



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Milwaukee in Maryvale 11-9...the A's scored seven times in the second inning to take a 7-0 lead...Andy LaRoche led off the inning with a home run and Josh Donaldson, Eric Sogard and Coco Crisp followed with RBI singles...Josh Willingham then hit a three-run home run...the Brewers came back with five runs in the third inning, including two off A's starter Trevor Cahill, who pitched 2.1 innings...Milwaukee tied the game with a two-run fifth but a Matt Carson solo home run in the sixth and a Josh Horton RBI single in the eighth put the A's back on top 9-7...the Brewers then scored a run in the eighth off Trystan Magnuson and three in the ninth off losing pitcher Vinnie Chulk...Jerry Blevins and Yadel Marti tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...Crisp, Willingham and Carson had two hits each.

### A's vs. RANGERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...the two clubs meet again next Wednesday, March 9, at Surprise...last spring, the A's played to an 8-8 tie in the first game March 9 in Phoenix and then won 6-3 at Surprise March 26.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (6<sup>th</sup>) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 26<sup>th</sup> 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 (2-3) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (4-2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have lost three of the last four games since winning the Cactus League opener...have scored 41 runs over the first five games, which is tied for second in the majors behind Texas (47)...also rank fourth in on-base percentage (.395)...the pitching staff has a 6.80 ERA, which is second highest in the majors (Cubs, 7.57)...allowed five home runs yesterday after allowing just two over the first four games...this is the A's 43<sup>rd</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, their 30<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...are scheduled to play 35 games, including 32 in Arizona, 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.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** has reached base safely in each of his three games (2 for 8, 1 bb)...**Matt Carson** has four hits, all for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in doubles and tied for third in runs (4)...**Michael Choice** is tied for third in the Cactus League in runs (4)...**Coco Crisp** has hit safely in each of his three games (4 for 9, .444)...had a RBI single yesterday against the Brewers and a grand slam Sunday against the Cubs...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in RBI (5)...**Mark Ellis** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 6, .500)...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 5, .600)...**Andy LaRoche** hit his first home run yesterday and two of his three hits are for extra bases (double)...has appeared in two games at third base, two at first base and one at second base...**Jai Miller** has reached base safely in all five games and is 4 for 7 (.571) with three walks and a hit by pitch...stole three bases Wednesday against Cleveland...is tied for the Cactus League lead in steals (3), tied for third in on-base percentage (.667) and ranks fourth in batting...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely and driven in a run in each of his three games (all at shortstop)...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in all three of his games (2 for 7, 3 bb)...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run of the spring Monday against the Angels, a three-run shot in the eighth inning...**Wes Timmons** has scored a run in four of his five games and is tied for third in the Cactus League in runs (4)...**Steve Tolleson** has made three appearances at third base, two at shortstop and one at second base...**Josh Willingham** hit his first home run yesterday against Milwaukee, a three-run shot in the second inning...has two multiple hit games in three games.

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...allowed two runs in one inning in his first start last Sunday against the Angels at Tempe and took the loss...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.

#### BRADEN'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at LAA	L	1.0	2	2	1	2	1	0	8
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the sixth inning in his first outing last Tuesday against Cincinnati...was signed by the A's as a free agent to a two-year contract through 2012 with a club option for 2013, January 18...made 57 relief appearances with Tampa Bay last year, despite spending the month of August on the disabled list...compiled a 2.28 ERA, which ranked eighth among American League relievers...allowed a .216 opponents batting average, including .174 against right-handed hitters...opponents hit .161 with runners in scoring position...has compiled a 2.98 ERA and .201 opponents batting average over his last three seasons...has 311 career strikeouts, which are the most in Major League history by a pitcher born in Australia.

#### BALFOUR'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	-	1.0	5	3	3	0	1	0	8
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

### #75 FERNANDO CABRERA RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the seventh inning in his first outing last Tuesday against Cincinnati...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract December 14...spent the entire 2010 season at Triple-A Pawtucket with the exception of a one-game stint with Boston...faced the Rangers July 16 (1.1 ip, 2 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 0 so, 1 hr, 20.25 ERA)...was 2-5 with 22 saves and a 3.86 ERA in 54 relief appearances with Pawtucket...struck out 76 in 60.2 innings for an average of 11.27 strikeout per nine innings...posted a 2.70 ERA with a win and a save in four relief appearances for Ponce in the Puerto Rican Winter League...also had no decisions and a 3.38 ERA in three postseason starts.

#### CABRERA'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

### #57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the fifth inning in his first outing last Tuesday against Cincinnati...was signed by the A's as a free agent to a two-year contract with a club option for 2013, January 19...started the 2010 season as the closer with Los Angeles (AL) but finished it in a set-up role with Minnesota following a late August trade...combined for a 4-1 record, 24 saves and a 2.81 ERA in 48 relief appearances...allowed a .181 opponents batting average, which ranked fifth lowest among American League relievers...issued 20 walks for a .273 opponents on-base percentage, which is a career low...first batters faced hit .122, which was fifth lowest in the AL...limited left-handed hitters to a .128 average.

#### FUENTES' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

### #32 BRANDON McCARTHY RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched the third and fourth innings in his first outing Monday at Los Angeles (AL) and allowed one run...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 against left-handed hitters and .240 against right-handers...opponents batted .190 with runners in scoring position and .208 when leading off an inning...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.

#### McCARTHY'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at LAA	-	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	8
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

## 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	
Feb. 28	at Los Angeles (AL)	L, 7-8	1-1	Pineiro	Braden	2,822	
March 1	Cincinnati	L, 6-7	1-2	Smith	Anderson	1,631	1,631
March 2	Cleveland	W, 4-3	2-2	DeHoyos	Mathis	2,325	3,956
March 3	at Milwaukee	L, 9-11	2-3	Rivas	Chulk	2,488	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 4	Texas	LHP Dallas Braden vs. LHP C.J. Wilson	1:05				
March 5	San Francisco	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Madison Bumgarner	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM			
March 6	Milwaukee	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. LHP Chris Narveson	1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM			
	at San Diego	LHP Josh Outman vs. RHP Mat Latos	1:05				
March 7	Seattle	RHP Guillermo Moscoso vs. RHP Felix Hernandez	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			