



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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A's vs. CUBS

This is the first of four meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the two clubs meet in Phoenix March 15 and 17 and return to Mesa March 23...last spring, the two clubs split four meetings...the A's were 1-1 in Phoenix and 1-1 in Mesa.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 58 players in camp...the total includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 18 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, five catchers, 14 infielders and 11 outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Pitchers and catchers will report to training camp at Papago Park March 8 with the first workout scheduled for March 9...position players report March 14 with the first workout March 15...the first minor league spring training game is March 21...extended Spring Training begins April 7.

A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast 10 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...the schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games plus the Fri., March 18 game against the White Sox at Glendale...Ken Korach returns for his 16th year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (6th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 26th season in the booth...all other games in Arizona will be webcast on oaklandathletics.com...Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games, including one from Arizona on Sun., March 13 vs. Colorado...they will also air the March 29 game against San Francisco in Oakland.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (0-0)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011 – HOHOKAM PARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's open their 43rd Spring Training in Arizona today, including their 30th consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...have not won a Cactus League opener since 2003 when they defeated Milwaukee 7-5 in 10 innings February 27...have six losses and a tie since then...are scheduled to play 35 games this spring, including 32 in Arizona, before returning to the Bay Area for three games with the Giants on March 28 and 30 in San Francisco and April 3 in Oakland...the 35 games are second most in Oakland history to the 37 games played in 2009...the A's went 12-17-3 last spring, their second consecutive spring with a losing record (17-18-2 in 2009)...the .422 winning percentage was the A's worst mark since 1990 when they went 6-10 (.375)...the three tie games were the A's most since moving to Arizona in 1969.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have agreed to terms with all 40 players on the 40-man roster...four of those players are under contract beyond the 2011 season...Brett Anderson is signed through 2013 with club options for 2014 and 2015...Kurt Suzuki is also signed through 2013 with a club option for 2014...Grant Balfour and Brian Fuentes are both signed through 2012 with club options for 2013...Michael Wuertz has a club option for 2012.

OFF-SEASON MOVES: The A's bolstered their offense this past off-season by acquiring David DeJesus from the Kansas City Royals (Nov. 10 for Vin Mazzaro and Justin Marks) and Josh Willingham from the Washington Nationals (Dec. 16 for Henry Rodriguez and Corey Brown)...Oakland also signed Hideki Matsui as a free agent Dec. 14...the A's turned to free agency to add to their pitching staff, signing Brandon McCarthy (Dec. 13), Rich Harden (Dec. 21), Grant Balfour (Jan. 18) and Brian Fuentes (Jan. 19).

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Seven of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring...the list includes three players already on the A's 40-man roster in Chris Carter (#2), Tyson Ross (#4) and Michael Taylor (#10)...four are non-roster invitees including Grant Green (#1), Michael Choice (#3), Jemile Weeks (#5) and Max Stassi (#6)...the other three are Aaron Shipman (#7), Yordy Cabrera (#8) and Ian Krol (#9)...two of the A's top 10 appear on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospect List including Grant Green (#63) and Chris Carter (#91).

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Geren welcomes three new members to his 2011 coaching staff, as only Tye Waller, Mike Gallego and Ron Romanick return from last season...Gallego remains the team's third base coach, while Waller and Romanick—formerly bench and bullpen coach—have been reassigned to first base coach and pitching coach, respectively...new faces on this year's staff are bench coach Joel Skinner, hitting coach Gerald Perry and bullpen coach Rick Rodriguez...Skinner arrives after managing Cleveland's Double-A affiliate in Akron last season, while Perry served as hitting coach for Boston's Triple-A team in Pawtucket in 2010...Rodriguez was promoted from pitching coach of Oakland's Triple-A franchise in Sacramento.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 a.m...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the game begins, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Geren will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at 9:15 a.m...Geren will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play...at that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room.

TICKET INFORMATION: Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are on sale at www.oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255)...the Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games...individual game ticket pricing will remain unchanged for a third consecutive season...the prices are: \$25 (Field Box), \$22 (Lower Box), \$18 (Upper Box) and \$12 (Outfield Reserved)...for Spring Training season tickets, call the A's Tickets Services Office at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday, or log on to www.oaklandathletics.com/spring.

FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE SLATED FOR MARCH 29: On Tuesday, March 29, just before the final pre-season home game vs. the Giants, the Athletics will hold a special fan access event in the Coliseum parking lot...fans will be given the opportunity to meet and interact with their favorite A's players...a free event to fans, players will be signing autographs and players and staff will be answering fan questions in Q&A sessions...fans will have the opportunity to take complimentary photos with players and the team's four World Series trophies...interactive games will be available for kids and adults...a special memorabilia sale will be held...admission to the event, including the autographs and photos of available players, will be free...it is also the first Chevy Free Parking Tuesday, while discounted tickets to the Giants-A's game that night will be available for only \$5...the event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the North parking lot of the Coliseum, and will give fans the last look at the 2011 team before Opening Night...for more information, go to the A's website, oaklandathletics.com.

BASEBALL BARGAINS: The A's will launch a new promotion called Free Hot Dog Thursdays, with 10,000 fans receiving a voucher upon entry on Thursdays, redeemable for a free hot dog from concession stands at that day's game...other popular promotions include Chevy Free Parking Tuesdays, BART \$2 Wednesdays and Xfinity Friday Family Pack...for most Tuesdays, fans will get to park free at the Coliseum...for every Wednesday game, A's fans can purchase \$2 tickets...the Friday Family Pack, which is open to families or any group, includes four Plaza Level tickets and four meals for a cost of only \$50...each meal includes a hot dog, soda and bag of peanuts...for more information, go to the A's website, oaklandathletics.com.

