

## **A's News Clips, Thursday, March 3, 2011**

### **A's outfielder Coco Crisp arrested on suspicion of DUI**

By Joe Stiglich Oakland Tribune

A's center fielder Coco Crisp was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol early Wednesday morning, according to an A's news release.

Crisp was detained and taken to City of Scottsdale Jail before being released Wednesday morning. He showed up to Phoenix Municipal Stadium on time to join the team for pre-game drills and was in uniform -- but not in the lineup -- for a game against the Cleveland Indians.

Crisp declined to comment when asked about the situation, saying he would address the media "in due time."

"The A's are aware of the situation and take such matters seriously," the A's statement read. "The team and Coco will have no further comment until further details are available."

Crisp, 31, is in his second season with the A's and is slated to play center field and be the leadoff hitter.

Ironically, the A's held a security meeting with Major League Baseball officials before taking the field Wednesday. A message that is stressed in the annual meeting is having awareness of the off-field dangers that exist for professional athletes.

Crisp signed with the A's as a free agent in December 2009. He hit .279 with eight homers and 38 RBIs last season but played in just 75 games because of a fractured pinkie and strained rib cage muscle.

Crisp posts frequently on his Twitter account and often makes reference to his nighttime socializing.

### **A's notebook: Travis Buck is glad to be with Cleveland Indians**

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune

PHOENIX -- Outfielder Travis Buck, once a marquee prospect with the A's, said he's relishing a fresh start with the Cleveland Indians.

Non-tendered by the A's in December, Buck suffered numerous injuries that sidetracked his Oakland career. His frustration with what he perceived as a lack of opportunity with the team -- when he was healthy -- also was well known.

Buck shared Wednesday that he grew so disillusioned with the A's that he sought professional therapy last season. He had sessions with a neuropsychologist, hoping that would uncover some of his injury problems, and visited a psychotherapist to talk through mounting stress.

"It gets to a point where your mind is such a powerful thing," said Buck, who played right field and had an RBI single in Wednesday's 4-3 loss to the A's. "I had so much crap and negative energy in my mind that no matter how I tried to hide it, it wasn't going away."

Buck, 27, referred to things he put up with "both on the field and in the clubhouse" with the A's but declined to identify which individuals might have been the source of that.

"Half the time I didn't know my role, and the communication was kind of nonexistent," he said. "I was so screwed up in my head to where I wasn't able to be myself."

In the A's defense, Buck's various health setbacks -- which ranged from oblique injuries to postconcussion syndrome to shin splints -- left them with no choice but to explore other outfield options.

Buck signed a minor league deal with Cleveland and stands a good shot to make the 25-man roster. With injuries to Grady Sizemore and Trevor Crowe, Buck might platoon in left field with Austin Kearns.

"Baseball is so fun again," he said.

Bobby Cramer drew the start for the A's against Cleveland and threw two shutout innings.

The left-hander is trying to develop his changeup as a third pitch. A journeyman who joined the A's last year after being discovered in the Mexican League, Cramer said he's gotten by to this point mainly on the strength of a fastball and curve.

"Basically I'm always pitching with my back against the wall, showing what I can do," he said. "I didn't have the luxury of putting a couple bad outings together while working on something."

Now he's trying to claim the A's fifth starter spot, and two of his competitors also pitched Wednesday.

Josh Outman labored through 11/3 innings, walking three. He's still knocking the rust off from being sidelined 11/2 seasons after elbow surgery.

"There's still (a struggle) with that command at game speed," Outman said. "I feel like it's something that will come with time. I'm just not there yet."

Tyson Ross (Cal/Bishop O'Dowd High) earned praise from manager Bob Geren after two shutout innings. "... Right fielder David DeJesus, slowed by illness in recent days, made his A's debut and went 0 for 2. "... Andrew Bailey and Craig Breslow will face hitters Friday and should appear in a game shortly if all goes well. "... Shortstop Cliff Pennington (left shoulder) likely will play his first game Sunday. "... The A's drew 2,325 fans. They had an announced crowd of 1,631 on Tuesday, which one longtime Phoenix Municipal Stadium employee remarked was the smallest he'd seen at the venue in 15 years.

