



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Seattle yesterday in Phoenix, 3-2...Gio Gonzalez started for the A's and allowed just one run on three hits in 6.1 innings...he walked three, struck out four and had a no decision despite leaving with a 2-1 lead...he allowed his only run in the third inning, but the A's came back with two in the bottom of the third on a solo home run by Coco Crisp and a RBI double by Kevin Kouzmanoff...however, those would be the A's only runs, as the Mariners held the A's to two runs on seven hits...Brad Ziegler retired the final two batters in the seventh inning before Craig Breslow allowed a solo home run to Josh Bard in the eighth inning, tying the game...Andrew Bailey then allowed a solo home run to Franklin Gutierrez in the ninth for the loss...Crisp had two of the A's seven hits.

A's vs. WHITE SOX

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and White Sox this spring...the A's lost the first game in Phoenix March 7 by a score of 9-5...last spring, A's lost two of three to the White Sox...lost the only game in Glendale and split two contests in Phoenix.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 36 players in camp plus one player on the DL (Meloan)...the total includes 34 players on the 40-man roster and two non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, two catchers, eight infielders and seven outfielders...the A's currently have 40 players on the 40-man roster plus one player on the 60-day disabled list.

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.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-13-3) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (8-15-5) TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010 – THE BALLPARK AT CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 3-5-2 over the last 10 games and a spring-low two games under .500 for the fifth time...have three tie games, which are the A's most ties during the spring since moving to Arizona in 1969...in the majors, only the White Sox have more ties (5)...the A's lead the Cactus League in hit by pitches (16), rank second in walks (110) and third in home runs (27) and most strikeouts (181)...have grounded into five double plays in the last two games after hitting into eight over the first 25 contests...the 13 GIDP overall are the fewest in the majors...rank second in the majors with 32 errors...have been successful in 22 of 27 (78.6%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff ranks second in the majors in most hits (289), tied for third in most walks (107) and has the fourth highest ERA (5.86)...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...however, the 37 games played were an Oakland record, topping the previous high of 34 in 1993 and 2004.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton had his second four walk game of the spring last Friday against Texas and has 11 walks in his last six games...leads the majors with 17 walks and tops the Cactus League with a .536 on-base percentage...is also tied for fourth in the CL in doubles (6)...is 3 for 17 (.176) over his last nine games...**Travis Buck** is 5 for 15 (.333) over his last five games...seven of his 10 hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, three home runs)...has appeared in 14 games in right field, five in left field and one in center field...**Eric Chavez** is 3 for 27 (.111) over his last nine games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...did not walk over his first 10 games but has one in each of his last two contests...each of his 12 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 hit safely in eight of his nine games...returned to the lineup March 22 after being out 12 days because of a strained left hamstring...is 8 for 21 (.381) in six games since his return...four of his last five starts have been in center field...his other five starts have been as the A's designated hitter...has batted leadoff in all nine of his games...**Jack Cust** is 4 for 12 (.333) with five walks over his last four games after going 0 for 13 with nine strikeouts over his previous four games...has appeared in 15 games at designated hitter and one in left field...**Rajai Davis** returned to the lineup last Wednesday night for the first time since March 15 due to an abdominal strain and is 4 for 22 (.182) in five games since his return...has appeared in eight games in left field and seven in center field...has batted leadoff 10 times and second in the four games he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Mark Ellis** is 14 for 37 (.378) over his last 12 games after going 1 for 6 over his first three contests...**Jake Fox** is 3 for 12 (.250) with two home runs and five RBI over his last three games after going 2 for 33 (.061) over his first 17 contests...three of his five hits have been home runs...caught the entire game yesterday against Seattle...has appeared in eight games at third base, eight at catcher, seven in left field and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** is 1 for 11 over his last five games after going 7 for 15 (.467) over his previous five contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, six in right field and four in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in RBI (13)...is 3 for 15 (.200) over his last five games after going 8 for 17 (.471) over his previous six contests...has appeared in 17 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 16 of those games and third once...has walked once in each of his last two games after going without a walk over his first 15 contests...**Eric Patterson** is 12 for 32 (.375) with six RBI over his last 12 games after going 5 for 25 (.200) with one RBI over his first 10 contests...is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in triples (2)...has appeared in 14 games in center field, eight at second base and three in left field...**Cliff Pennington** had his first three-hit game Saturday against Kansas City and is 13 for 35 (.371) over his last 12 games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (10), ranks seventh in steals (6) and tied for 10th in triples (2)...**Landon Powell** is 3 for 24 (.125) with 11 strikeouts over his last 12 games...**Adam Rosales** is 2 for 24 (.083) over his last eight games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in 12 games at shortstop, four at second base, four at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 2 for 23 (.087) over his last nine games...has hit safely in eight of his 15 games and has gone 1 for 3 in each of those eight games...has batted in the five spot in the order in each of his last three games...has also batted third 11 times and cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** has hit safely in each of his last six games (6 for 19, .316) and is 16 for 44 (.364) over his last 14 contests 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 last Friday against Texas.