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WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#53 TREVOR CAHILL RHP (18-8, 2.97 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...began the 2010 season on the disabled list and was optioned to Sacramento before returning to Oakland April 30 to lead the A's with 18 wins...posted an 18-8 record in 30 starts with a team-leading 2.97 ERA...ranked third in the American League in opponents batting average (.220), fourth in ERA and opponents on-base percentage (.287), tied for fourth in wins, tied for fifth in winning percentage (.692) and sixth in opponents slugging (.332)...his 18 wins were the most by an Athletic over the last eight years and tied for third most in Athletics history by a pitcher under the age of 23...the last AL pitcher under the age of 23 with at least 18 wins was Bret Saberhagen, who won 20 games for Kansas City in 1985...all of his wins came after May 1 and he had the most wins in Oakland history by a pitcher who did not win a game in April...matched Jon Lester (BOS) and CC Sabathia (NYY) for most wins in the majors beginning May 1.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#26 BOBBY CRAMER LHP (2-1, 3.04 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...began the 2010 season with Quintana Roo in the Mexican League but finished it in the starting rotation in Oakland...was a combined 15-5 with a 2.71 ERA and 158 strikeouts in 29 games, 27 starts, with Quintana Roo and Triple-A Sacramento when he was selected by Oakland Sept. 10...went 2-1 with a 3.04 ERA in four starts with the A's...held the opposition to a .233 batting average but had a .453 slugging percentage...his opponents batting average broke down to .214 against right-handed hitters and .313 against left-handers...went 13-3 with a 2.95 ERA in 22 games, 20 starts for Quintana Roo en route to earning Mexican League Pitcher of the Year honors...led the league in wins, strikeouts (123), complete games (5), shutouts (3) and winning percentage (.813), ranked third in ERA and opponents batting average (.244) and was fourth in innings pitched (128.0).

#33 JOEY DEVINE RHP (Did not pitch in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...missed the entire season for the second consecutive year in 2010 as he continued his rehab from "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow April 21, 2009...was one of three Oakland pitchers to miss the entire 2010 season due to "Tommy John" surgery along with Josh Outman and John Meloan...last pitched in a spring training game March 4, 2009 against Chicago (AL) in Phoenix (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb) and his last Major League game came September 28, 2008 at Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 bb).

#88 JOSH OUTMAN LHP (Did not pitch in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...missed the entire 2010 season as he continued his rehab from June 30, 2009 "Tommy John" surgery on his left elbow...was one of three Oakland pitchers to miss the entire 2010 season due to "Tommy John" surgery, along with Joey Devine and John Meloan...his last Major League appearance was June 19, 2009 at San Diego (1.2 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...was 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA in 14 games, 12 starts, with the A's at the time of his surgery.

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (1-4, 5.49 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the A's second-round pick in the 2008 draft made the 2010 Opening Day roster as a non-roster invitee and spent half of the season with Oakland...went 1-4 with a save and a 5.49 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, before he was optioned to Sacramento July 7...was 2-1 with a 3.55 ERA in six games, all starts, with the River Cats before he was shut down Aug. 10 with a strained right elbow...with the A's, he struck out 32 in 39.1 innings but also issued 20 walks (4.6 per nine innings)...had a 3.32 ERA over his first 11 appearances, a 7.52 ERA over his final 15 contests...allowed a .271 opponents batting average, including .258 against left-handed hitters and .282 against right-handers...was named the A's fourth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season...was also tabbed as having the Best Slider in the magazines' Best Tools survey for prospects.

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (3-7, 3.26 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was 3-7 with a 3.26 ERA in 64 relief appearances last year...the losses were a career-high and tied for most among American League relievers...his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest among AL relievers...had the highest ERA of his career and matched his career-high in wins and walks (28)...nine of the walks were intentional, which led all AL pitchers...combined for a 2.19 ERA and .200 opponents batting average in 24 games in April and May, posted a 6.57 ERA and .339 opponents average in 15 games in June, and had a 2.66 ERA and .217 opponents average in 25 games over the final three months of the season...allowed a .241 opponents batting average, which broke down to .213 against right-handed hitters and .317 against left-handers...first batters faced were 11-for-60 (.183) with three walks...allowed 7 of 31 (22.6%) inherited runners to score.

2011 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV
Feb. 27	at Chicago (NL)	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Carlos Zambrano	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
Feb. 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Joel Pineiro	1:05	
March 1	Cincinnati	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Mike Leake	1:05	
March 2	Cleveland		1:05	
March 3	at Milwaukee		1:05	
March 4	Texas		1:05	
March 5	San Francisco		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 6	Milwaukee		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
	at San Diego		1:05	
March 7	Seattle		1:05	
March 8	San Diego		1:05	
March 9	at Texas		1:05	
March 10	Kansas City		1:05	
March 11	Los Angeles (NL)		1:05	
	at Milwaukee		1:05	
March 12	at Seattle		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 13	Colorado		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNCA
March 14	at Cleveland		1:05	
March 15	Chicago (NL)		1:05	
	at Kansas City		1:05	
March 16	OFF DAY			
March 17	Chicago (NL)		1:05	
March 18	at Chicago (AL)		4:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 19	Chicago (AL)		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 20	Arizona		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
	at San Francisco		1:05	
March 21	at Los Angeles (NL)		1:05	
March 22	at Cincinnati		1:05	
March 23	at Chicago (NL)		1:05	
March 24	at Arizona		1:05	
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)		1:05	
March 26	Colorado		7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 27	at Colorado		1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 28	vs. San Francisco (at SF)		7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNBA
March 29	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)		7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNCA
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)		12:45	XTRA Sports 860 AM