## **Chin Music: Report: A's center fielder Coco Crisp arrested on suspicion of DUI**

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 3/2/2011 10:47AM

A's center fielder Coco Crisp was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, according to a Comcast SportsNet Bay Area report. Crisp has yet to comment, but he is at the stadium now and in uniform. The team is expected to release a statement soon. I'll have a story posted at [www.contracostatimes.com](http://www.contracostatimes.com) as soon as more information becomes available ...

## **Chin Music: Chris Carter draws start at first base, and other A's updates**

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 3/2/2011 9:34AM

It's a slow news day in A's land.

Here's the starting nine vs. the Indians, who have former Athletics Travis Buck and Jack Hannahan in their lineup:

Ellis 2B  
Suzuki C  
DeJesus RF  
Matsui DH  
Kouzmanoff 3B  
Carter 1B  
Taylor LF  
Miller CF  
Tolleson SS

Cramer LHP

—Chris Carter is playing first base just a day after manager Bob Geren said he'd stay primarily in the outfield. But things are pretty fluid w/spring training lineups. Daric Barton is still only playing every other day and Conor Jackson played the past two days at first and is getting a rest. That leaves Carter as the remaining option to play first (Sean Doolittle, another young prospect, isn't game-ready yet as he comes back from knee surgery).

—Other updates: Shortstop Cliff Pennington's debut likely will be Sunday, when the A's play split-squad games against the Padres in Peoria and the Brewers at home in Phoenix. Andrew Bailey and Craig Breslow will throw to hitters Friday, and Michael Wuertz will throw off the mound Thursday. Outfielder Ryan Sweeney should make his exhibition debut sometime early next week. ...

That's all, short and sweet for this morning ...

## **Outfielder Crisp accused of driving while impaired**

Susan Slusser, Chronicle Staff Writer

Outfielder **Coco Crisp** was arrested on suspicion of driving while impaired early Wednesday in Scottsdale, and he was released from the city jail in time for pregame workouts, according to a statement from the team.

Crisp declined to comment before the A's 4-3 win over the Indians, saying he needed some time first. He left Phoenix Municipal Stadium during the game without addressing reporters.

"The A's are aware of the situation and take such matters seriously," the statement said. "The team and Coco will have no further comment until further details are available."

Crisp, who was driving his 2009 Rolls Royce Phantom Drop Head Coupe at the time of his arrest, failed to stay in one lane, according to the police report. Crisp also was cited for driving with expired California registration and for failure to provide proof of insurance.

Crisp had tweeted during the day Tuesday that he was scheduled for a root canal.

Manager **Bob Geren** said that the team's statement "speaks for all of us at this point." He said that Crisp will be in the lineup today against the Brewers.

The A's have had two other players - pitchers **Esteban Loaiza** in 2006 and **Clayton Mortensen** in 2009 - charged with driving under the influence in recent seasons. Neither is still with the team.

After Loaiza was arrested for drunken driving, the A's stopped providing beer in the home and visiting clubhouses, as well as on the team plane.

**DeJesus debuts:** It was a somewhat uneventful first game for **David DeJesus** with his new team: He walked, struck out and grounded out. But after missing three days with a flu-like fever, he was just happy to get back on the field.

"My timing and stuff is still off, but it's nice to get out there, get in the box, get my brain started working," he said.

DeJesus said he started to get tired after the second inning, but he anticipates that he'll be at full strength soon.

**Fifth-starter report:** Three of the men in the race for the fifth-starter spot, **Bobby Cramer**, **Josh Outman** and **Tyson Ross**, were in action, and Cramer and Ross had nice outings. Both allowed a hit and struck out a batter in two innings of work.

Cramer said he's working hard on his changeup, which he barely uses in games. He knows if he gets regular big-league time, he'll need a third pitch.

Outman allowed three hits, three walks and two runs in 1 1/3 innings, and he struck out one. He said his command is not quite what he'd like after missing more than a year and a half following Tommy John surgery, but, he said, "My arm felt better than last time, and that's all that matters."

**Buck back:** Former A's outfielder **Travis Buck** was in right field for Cleveland on Wednesday, and he said he's enjoying his first spring with a new team.

