0	6

### #31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 1.42 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.1 ip, 5 h, 1 bb, 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.

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

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/21	CIN	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Totals			6.3	7	2	1	2	4	0	29

## 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						
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)	T, 3-3	9-10-2			7,917*	72,495
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 25	at San Francisco	RHP Jason Jennings vs. RHP Todd Wellemeier	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	RHP Justin Duchscherer vs. RHP Bryan Bullington	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			