



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's swept a split squad, defeating the Cubs in Mesa 5-2 and the Rangers in Surprise 6-3...in Mesa, Dallas Braden started and had a no decision (6.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb)...Brad Ziegler, Brad Kilby (win) and Fernando Hernandez (save) all tossed 1.0 scoreless inning of relief each...Kevin Kouzmanoff had a sacrifice fly in the first inning and Travis Buck had a RBI single in the fourth and the score was tied 2-2 entering the ninth...the A's then scored three times in the ninth, including a leadoff home run by Buck...in Surprise, Vin Mazzaro started and pitched 4.0 innings for the win (3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 1 so) and Jerry Blevins added 2.0 scoreless innings...Anthony Recker hit a solo home run in the second inning and Jake Fox added a three-run shot in the ninth...Darc Barton had four walks and a hit by pitch in five plate appearances.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-11-2) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (10-10-3) SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Swept a split squad yesterday for the second time this spring to return to the .500 mark at 11-11-2...rank second in the Cactus League in walks (94) and third in home runs (24)...have grounded into just eight double plays, which is the fewest in the majors...rank third in the majors with 28 errors...have been successful in 21 of 25 (84.0%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff combined to allow just five runs in both games yesterday to lower the spring ERA to 5.77...that marks the first time it has been under 6.00 since the fourth game...rank second in the majors in hits allowed (257) and have the fourth highest ERA...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).

A's vs. ROYALS

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the two clubs have split the first two meetings as the A's lost 11-0 at Surprise March 9 and won 10-3 in Phoenix March 14...last spring, the A's and Royals split two spring meetings with the A's winning in Phoenix and the Royals winning in Surprise.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Darc Barton had his second four walk game of the spring yesterday and leads the majors with 14 walks...tops the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.553) and is tied for eighth in doubles (5)...is 2 for 12 (.167) with eight walks and a hit by pitch over his last seven games...**Travis Buck** hit his third home run yesterday, which is tied for seventh in the Cactus League...seven of his nine hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, three homers)...is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last four games...**Eric Chavez** is 2 for 25 (.080) over his last eight games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...drew his first walk of the spring yesterday...each of his 11 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 3 for 11 (.273) in three games since his return...has hit safely in five of his six games...has last two starts have been in center field after his first four starts came at designated hitter...has batted leadoff in all six of his games...**Jack Cust** is 3 for 5 with three walks over his last two games after going 0 for 13 with nine strikeouts over his previous four games...has appeared in 13 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 2 for 12 (.167) in three 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 six in center field...has batted leadoff 10 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 Thursday 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** hit his second home run yesterday and two of his three hits have been homers...is 1 for 17 over his last eight games...has appeared in seven games in left field, seven at third base, six at catcher and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** is 0 for 7 over his last three games after going 7 for 15 (.467) over his previous five contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, four in right field and four in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 0 for 9 over his last three games after going 8 for 17 (.471) over his previous six contests...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in doubles (5)...has appeared in 15 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 14 of those games and third once...has not drawn a walk this spring...**Eric Patterson** is 0 for 5 over his last three 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, eight at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** is 9 for 27 (.333) over his last 10 games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (9), tied for fifth in triples (2) and tied for seventh in steals (5)...**Landon Powell** is 3 for 22 (.136) with 10 strikeouts over his last 10 games...**Anthony Recker** hit his second home run yesterday and two of his four hits have been homers...**Adam Rosales** is 1 for 21 over his last six games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop, four at second base, four 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 Thursday night...has also batted third 11 times and cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** is 14 for 35 (.400) over his last 12 games after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...**Steve Tolleson** is 0 for 10 over his last eight games after going 4 for 9 over his previous six games...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop, six at third base and three at second base...struck out for the first time this spring yesterday.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 37 players in camp, which includes 34 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and seven 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...all three A's games against San Francisco in the Bay Area next week will be televised...Thursday, April 1 will be on CSNBA and Friday, April 2 will be on KNTV with a 7:15 first pitch for both games...CSNCA will air the game on Saturday, April 3 in Oakland at 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.

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
- March 26 Chris Carter and Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento; Michael Taylor reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#58 JUSTIN DUCHSCHERER RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...tossed 4.0 shutout innings for the win in his first start last Monday against Seattle...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.

DUCHSCHERER'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/22	at SEA	W	4.0	4	0	0	1	1	0	14
Totals			4.0	4	0	0	1	1	0	14

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#59 EDWAR RAMIREZ RHP (0-0, 3.86 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring, his second since he was traded to the A's March 24 for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit...retired the side in order in the sixth inning of his A's debut Thursday night against San Francisco...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, including .302 (16 for 53) by left-handed hitters and .250 (9 for 36) by right-handers...13 of his 20 appearances were scoreless...stranded 14 of 21 inherited runners (66.7%)...retired 11 of 20 first batters faced (55.0%).

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
3/25	at SF	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Totals			2.3	3	1	1	0	4	0	10

*Indicates appearance with Texas

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	Wellemeyer	Jennings	11,620	
March 26	at Texas	W, 6-3	10-11-2	Mazzaro	Harden	4,216	
	at Chicago (NL)	W, 5-2	11-11-2	Kilby	Marmol	12,211	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	Gonzalez and Cahill vs. RHP Doug Fister	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			