"It's been phenomenal," Buck said. "Everyone has treated me with so much respect, it makes me feel wanted. That shows in how I'm playing, I feel confident. I haven't had this feeling in a while. ... Now I'm back to where baseball is fun."

**Briefly:** Infielder **Adam Rosales** said he's getting the walking boot off his right foot today. He had surgery in December. ... **Michael Wuertz** (shoulder tendinitis) will throw a bullpen session today. ... **Andrew Bailey** and **Craig Breslow** will throw live batting practice Friday and are scheduled to pitch Monday.

## **Drumbeat: Coco Crisp arrested on suspicion of DUI - updated**

From Chronicle Staff Writer Susan Slusser, 3/2/2011 10:32AM

Comcast SportsNet Bay Area is reporting that Coco Crisp was arrested in Scottsdale last night on suspicion of driving under the influence, and the A's are expected to release a statement soon.

*UPDATE - Here is the A's statement:*

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So it's unclear if Crisp will address this at all today. I remember that Clayton Mortensen spoke immediately after the A's made a statement about his DUI two years ago, and he expressed strong regret. Unless there is something more complicated going on here - and that's possible - I would think the team would encourage Crisp to do the same, but we don't know any details and, of course, he is entitled to presumption of innocence.

I talked to Crisp briefly after he came back from the A's front office and after he spoke to manager Bob Geren, but Crisp said he preferred not to speak yet. He is on the field, working out with the rest of the team.

Players who have received DUIs in recent years have not had lengthy A's careers afterward: Esteban Loaiza and Mortensen are the two best examples of that. You'll recall that after Loaiza's DUI, the A's stopped providing beer in the home and visiting clubhouses.

The A's love what Crisp does on the field, and he's popular in the clubhouse - and I must emphasize that we don't know any details at all. I know he tweeted yesterday that he was scheduled for a root canal.

This morning, A's had their already scheduled meeting with MLB security, which deals with such things as legal issues and staying out of trouble.

## **Psychologist helped get most out of A's**

John Shea, San Francisco Chronicle

The A's were a dominant team in the late '80s and early '90s because they had fantastic pitching, scary hitting and a perfect blend of experience and youth.

They also possessed a secret weapon, Harvey Dorfman, who helped players deal with mental issues on the field and off — at a time when oldschool baseball folks frowned on anyone bringing psychology into the clubhouse.

Dorfman was there for everyone from Dave Stewart, who experienced a rebirth with the A's, to young catcher Terry Steinbach, who was calling pitches for a veteran staff, to Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, who burst into the majors with epic expectations, to Dennis Eckersley and Bob Welch, who were battling alcoholism.

Monday, Dorfman, baseball's top psychologist, died at age 75, and a flood of players, including Phillies ace Roy Halladay, have come forth to speak of the impact Dorfman and his books made on their careers and lives.

Dorfman also assisted athletes in other sports and lectured at universities and corporations.

Sandy Alderson hired Dorfman in 1984, with a push from farm director Karl Kuehl, but many, including the A's manager at the time, Tony La Russa, were slow to accept the teachings of the team's "performance enhancement counselor/ instructor."

La Russa eventually realized Dorfman's value and permitted him to address the team in spring training.

At first, Dorfman was assigned to Double-A Albany, where the manager was Keith Lieppman, now the A's director of player development.

Dorfman later worked for the Marlins, Rays and agent Scott Boras, but he was available for any player, pro or amateur, seeking guidance.

"He faced tremendous odds," Lieppman said. "Today, the mental part of baseball is highly accepted. Back then, you were considered a psycho or weirdo if you tried to work on the mental side. Big-league coaches told him you have no right on the field. He persevered and ultimately helped a lot of people. He brought peace to people, gave them hope and tried to help them rewrite their scripts."

## **A's top Tribe for first spring home win**

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

PHOENIX -- A dose of timely hitting -- fueled by RBI hits from Kevin Kouzmanoff, Mark Ellis and Kurt Suzuki -- paved the way for a 4-3 A's victory over the Indians at Phoenix Municipal Stadium on Wednesday.

Ellis, facing Tribe starter Justin Masterson, got things going quickly with a leadoff single in the first and scored on a double-play ground ball from Hideki Matsui. Suzuki, who walked, followed Ellis' lead when Kouzmanoff knocked a run-scoring single to center field.

