



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's were shutout by the White Sox at Glendale, 2-0...it was the first time the A's were shutout in the spring since March 28, 2008, a 3-0 loss at San Francisco after the A's opened the season in Japan...the last time the A's were shutout in Arizona during the spring was March 28, 2007, a 2-0 loss in the Cactus League finale against the Angels in Tempe...Ben Sheets started and took the loss yesterday, allowing one run on three hits and five walks in 5.1 innings...he struck out five...Jerry Blevins tossed a scoreless inning of relief and Edwar Ramirez allowed a run over the final 1.2 innings...Mark Buehrle and three Chicago relievers combined to shutout the A's on eight hits and two walks...eight different players had one hit for the A's, including a double by Ryan Sweeney.

A's vs. REDS

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Reds this spring...the A's lost at Goodyear March 15, 13-5, in the first meeting between the two clubs during the spring since the A's moved their spring training from Florida to Arizona in 1969...also lost in Phoenix March 21 by a score of 4-3.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 34 players in camp plus one player on the DL (Meloan)...the total includes 33 players on the 40-man roster and one non-roster invitee...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, two catchers, seven 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 (11-14-3) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (9-15-2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are winless over the last four games with three losses and a tie...are a spring low three games under .500 at 11-14-3 and with one more loss, will clinch a losing record for the second consecutive spring (went 17-18-2 last year)...the A's have the 10th best record among the 15 Cactus League teams, but it is the best mark among the four American League West teams...have three tie games, which are the A's most ties during the spring since moving to Arizona in 1969...the A's lead the Cactus League in hit by pitches (16), rank second in walks (112) and third in home runs (27) and most strikeouts (189)...have grounded into six double plays in the last three games after hitting into eight over the first 25 contests...the 14 GDP overall are the fewest in the majors...rank second in the majors with 33 errors...have been successful in 22 of 28 (78.6%) stolen base attempts...the pitching staff is tied for second in the majors in most hits (296), ranks third in most walks (113) and has the fourth highest ERA (5.74)...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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton had his second four walk game of the spring last Friday against Texas and has 12 walks in his last seven games...now has 18 walks overall, which is the most in the majors and the most by an Athletic during the spring since stats are first available in 1991...the previous best was 17 by Mark McGwire in 1991...ranks second in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.533) and tied for seventh in doubles (6)...leads the A's in walks and is tied for the team lead in doubles...is 4 for 20 (.200) over his last 10 games...**Travis Buck** is 5 for 15 (.333) over his last six games...seven of his 10 hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, three home runs)...is tied for the team lead in home runs (3)...has appeared in 14 games in right field, six in left field and one in center field...**Eric Chavez** is 4 for 31 (.129) over his last 10 games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...started at designated hitter yesterday against Chicago (AL) after each of his first 12 starts came at first base...has made just one regular season appearance at first base (August 21, 2001 vs. Cleveland)...**Coco Crisp** has hit safely in nine of his 10 games...returned to the lineup March 22 after being out 12 days because of a strained left hamstring...is 9 for 24 (.375) in seven games since his return...five of his last six starts have been in center field...his other five starts have been as the A's designated hitter...has batted leadoff in all 10 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 a week ago today after missing eight days due to an abdominal strain...is 4 for 26 (.154) in six games since his return...has appeared in nine games in left field and seven in center field...has batted leadoff 10 times and second in the five 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 this last four games after going 2 for 33 (.061) over his first 17 contests...three of his five hits have been home runs...is tied for the team lead in home runs (3)...caught the entire game Monday against Seattle...has appeared in nine 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 six games after going 7 for 15 (.467) over his previous five contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, seven in right field and four in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in doubles (6) and tied for ninth in RBI (13)...is 4 for 19 (.211) over his last six games after going 8 for 17 (.471) over his previous six contests...leads the A's in RBI and is tied for the lead in doubles and home runs...has appeared in 18 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 17 of those games and third once...**Eric Patterson** is 13 for 36 (.361) with six RBI over his last 13 games after going 5 for 25 (.200) with one RBI over his first 10 contests...is tied for the team lead in hits (18)...has appeared in 14 games in center field, nine at second base and three in left field...**Cliff Pennington** had his first three-hit game last 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 fifth in the Cactus League in walks (10) and ranks seventh in steals (6)...leads the A's in runs (12) and stolen bases...has appeared exclusively at shortstop on defense...**Landon Powell** is 4 for 25 (.160) with 11 strikeouts over his last 13 games...has appeared exclusively at catcher on defense...**Adam Rosales** is 3 for 27 (.111) over his last nine games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in 13 games at shortstop, four at second base, four at third base and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 2 for 26 (.077) over his last 10 games...has hit safely in eight of his 16 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 four games...has also batted third 11 times and cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (7 for 23, .304) and is 17 for 48 (.354) over his last 15 contests after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...is tied for the team lead in hits (18)...has appeared exclusively in right field on defense.

