



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's won the Cactus League opener yesterday at Mesa, defeating the Cubs, 15-7...collected 18 hits and the runs and hits were the A's most in a spring game since March 7, 2009 when they had 15 runs and 18 hits at San Diego...Trevor Cahill started for the A's and allowed five runs on four hits and a walk in one-third of an inning to give the Cubs a 4-0 lead...Coco Crisp tied the game in the third inning with a grand slam and Eric Sogard added a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning to give the A's the lead for good...Joey Devine tossed a scoreless third inning for the win, making his first appearance since March 4, 2009...Tyson Ross added 1.2 scoreless innings, Josh Outman blanked the Cubs over two innings and Brad Ziegler pitched a scoreless ninth...Josh Willingham, Michael Choice, Anthony Recker, Matt Carson and Jai Miller had two hits each.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...the two clubs meet again in Phoenix on March 25...last spring, the A's won the only game, a 4-2 decision in Phoenix March 6...a second meeting the next day was cancelled due to rain.

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 (1-0) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (1-1)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011 – TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 43rd Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with a 15-7 win over the Cubs at Mesa...it marked the first time they won a Cactus League opener since 2003 when they defeated Milwaukee 7-5 in 10 innings February 27...had six losses and a tie over that span...this is the A's 30th consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...are scheduled to play 35 games, 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

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (11-14, 3.50 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...had one of the most memorable performances in Oakland history with his Mother's Day Perfect Game last year yet finished the season with an 11-14 record despite a 3.50 ERA...the ERA was sixth lowest in Oakland history among pitchers with a losing record and was the lowest since 1978...had the fourth-lowest run support in the American League (3.60)...ranked fifth in the AL in fewest walks per nine innings (2.01) and had the eighth lowest opponents on-base percentage (.294)...also tied for the league lead in shutouts (2), tied for second in pickoffs (8) and ranked fourth in complete games (5)...opponents were successful in just 1 of 3 (33.3%) stolen base attempts, which tied for the lowest percentage in the AL...tied for fifth in the AL in losses (14), becoming just the second A's pitcher over the last 12 years to lose at least 14 games.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (2-1, 3.70 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the 2010 season was his fourth in the majors but it marked the first time he spent the entire year at the big league level...was 2-1 with a save and a 3.70 ERA in a career-high 63 appearances...allowed seven home runs in 48.2 innings after yielding five home runs in 64.2 innings over his first three seasons combined...four of the seven home runs came against the first batter he faced in an outing, which tied for the American League lead...allowed 12 of 34 (35.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the sixth highest percentage in the AL, and first batters faced were 15 for 59 (.254) with four walks...yielded a .274 opponents batting average, including .231 against left-handed hitters and .311 against right-handers...issued 14 of his 18 walks and allowed five of his seven home runs to righties.

#54 VINNIE CHULK RHP (0-1, 4.96 ERA with Indianapolis in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract December 11...began 2010 at Triple-A Indianapolis in the Pittsburgh farm system but finished it with Hiroshima of the Japanese Leagues...was 1-0 with a 4.96 ERA in 28 relief appearances with the Indians before he was released July 22...went to Japan and logged a 2-0 mark with one save and a 5.79 ERA in 16 relief appearances for Hiroshima...with the Indians, allowed a .293 opponents batting average...that included a .278 (22 for 79) mark against right-handed hitters and .315 (17 for 54) against left-handers...opponents hit .345 with all three of his home runs when leading off an inning...however, they batted .200 with runners in scoring position and two outs.

#45 WILLIE EYRE RHP (5-4, 3.50 ERA with Oklahoma City in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract October 29...went 5-4 with two saves and a 3.50 ERA in 49 relief appearances with Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Texas farm system last year...allowed just two home runs in 72.0 innings...yielded a .264 opponents batting average, including .254 (30 for 118) against left-handed hitters and .272 (44 for 162) against right-handers...opponents hit .200 when leading of an inning but they had a .329 batting average with runners in scoring position...had a 2.17 ERA and .229 opponents batting average in 25 appearances on the road, a 4.93 ERA and .300 opponents average at home...posted a 0.84 ERA in the ninth inning...allowed 5 of 21 (23.8%) inherited runners to score.

#32 BRANDON MCCARTHY RHP (4-2, 3.36 ERA with Oklahoma City in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was signed by the A's as a free agent December 13...was 4-2 with a 3.36 ERA in 11 games, nine starts, at Triple-A Oklahoma City last year in a season interrupted by right shoulder problems...had three stints on the DL with the RedHawks and was added to the Rangers' 60-day disabled list July 29...struck out 44 and walked just 11 in 56.1 innings...allowed a .234 opponents batting average, which broke down to .227 (22 for 97) against left-handed hitters and .240 (29 for 121) against right-handers...yielded six of his eight home runs to righties and six were solo shots...made four starts for Toros del Este in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 2-0 with a 1.96 ERA and .227 opponents batting average.

#74 GUILLERMO MOSCOSO RHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor league pitcher Ryan Kelly, January 8...spent most of the season at Triple-A Oklahoma City but did appear in one game in the majors with Texas...was recalled May 15 and made his one appearance May 20 against Baltimore (0.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so, 1 hbp, 27.00 ERA)...was optioned back to Oklahoma City May 29 and spent the remainder of the season with the RedHawks...went 7-7 with a 5.18 ERA in 23 games, 22 starts at the Triple-A level...allowed a .283 opponents batting average, including .274 against right-handed hitters and .295 against left-handers...pitched for Caracas in the Venezuelan Winter League following the season and was 3-0 with a 2.66 ERA and .197 opponents batting average in 10 games, eight starts.

2011 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
Feb. 27	at Chicago (NL)	W, 15-7	1-0	Devine	Garza	6,892	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
Feb. 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Joel Pineiro		1:05			
March 1	Cincinnati	LHP Gio Gonzalez 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		