Masterson went two innings, giving up two runs on two hits with three walks and one strikeout in his Cactus League debut. Drew Pomeranz made his professional debut, pitching a scoreless fourth while striking out two and walking one.

A's starter Bobby Cramer, meanwhile, surrendered just one hit and tallied one strikeout in two solid innings of work before lefty Josh Outman came on in the third and proceeded to give up two Indians runs in the fourth.

Tribe outfielder Travis Buck, facing his former club for the first time, notched an RBI single off Outman to bring home Matt LaPorta, who led off the frame with a double. Buck later scored on an RBI base hit off the bat of Paul Phillips.

Ellis' second hit of the game, an RBI single off Cleveland's Doug Mathis, handed Oakland a one-run lead in the bottom half of the fourth. The Indians narrowed their deficit to one in the eighth with a sacrifice fly from Chun-Hsiu Chen, but they came up empty in the ninth.

**Up next for Indians:** Right-hander Mitch Talbot, who is in line to open this season as Cleveland's No. 3 starter, is scheduled to take the mound when the Indians take on the split-squad Rangers at 3:05 p.m. ET on Thursday in Surprise, Ariz. Josh Tomlin -- vying for the fifth-starter's role -- is also slated to make his second appearance of the spring for the Tribe.

**Up next for Athletics:** Right-hander Trevor Cahill, pushing his way into an Opening Day starter role, gets his second start of the spring when the A's travel to Maryvale, Ariz., for an afternoon matchup with the host Brewers. The game is slated to begin at 12:05 p.m. PT and will also feature regulars Daric Barton and Josh Willingham.

## **Crisp arrested on suspicion of DUI**

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

PHOENIX -- A's outfielder Coco Crisp was arrested early Wednesday morning on suspicion of drunk driving in Scottsdale, Ariz., the team announced.

Crisp has yet to address reporters, but the A's made the following statement regarding the matter:

"Coco Crisp was arrested and detained early this morning under the suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. He was released from the city of Scottsdale jail this morning and arrived at Phoenix Municipal Stadium on time for pregame drills. The A's are aware of the situation and take such matters seriously. The team and Coco will have no further comment until further details are available."

Crisp, 31, was seen on the field in uniform during workouts Wednesday following the team's morning Major League Baseball security meeting -- an annual Spring Training assembly. He was not scheduled to play in Wednesday's home game against his former Indians club after starting Tuesday's contest.

Crisp, who had his \$5.75 million club option picked up this offseason following an injury-plagued year in which he appeared in just 75 games, is slated to be the club's Opening Day center fielder and play an integral offensive role at the top of the lineup.

## **Cramer pleased with his spring progress**

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

PHOENIX -- A's hurler Bobby Cramer has a job to win, but that's not keeping him from taking time to work on a noted weakness in his repertoire this spring.

After all, it can only help him in the race for the A's fifth-starter spot.

"The changeup, it's no secret that that's something I don't have," Cramer said. "In a small sampling of four outings last year, there's no video, there's no advance scouting report on me, so it's a little easier to go with two pitches and some movement. But, obviously, if I were to make the team or come back up at some point this year, I'm going to need it just to keep hitters off balance."

The 31-year-old southpaw is taking part in his first big league camp experience after handing the A's a nice surprise as a September callup last season in the form of a 2-1 record with a 3.04 ERA in his four big league starts.

On Wednesday, while making his second Cactus League appearance, Cramer gave the A's plenty of reasons to keep watching. He put together two solid innings against the visiting Indians, surrendering just one hit while striking out one -- marking an upgrade from a two-inning debut that resulted in one run on two hits and one walk.

"It was definitely an improvement from the last one," he said. "We're just trying to get our work in, but at the same time, we're competing and you can't take anything for granted. I was a little frustrated with my last outing, so it's nice to go out and have this kind of outing."

Cramer even threw in a several of those changeups, the majority of which were down for balls. He realizes the pitch will never be at the forefront of his game, but as long as he's showing it from time to time, he considers that an improvement.

"And if I ever get to the point where I'm throwing it for strikes and get a swing or miss here and there," he said, "it will help my effectiveness. ... I'll throw a nasty one every now and then, which tells me I've got it in me. I just need to find a way to get it out consistently."

