



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to San Francisco last night in Scottsdale, 6-3...Jason Jennings started for the A's and took the loss, allowing two runs in 3.0 innings (4 h, 3 bb, 4 so)...Brad Ziegler then allowed two runs in the fourth inning before Michael Wuertz and Edwar Ramirez pitched a scoreless inning of relief each...Tyson Ross finished the game by allowing two runs, one earned, in 2.0 innings...the A's scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings on RBI singles by Mark Ellis, Ryan Sweeney and Cliff Pennington...the A's had five hits total...in addition to the three RBI singles, Pennington added a single and Travis Buck tripled.

A's vs. RANGERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the two clubs played to an 8-8 tie in the first game March 9 in Phoenix...the A's lost the only meeting last spring, 8-5 at Surprise.

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 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...one remaining games from Arizona will be televised this spring: MLB Network will air today's 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 (9-11-2) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (6-14-1) FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 1-3-1 over the last five games and are a spring low two games under .500 for the fourth time...rank third in the Cactus League in walks (84) and tied for third in home runs (21)...have grounded into just eight double plays, which is the fewest in the majors...rank second in the majors with 28 errors (Colorado, 29)...have been successful in 19 of 22 (86.3%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff has allowed the second most hits in the majors (244) and has the fourth highest ERA (6.07)...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 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.

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 is 2 for 12 (.167) over his last six games, including a four-walk game last Saturday against Chicago (NL)...ranks second in the Cactus League in walks (10), third in on-base percentage (.500) and tied for seventh in doubles (5)...**Travis Buck** tripled last night against San Francisco and six of his seven hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, two homers)...is 3 for 17 (.176) over his last eight games...**Chris Carter** is 1 for 15 with two walks and eight strikeouts over his last 11 games...has four hits and three are for extra bases (two doubles, one home run)...**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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday night for the first time since March 15 due to an abdominal strain...is 0 for 7 in two games since his return after going 6 for 11 over his final three games before the injury...has appeared in six games in left field and five in center field...has batted leadoff nine times and second in the two games he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Mark Ellis** went 1 for 3 with a RBI last night against San Francisco after missing two games with tightness in both of his hamstrings...is 10 for 26 (.385) over his last nine games after going 1 for 6 over his first three games...**Jake Fox** is 0 for 12 over his last seven games and has just two hits overall...has appeared in seven games in left field, six at third base, five at catcher and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** had two RBI Monday against the Mariners and is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in RBI (11)...is 7 for 17 (.412) with five RBI over his last seven games, including a 4 for 4 performance a week ago today 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 seventh in the Cactus League in doubles (5)...is 8 for 23 (.348) over his last eight games after going 3 for 19 (.158) over his first six contests...has appeared in 14 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 13 of those games and third once...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Eric Patterson** is 0 for 2 over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his previous six games (8 for 20, .400) with six RBI and four walks...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...has appeared in 11 games in center field, seven at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is 9 for 23 (.391) over his last nine games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (9), tied for fifth in triples (2), tied for seventh in steals (4) and ranks eighth in on-base percentage (.465)...**Landon Powell** is 2 for 18 (.111) with 10 strikeouts over his last nine games...**Anthony Recker** is 1 for 8 over his last eight games after going 2 for 2 in his first game...**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 19 (.105) over his last seven games...has hit safely in eight of his 13 games and has gone 1 for 3 in each of those eight games...hit fifth last night...has also batted third 11 times and cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** is 13 for 33 (.394) over his last 11 games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Michael Taylor** is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last seven games...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Steve Tolleson** is 0 for 6 over his last seven games after going 4 for 9 over his previous six games...has appeared in nine 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

#54 VIN MAZZARO RHP (0-0, 6.97 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and second start of the spring...tossed 3.0 shutout innings in his only start, March 9 at Kansas City...has allowed eight runs in 7.1 innings (9.82 ERA) in his three relief appearances...began the 2009 season at Triple-A Sacramento but made 17 starts for the A's before right shoulder tendinitis ended his season early...was 2-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 10 games, nine starts, with the River Cats before he was promoted to Oakland June 2...went 4-9 with a 5.32 ERA with the A's and made his final start Aug. 29...allowed a .319 batting average, including .316 against right-handed hitters and .321 against left-handers...his opponents average dropped to .250 with runners in scoring position, including .133 with RISP and two outs...received run support of three runs or less in 14 of his 17 starts.

MAZZARO'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	2.0	2	2	2	1	1	0	9
3/9	at KC	-	3.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
3/14	KC	-	3.3	4	3	3	0	1	1	14
3/20	at CLE	-	2.0	5	4	3	3	2	0	16
Totals			10.3	12	9	8	5	4	1	48

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
Totals			7.7	7	6	6	2	6	2	32

#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
Totals			6.3	7	4	4	4	7	0	28

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
March 25	at San Francisco	L, 3-6	9-11-2	Wellemeier	Jennings	11,620	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Jorge De La Rosa				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