



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's shutout the Giants on five hits in San Francisco, 9-0...Justin Duchscherer started for the A's and tossed 6.0 innings, allowing three of the hits and walking two while striking out six...Jerry Blevins, Craig Breslow and Tyson Ross pitched one scoreless inning of relief each...Kevin Kouzmanoff had a RBI double in the first inning to open the scoring and Kurt Suzuki followed with a two-run homer...Rajai Davis and Kouzmanoff had RBI singles in the third inning and Coco Crisp had a two-run single in the A's three-run fifth inning...Eric Sogard had a sacrifice fly in the eighth to complete the A's scoring...the A's collected a spring high 17 hits, including three each by Crisp, Kouzmanoff and Suzuki.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-15-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (21-11) FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's snapped a five-game winless streak last night and are now 12-15-3 (.450)...have clinched a losing record for the second consecutive spring (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 ninth 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...the shutout last night lowered the A's ERA to 5.62, which is the lowest it has been since the fourth game of the spring (March 8)...however, it is the fourth highest ERA in the majors...rank third in the majors in most hits (316) and tied for third in most walks (118)...are tied for the Cactus League lead in hit by pitches (16), rank second in walks (121), third in home runs (29) and fourth in most strikeouts (206)...have grounded into seven double plays in the last five games after hitting into eight over the first 25 contests...the 15 GDP overall are the fewest in the majors...are tied for third in the majors with 33 errors...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.

A's vs. GIANTS

This is the fifth of six meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the two clubs have split the first four games, with the A's winning the first game in San Francisco last night, 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 six games (11 walks total) and has 21 walks overall, which are six more than any other major leaguer...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...ranks third in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.507)...leads the A's in walks...is 4 for 26 (.154) over his last 12 games...**Travis Buck** hit his team leading fourth home run Wednesday, which is tied for seventh in the CL...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 20 (.350) over his last eight games...has appeared in 16 games in right field, eight in left field and one in center field...**Eric Chavez** played third base and shortstop Wednesday, 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 each of his last six games (11 for 21, .524) and 10 of 11 games overall...returned to the lineup March 22 after being out 12 days because of a strained left hamstring...is 12 for 28 (.429) in eight games since his return...six of his last seven starts have been in center field...his other five starts have been at designated hitter...has batted leadoff in all 11 of his games...**Jack Cust** is 4 for 13 (.308) with five walks over his last five 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 5 for 31 (.161) over his last seven games after missing eight days due to an abdominal strain...is tied for eighth in the CL in steals (5)...has appeared in 10 games in left field and seven in center field...has batted leadoff 10 times and second in the six games he and Crisp were both in the starting lineup...**Mark Ellis** is 16 for 44 (.364) over his last 14 games after going 1 for 6 over his first three contests...**Jake Fox** had his second multiple hit game yesterday and is 4 for 10 (.400) over his last five games after going 3 for 38 (.079) over his first 18 contests...has appeared in 11 games at third base, 10 at catcher, seven in left field and one in right field...**Gabe Gross** is 2 for 14 (.143) over his last eight games after going 7 for 15 (.467) over his previous five contests...has appeared in nine games in center field, nine in right field and four in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** had his first three hit game last night and is 7 for 15 (.467) with six RBI over his last four contests...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (7) and tied for ninth in RBI (15)...leads the A's in doubles and RBI...has appeared in 19 games, all at third base...has batted cleanup 18 times and third once...**Eric Patterson** is 14 for 41 (.342) with seven RBI over his last 15 games after going 5 for 25 (.200) with one RBI over his first 10 contests...has appeared in 16 games in center field, nine at second base and four in left field...**Cliff Pennington** had his first three-hit game last Saturday and is 14 for 39 (.359) over his last 14 games after going 2 for 10 (.200) over his first five contests...is tied for fifth in the CL in walks (11) and ranks seventh in stolen bases (6)...leads the A's in steals and is tied for the lead in runs (12)...has appeared exclusively at shortstop on defense...**Landon Powell** is 4 for 28 (.143) with 13 strikeouts over his last 15 games...has appeared exclusively at catcher on defense...**Adam Rosales** is 4 for 31 (.129) over his last 11 games after going 8 for 15 (.533) over his previous six games...played four positions Wednesday (second, third, short and left)...has appeared in 15 games at shortstop, five at second base, five at third base, one in left field and one in right field...**Kurt Suzuki** went 3 for 4 last night for his first multiple hit game...was 2 for 29 (.069) over his previous 11 games...has batted fifth in each of his last six games...has also hit third 11 times and cleanup once...**Ryan Sweeney** has hit safely in each of his last eight games (9 for 27, .333) and is 19 for 52 (.365) over his last 16 contests after going 1 for 10 over his first four games...leads the A's in hits (20)...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 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 Edward 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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-1, 6.08 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...allowed six runs in 5.0 innings in his last start after allowing just three runs in 8.1 innings (3.24 ERA) over his first three starts...also pitched in a simulated game against minor leaguers March 23...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 Codiroli 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
3/28	COL	-	5.0	8	6	6	3	7	1	26
Totals			13.3	15	9	9	6	12	2	61

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#59 EDWAR RAMIREZ RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring, his fourth since he was traded to the A's March 24 for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit...has allowed one run in three of his four outings but has eight strikeouts in 6.0 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
3/30	at CWS	-	1.7	3	1	1	1	1	1	8
Totals			6.0	8	3	3	2	8	1	27

*indicates appearance with Texas

#63 HENRY RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 4.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...has allowed four runs in his last four outings (4.0 ip, 5 h, 5 bb, 5 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
3/20	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
3/31	CIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Totals			9.3	9	5	5	8	11	0	42

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in six of his last seven outings (2 er in 7.0 ip, 2.57 ERA)...has not yielded a home run in 9.0 innings...was 2-4 with seven saves and a 3.07 ERA in 69 relief appearances last year...allowed two home runs in 73.1 innings for an average of 0.25 per nine innings, the third lowest mark among American League relievers... now has yielded four home runs in 133.0 career innings or 0.27 per nine innings...led AL relievers and ranked second in the majors with 14 grounded into double plays (Affeldt, SF 18)...ranked third among AL relievers in most hits allowed (82) and had a .293 opponents batting average...that included a .265 (45 for 170) mark against right-handed hitters and .336 (37 for 110) against left-handers.

ZIEGLER'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/21	CIN	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
3/25	at SF	-	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	5
3/26	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
3/29	SEA	-	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals			9.0	10	4	3	2	5	0	40

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
April 1	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	W, 9-0	12-15-3	Duchscherer	Zito	24,955	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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