"For every 10 changeups, I might throw four of those for strikes, and only two of those will be quality changeups that I consider to be an out pitch in the Major Leagues. So obviously those statistics need to improve a bit before I can consider it mission accomplished."

Cramer, who mainly relies on his fastball and the range of movement that comes with it, has particularly struggled finding the right grip when releasing his changeup. He's constantly been working on finger placement and is "happy with the way it's gone so far."

## **Outman shows improved health, command**

PHOENIX -- Decent numbers are desirable for any pitcher, but they aren't a high priority for Josh Outman this spring. Rather, he's seeking good command and even better health.

On Wednesday, following a 1 1/3-inning stint against the Indians in an eventual 4-3 A's victory, the former made sporadic appearances, while the latter was on full display.

"My arm is feeling better, and it bounced back well from the last time out," Outman said. "It's just still that command at game speed. It's just one of those things I feel will come with time. I feel like I'm as close to throwing at 100 percent exertion as I can be. It's just going to take a little time to get the command back.

"I know I felt better than the last time out, and that's really all that matters to me."

The A's lefty, looking to return to the rotation following 1 1/2 years of rehab from Tommy John surgery, gave up two runs on three hits with three walks and one strikeout in Wednesday's contest. Both runs came in a lengthy fourth frame, which non-roster invitee Gabe DeHoyos ultimately completed, as Outman "had a higher pitch count than we wanted him to," explained manager Bob Geren.

Outman, who will again pitch Sunday, is trying to develop his fastball command, which he expects to only get better with each pitch.

"I haven't pitched and against this caliber of hitters in a year and a half," he said. "Every time out, hopefully it gets a little better. I think my secondary stuff is a little ahead of my fastball, just because those aren't generally 100 percent exertion pitches. I feel like I've done a pretty good job of getting my secondary stuff in the strike zone. It's just about the fastball location and having pinpoint control."

### **Pennington expected to debut Sunday**

PHOENIX -- Cliff Pennington's rehab journey is expected to come to an end Sunday, when the A's shortstop is scheduled to make his first start of the spring, manager Bob Geren confirmed on Wednesday.

Pennington has been sidelined from Cactus League action while completing rehab on his surgically repaired left shoulder. The 26-year-old infielder may see game action on the defensive side before Sunday's split-squad action, but he'll refrain from the batter's box for the time being.

Pennington, a switch-hitter, has been taking part in all baseball activities, but has been more careful in his approach from the right side of the plate so as to not rush the healing process. He took part in an intrasquad game last week but only played defense.

Like other position players, Pennington won't play every day from the get-go. Rather, he'll ease his way back into an everyday role and is expected to be ready for Opening Day.

### **Worth noting**

David DeJesus, who was absent from the lineup during the team's first three games because of an illness, made his A's debut on Wednesday and went 0-for-2 but got on base when he was hit by a pitch. He'll make his next start on Friday against Texas. ... Non-roster outfielder Jai Miller is making quite the impression in camp. He's hitting .667 and showcased his speed Wednesday by stealing three bases. ... Fifth-starter candidate Tyson Ross was "outstanding" in his two-inning outing Wednesday, manager Bob Geren said. He allowed just one hit and struck out one and has yet to give up a run in two outings this spring. Catcher Kurt Suzuki was also impressed, saying, "Man, he throws hard!" ... Relievers Andrew Bailey and Craig Breslow are scheduled to throw to hitters for the first time on Friday. Fellow hurler Rich Harden will either join them Friday or face hitters on Saturday. ... Ryan Sweeney, taking it slow on the comeback trail from right knee surgery, is still slated to make his Cactus League debut in the outfield sometime early next week. ... The A's took part in a series of baserunning drills on Wednesday morning following a couple of blunders on the basepaths -- notably from Chris Carter and Andy LaRoche -- in Tuesday's game. The work paid off, as Geren said he saw "good baserunning today."

## **Major Lee-ague: A's statement on Crisp's arrest**

Jane Lee, mlb.com, 3/2/2011 1:08PM

The A's made this statement regarding **Coco Crisp's** arrest on suspicion of DUI:

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## **Miller steals 3 bases in A's 4-3 win over Indians**

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Jai Miller stole three bases, scored a key run and made a big catch with the sun in his eyes to help the Oakland Athletics to a 4-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday.

