



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Cincinnati, 8-3 in Phoenix...Dallas Braden started for the A's and took the loss, allowing seven runs on 12 hits and a walk in 5.1 innings...he struck out two...Chad Gaudin, Andrew Bailey and Henry Rodriguez all tossed 1.0 scoreless inning of relief each...Travis Buck hit his team leading fourth home run of the spring to lead off the fifth inning for the A's first run of the game and Eric Patterson added a sacrifice fly later in the inning to make the score 5-2...the A's scored their final run in the eighth inning on a Cliff Pennington sacrifice fly...Oakland collected six hits, including two by Buck and a double by Patterson.

**OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-15-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (21-10)**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M.**

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's are winless over the last five games with four losses and a tie...have clinched a losing record for the second consecutive spring as they are 11-15-3 (.431) with three games remaining (went 17-18-2 last year)...the last time the A's finished the spring with a winning percentage under .450 was in 1990 when they went 6-10 (.375)...the A's record is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> best 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...lead the Cactus League in hit by pitches (16), are tied for the lead in walks (117), rank third in home runs (28) and fourth in most strikeouts (195)...have grounded into seven double plays in the last four games after hitting into eight over the first 25 contests...the 15 GDP overall are the fewest in the majors...are tied for second in the majors with 33 errors...the pitching staff ranks second in the majors in most hits (311), has the third highest ERA (5.82) and is tied for third in most walks (116)...this is the A's 42<sup>nd</sup> Spring Training in Arizona and their 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### A's vs. GIANTS

This is the fourth of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's lost two of three to the Giants in Arizona, losing the only meeting in Phoenix and splitting two contests in Scottsdale...last spring, the A's went 4-3 against San Francisco...split two games in Phoenix, Scottsdale and San Francisco and won the only game in Oakland.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** has walked at least once in each of his last five games (nine walks total) and has 19 walks overall, which are the most in the majors...they are also the most walks by an Athletic during the spring since stats are first available in 1991...the previous best was 17 by Mark McGwire in 1991...leads the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.516)...leads the A's in walks and is tied for the team lead in doubles...is 4 for 23 (.174) over his last 11 games...**Travis Buck** hit his team leading fourth home run yesterday, which is tied for seventh in the Cactus League...eight of his 12 hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, four home runs)...is tied for the team lead in runs (12)...is 7 for 19 (.368) over his last seven games...has appeared in 15 games in right field, seven in left field and one in center field...**Eric Chavez** played third base and shortstop yesterday, his only defensive appearances at a position other than first base all spring...made 12 starts at first and has made just one regular season appearance at first base (August 21, 2001 vs. Cleveland)...has five career appearances at shortstop...is 4 for 33 (.121) over his last 11 games after hitting safely in each of his first three contests (4 for 8, .500)...**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** is 4 for 26 (.154) over his last six games after missing eight days due to an abdominal strain...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 40 (.350) over his last 13 games after going 1 for 6 over his first three contests...**Jake Fox** has five hits in 22 games this spring, but three have been home runs...caught the entire game Monday against Seattle...has appeared in 10 games at third base, nine at catcher, seven in left field and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** is 2 for 13 (.154) over his last seven games after going 7 for 15 (.467) over his previous five contests...has appeared in eight games in center field, eight in right field and four in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** 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...has appeared in 18 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup in 17 of those games and third once...**Eric Patterson** is 14 for 39 (.359) with seven RBI over his last 14 games after going 5 for 25 (.200) with one RBI over his first 10 contests...leads the A's in hits (19)...has appeared in 15 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 36 (.361) over his last 13 games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...ranks seventh in the Cactus League in stolen bases (7) and is tied for seventh in walks (10)...leads the A's in stolen bases and is tied for the team lead in runs (12)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop on defense...**Landon Powell** is 4 for 28 (.143) with 13 strikeouts over his last 14 games...has appeared exclusively at catcher on defense...**Adam Rosales** played four positions yesterday against Cincinnati (second, third, short and left)...is 4 for 30 (.133) over his last 10 games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...has appeared in 14 games at shortstop, five at second base, five at third base, one in left field and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** is 2 for 29 (.069) over his last 11 games...has hit safely in eight of his 17 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 five 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...has appeared exclusively in right field on defense.

### 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.

### BAY BRIDGE EXTRAS

16	Eric Sogard	IF
36	Fernando Hernandez	RHP
52	Lenny Dinardo	LHP
54	Cedrick Bowers	LHP

### FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE

On Saturday, April 3, just before the final pre-season game vs. the Giants, the Athletics will hold the Oakland A's Fan Appreciation Tailgate from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm...entry to Fan Appreciation Tailgate in Lot A of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum is free to the public...parking gates open at 9:00 am with a discounted parking fee of \$10 per vehicle...the event features player autograph sessions; Q&A sessions with Manager Bob Geren, players and coaches hosted by Comcast SportsNet California reporters Matt Morrison and Mychael Urban; photo's with World Series trophies and former A's players; game used memorabilia tent sale; SportsNet Central Sportscaster Experience Booth and A's "Mathletics" Program Signup Booth.

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

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #58 JUSTIN DUCHSCHERER RHP (1-0, 10.29 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...tossed 4.0 shutout innings for the win in his first start and then allowed 11 runs in 3.0 innings last Saturday against Kansas City...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
3/27	at KC	-	3.0	9	11	8	0	1	1	21
<b>Totals</b>			<b>7.0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 5.06 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (5.0 ip, 1 h, 2 bb, 5 so) after allowing at least one run in three of his first five contests...has held the opposition to a .205 batting average...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
3/15	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
3/30	at CWS	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>10.7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>

### #56 CRAIG BRESLOW LHP (0-0, 1.93 ERA, 1 save)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run over his first four outings (3.2 ip) but then went 14 days without pitching due to a left elbow injury...returned to action Monday against Seattle and allowed a Bard home run in the eighth inning...has held the opposition to a .235 batting average...began the 2009 season with Minnesota and had a 6.28 ERA in 17 appearances when he was claimed off waivers by the A's May 20...went 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in 60 games with Oakland and combined for an 8-7 record and a 3.36 ERA in 77 appearances overall...the games pitched were a career high and second most in the American League...his losses tied for the lead among AL relievers but he ranked second in wins...his .197 opponents batting average tied for 10th lowest...allowed 12 of 50 (24.0%) inherited runners to score, which was 10<sup>th</sup> lowest in the AL.

#### BRESLOW'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/8	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
3/10	CWS	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
3/14	KC	-	0.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/29	SEA	-	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	1	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4.7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>

## 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	
March 31	Cincinnati	L, 3-8	11-15-3	Leake	Braden	4,639	89,493

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV
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