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 27 Chris Carter and Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento; Michael Taylor reassigned to minor league camp
March 28 Anthony Recker reassigned to minor league camp
March 29 Free agent Chad Gaudin agrees to terms on a one-year contract; John Meloan placed on the 60-day disabled list (right UCL sprain)

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#15 BEN SHEETS RHP (1-2, 17.28 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...struck out four batters in his last start (4.0 ip) after fanning just one over his first three starts (4.1 ip)...did not retire a batter in his third start as he faced 10 batters in the first inning with all 10 scoring...allowed six runs in the White Sox seven-run third inning in his second start...faced his former team, the Brewers, in his first start...signed with the A's as a free agent Jan. 26, 2010 after missing the entire 2009 season after undergoing surgery on his right elbow in Feb., 2009...last pitched in 2008 with Milwaukee and went 13-9 with a 3.09 ERA in 31 starts...ranked fifth in the National League in ERA and was selected to his fourth All-Star Game...started for the NL squad...his last outing came September 27, 2008 against Chicago, a loss in a 7-3 decision (2.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...spent the first eight years of his career with Milwaukee and is the Brewers all-time leader in strikeouts (1206)...also ranks fifth in wins (86) and sixth in ERA (3.72)...has made 221 career appearances, all starts.

SHEETS' SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	MIL	-	1.7	4	2	1	0	1	0	9
3/10	CWS	L	2.7	5	6	5	1	0	0	15
3/15	at CIN	L	0.0	8	10	9	1	0	1	10
3/20	CHI (NL)	W	4.0	3	1	1	3	4	0	18
Totals			8.3	20	19	16	5	5	1	52

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 5.59 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his seven outings but has allowed just two base runners total in his other four appearances (6.1 ip, 2 bb)...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
3/12	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
3/26	at TEX	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	7
Totals			9.7	7	6	6	3	8	2	39

#59 EDWAR RAMIREZ RHP (0-0, 4.15 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring, his third since he was traded to the A's March 24 for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit...has allowed one run in two of his three outings but has seven strikeouts in 4.1 innings...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
3/27	at KC	-	2.0	2	1	1	1	3	0	9
Totals			4.3	5	2	2	1	7	0	19

*indicates appearance with Texas

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (1-0, 3.12 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has allowed one earned run or less in each of his four outings and has struck out 12 in 8.2 innings (12.46 per nine innings)...struck out seven in 3.0 innings March 18 against Arizona, including five in a row...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 .224 against right-handed hitters and .245 against left-handers...opponents hit .216 with RISP...was named as the A's sixth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

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
3/25	at SF	-	2.0	3	2	1	0	2	0	9
Totals			8.7	11	7	3	2	12	0	41

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	
March 27	at Kansas City	L, 12-14	11-12-2	Bullington	Capra	7,436	
March 28	Colorado	T, 6-6	11-12-3			6,194	78,689
March 29	Seattle	L, 2-3	11-13-3	Teixeira	Bailey	6,165	84,854
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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)	RHP Justin Duchscherer vs. LHP Barry Zito	7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNBA			
April 2	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Matt Cain	7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM/KNTV			
April 3	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)	Gonzalez/Cahill vs. LHP Jonathan Sanchez	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM/CSNCA			