Cleveland starter Justin Masterson struggled with his control, walking three in two innings. A's pitcher Bobby Cramer threw two quick shutout innings.

The left-hander who made four September starts last season is trying to add a changeup to his repertoire.

"It's no secret that's something I don't have," Cramer said. "Obviously if I were to make this team or come back up, I'm going to need it."

Miller hung in with a line drive hit right at him from Cleveland Indians infielder Jack Hannahan in the top of the eighth, keeping Cleveland from scoring a tying run.

"To have the nerve to hang in there until it comes out of the sun and make the play, that's a really nice play," A's manager Bob Geren said.

Michael Taylor scored on Kurt Suzuki's two-out hit in the sixth to make it 4-2. Oakland scored the first two runs of the game when Hideki Matsui grounded into a bases-loaded double play and Kevin Kouzmanoff singled in a second run in their half of the first inning.

Cleveland tied it in the top of the fourth. Matt LaPorta doubled down the left-field line off reliever Josh Outman, then scored on Travis Buck's single. Buck scored on a single by Paul Phillips.

Masterson, who had an encouraging finish to the season when he went 3-3 with a 2.86 ERA in his last eight starts of 2010, was unconcerned by his struggles.

"It was my first time facing another team and second time against live hitters, so it gets you a little excited," Masterson said. "I wanted to stride a little longer and throw a little harder. I felt good physically. The four-seamer was a little bit high. The sinker was slicing and dicing and moving and grooving just the way it's supposed to."

Note: Cleveland LHP Drew Pomeranz, the Indians' first-round pick at No. 5 overall in 2010, made his debut. He pitched a hitless inning with two strikeouts and a walk. ... Oakland reliever Brad Ziegler pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save of spring training. ... A's OF David DeJesus, who'd been dealing with illness, made his spring training debut, starting in right field. He went 0 for 2.

## **Urban: Crisp arrest shatters peace at A's camp**

[Mychael Urban](#), CSNBayArea.com

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. -- The peace and tranquility of spring training in the desert was shattered Wednesday by a series of strange developments ranging from silly to sad to stupid.

A couple of Cubs teammates got into a fight in their dugout. A.J. Pierzynski got popped for driving to a game -- in full uniform. Unnamed sources are saying the [Giants](#) are considering swallowing \$64.5 million to get rid of Barry Zito.

None of them are likely to result in anything of real consequence. The teammates will patch it up, Pierzynski will pay a fine, and Zito will spend the year as a ridiculously well-compensated No. 5 starter.

The [Coco Crisp](#) story, though, that one's going to leave a mark.

Crisp was arrested early Wednesday morning on the suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Word is he failed a field sobriety test. His mugshot is all over the web.

And for those of you who like your sordid tales with a side of irony, consider this: Crisp got out of the pokey quickly enough to make it to [A's camp](#) on time Wednesday, just in time to sit through a pre-scheduled, mandatory meeting with MLB security. Among the topics, drunk driving.



The A's sent out a press release saying that they would have no comment until "further details were available." Crisp was quiet, too, and Oakland manager Bob Geren followed suit.

But well all know that actions speak louder than words, and Crisp's alleged actions are sure to draw a sharp rebuke from his employers, who a few years back cut ties with pitcher Esteban Loaiza after he was arrested for the same offense.

It's astounding, really, that Crisp could be so reckless. Then again, there's a certain amount of hubris in most professional athletes, a sense that they're bulletproof.

Many athletes also crave attention, call it upon themselves. Crisp is one of them. He drives a Rolls Royce to most home games, and when he was pulled over Wednesday morning he was driving a Phantom.

Sadly, he got the wrong kind of attention from the Scottsdale Police Department. The only positive about the affair is that nobody was hurt.

Crisp's reputation was hurt, though, and the legal repercussions could be significant; Arizona has some of the harshest DUI laws in the country.

Every ballplayer in the state knows that. Not all of them pay it much mind.

Crisp allegedly didn't, begging a question that everyone has surely already asked:

If you can afford a Phantom, can't you afford a limo?