



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Kansas City at Surprise, 14-12...Justin Duchscherer started for the A's and allowed 11 runs, eight earned, in 3.0 innings (9 h, 1 so), but ended up with a no decision as the A's tied the game at 12-12 after six innings...Edwar Ramirez allowed a run in 2.0 innings and losing pitcher Anthony Capra yielded two runs in 2.2 innings...Kevin Kouzmanoff hit a two-run home run to highlight the A's three-run first innings and Coco Crisp had a RBI single in a three-run second...the A's made the score 12-9 with a three-run fourth inning and then tied the game when Mark Ellis had a three-run double in the sixth inning...the A's collected 15 hits, including three by Ellis and Cliff Pennington...Crisp, Kouzmanoff and Eric Patterson added two hits each...Ellis and Kouzmanoff had three RBI and Daric Barton drove in two runs.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-12-2) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (14-11-1) SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 3-4-1 over the last eight games and have not been more than one game over .500 over two games under .500 all spring...the A's lead the Cactus League in walks (100) and hit by pitches (15), rank third in home runs (25) and most strikeouts (171) and fifth in runs (144) and steals (22)...have grounded into just eight double plays, which is the fewest in the majors...lead the majors with 31 errors...have been caught stealing just four times for a stolen base percentage of 84.6%...the pitching staff allowed a spring-high 14 runs yesterday and has a 5.97 ERA, which is tied with Kansas City for the highest mark in the CL...rank second in the majors in hits allowed (273) and fourth in most walks (97)...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).

A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...the A's lost the first game in Tucson on March 19 by a score of 10-4...last spring, the two clubs split their two meetings with the A's losing in Tucson and winning in Phoenix.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton had his second four walk game of the spring Friday and leads the majors with 15 walks...tops the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.538) and is tied for third in doubles (6)...is 3 for 15 (.200) with nine walks and a hit by pitch over his last eight games...**Travis Buck** hit his third home run Friday, which is tied for eighth in the Cactus League...seven of his 10 hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, three homers)...is 5 for 15 (.333) over his last five 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 Friday...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** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 7) and has hit safely in six of his seven games...returned to the lineup Monday after being out since March 9 because of a strained left hamstring and is 5 for 14 (.357) in four games since his return...his last three starts have been in center field after his first four starts came at designated hitter...has batted leadoff in all seven of his games...**Jack Cust** is 3 for 9 (.333) with four walks over his last three games after going 0 for 13 with nine strikeouts over his previous four games...has appeared in 14 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** had his second three-hit game yesterday and is now 13 for 30 (.433) over his last 10 games after going 1 for 6 over his first three contests...**Jake Fox** hit his second home run Friday 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 8 over his last four games after going 7 for 15 (.467) over his previous five contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, five in right field and four in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in home runs (3) and RBI (12) and tied for 10th in doubles (5)...is 2 for 12 (.167) over his last four games after going 8 for 17 (.471) over his previous six contests...has appeared in 16 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 15 of those games and third once...drew his first walk of the spring yesterday...**Eric Patterson** is 10 for 27 (.371) with six RBI over his last 10 games after going 5 for 25 (.200) with one RBI over his first 10 contests...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...has appeared in 12 games in center field, eight at second base and two in left field...**Cliff Pennington** had his first three-hit game yesterday and is now 12 for 32 (.375) over his last 11 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 steals (6) and tied for sixth in runs (12) and triples (2)...**Landon Powell** is 3 for 23 (.130) with 11 strikeouts over his last 11 games...**Anthony Recker** hit his second home run Friday and two of his four hits have been homers...**Adam Rosales** is 1 for 22 over his last seven games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in 11 games at shortstop, four at second base, four at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 2 for 20 (.100) over his last eight games...has hit safely in eight of his 14 games and has gone 1 for 3 in each of those eight games...has hit fifth his last two games...has also batted third 11 times and cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** has hit safely in each of his last five games (5 for 14, .357) and is 15 for 39 (.385) over his last 13 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 Friday.

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 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 Galaraga, 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 27 Chris Carter and Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento; Michael Taylor reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-1, 3.24 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...pitched in a simulated game against minor leaguers in his last turn March 23...has not allowed a run in two of his first three starts, including last Wednesday against San Francisco when he tossed 4.0 shutout innings...has held the opposition to a .219 batting average...was one of two 21-year olds to spend the 2009 season in the A's starting rotation...set an Oakland rookie record with 150 strikeouts...led the A's pitching staff in strikeouts and wins (11) and finished second in starts (30)...compiled an 11-11 record and 4.06 ERA...led all Major League rookies in strikeouts...tied for third among American League rookies in games started, ranked fourth in innings pitched (175.1) and tied for fourth in wins...his strikeouts broke the previous Oakland rookie record of 141 set by Rick Langford in 1977...fell one short of the Oakland rookie record of 12 wins set by Chris Codioli in 1983 and matched by Joe Blanton in 2005...became the eighth Oakland rookie to make 30 or more starts.

ANDERSON'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.7	1	0	0	2	3	0	8
3/12	at ARI	L	2.7	4	3	3	1	1	1	12
3/17	SF	-	4.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	15
Totals			8.3	7	3	3	3	5	1	35

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#39 BRAD KILBY LHP (1-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip, 4 h, 1 bb, 1 so) after allowing six runs over his first five outings (5.0 ip, 10.80 ERA)...has yielded eight hits in 8.0 innings, including three home runs...spent nearly the entire 2009 regular season at Triple-A Sacramento and went 4-2 with two saves and a 2.13 ERA in 45 relief appearances to earn a Sept. 1 call-up to Oakland...was 1-0 with a 0.53 ERA in 11 games, one start, with the A's...allowed a .164 batting average, which included a .132 (5 for 38) mark against right-handed hitters and .217 (5 for 23) against left-handers...struck out 20 in 17.0 innings, an average of 10.59 per nine innings...with Sacramento, he fanned 77 in 63.1 innings, an average of 10.94 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .179 opponents batting average, including .150 against right-handed hitters.

KILBY'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/13	at SF	-	0.7	2	2	2	3	1	0	7
3/17	SF	-	2.0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3/20	CHI (NL)	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
3/26	at CHI (NL)	W	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
Totals			8.0	8	6	6	5	5	3	36

#63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 6.14)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has allowed four runs in his last two outings (2.0 ip, 4 h, 3 bb, 3 so) 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
3/15	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
3/26	at TEX	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	2	0	6
Totals			7.3	8	5	5	6	9	0	34

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	
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	
March 27	at Kansas City	L, 12-14	11-12-2	Bullington	Capra	7,436	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 28	Colorado	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Jorge De La Rosa	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM			
March 29	Seattle	Gonzalez or Cahill vs. RHP Doug Fister	1:05				
March 30	at Chicago (AL)	RHP Ben Sheets vs. LHP Mark Buehrle	1:05				
March 31	Cincinnati	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Mike Leake	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			