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 Gallarraga, 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)
March 30 Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento; Jason Jennings reassigned to minor league camp

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-0, 3.94)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...has allowed one home run in each of his last three starts...faced A's minor leaguers March 16, a scheduled off day...was the A's Opening Day starter last year and went 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts before a rash led to nerve damage in his left foot, ending his season in August...his wins, ERA, opponents batting average (.268), starts, innings pitched (136.2) and strikeouts (81) were the best of his three seasons in the majors...the opponents batting average included a .203 mark against left-handed hitters and .290 against right-handers...allowed just nine home runs in 136.2 innings, an average of 0.59 per nine innings...was 7-7 with a 3.12 ERA and .255 opponents batting average in 18 starts before the All-Star Break and had the seventh lowest ERA in the AL...then went 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .324 opponents batting average in four starts after the break.

BRADEN'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/6	LAA	-	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	0	9
3/11	at MIL	-	3.0	3	2	2	0	3	1	12
3/21	CIN	-	5.0	8	3	2	0	6	1	23
3/26	at CHI (NL)	-	6.0	5	2	2	2	0	1	24
Totals			16.0	18	8	7	3	10	3	68

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#57 CHAD GAUDIN RHP (0-3, 8.68 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring, his first since he signed with the A's as a free agent March 29...began the spring with the Yankees and went 0-3 with an 8.68 ERA and .356 opponents batting average in four games, two starts (March 3 vs. Pittsburgh and March 13 at Detroit)...was released March 25...he combined for a 6-10 record and a 4.64 ERA in 31 games, 25 starts, with the Yankees and San Diego Padres last year...was 5-10 with a 4.76 ERA in his 25 starts and 1-0 with a 3.46 ERA in six relief appearances...was on the Yankees roster in all three post season series, but made just one appearance in Game 4 of the ALCS...spent three seasons with Oakland from 2006 to 2008 and was 20-18 with a 4.00 ERA in 115 games, 40 starts.

GAUDIN'S SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/3	*PIT	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
3/7	*at MIN	L	2.0	3	3	3	1	2	2	12
3/13	*at DET	L	3.0	5	3	3	1	1	0	16
3/19	*at TB	L	2.3	7	4	3	3	1	0	16
Totals			9.3	16	10	9	5	5	2	51

*indicates appearances with New York (AL)

#39 BRAD KILBY LHP (1-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (4.0 ip, 1 h, 3 bb, 1 so) after allowing six runs over his first five outings (5.0 ip, 10.80 ERA)...has yielded seven walks and eight hits in 9.0 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
3/17	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
3/28	COL	-	1.0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Totals			9.0	8	6	6	7	5	3	41

#63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has allowed four runs in his last three outings (3.0 ip, 5 h, 4 bb, 4 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
3/18	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
3/28	COL	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
Totals			8.3	9	5	5	7	10	0	39

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	
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
March 30	at Chicago (AL)	L, 0-2	11-14-3	Buehrle	Sheets	6,133	

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV
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