



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Texas here in Phoenix, 6-3...Kevin Kouzmanoff hit a three-run home run in the first inning but the A's were shutout on five hits and a walk over the final eight innings...Dallas Braden started for the A's and took the loss, allowing four runs on five hits in 3.0 innings...Brandon McCarthy followed with 3.0 innings of relief and allowed a run on three hits...Brian Fuentes and Grant Balfour each tossed one scoreless inning and Willie Eyre surrendered a run in the ninth inning...Chris Carter had two of the A's seven hits, including a double.

### A's vs. GIANTS

This is the first of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the two clubs will meet once more in Arizona on March 20 at Scottsdale before returning to the Bay Area for a three-game series (March 28 at SF, March 29 at OAK, March 30 at SF)...the A's lost four of six to San Francisco last spring, splitting two games in Scottsdale and San Francisco and losing their only contests in Phoenix and Oakland.

### 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](http://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 (2-4) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (7-2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have lost four of the last five games since winning the Cactus League opener...have scored 44 runs, which is fourth most in the majors, and have allowed 42, which is fifth most...have a 6.66 ERA, which is second highest to the Cubs (7.27)...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 am...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.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** has reached base safely in each of his three games (2 for 8, 1 bb)...has batted second in each of his three starts...**Matt Carson** is tied for the Cactus League lead in doubles (3) and tied for sixth in runs (4)...four of his five hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...is one of six Athletics to appear in all six games...**Chris Carter** had his second multiple hit game yesterday against the Rangers...is one of six Athletics to appear in all six games...**Michael Choice** is tied for sixth 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 Thursday against the Brewers and a grand slam last Sunday against the Cubs...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in RBI (5)...has batted leadoff in all three of his starts...**David DeJesus** has hit leadoff once and third once...**Mark Ellis** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 6, .500)...has batted leadoff both times...**Josh Horton** has appeared in two games at shortstop and one at third base...**Conor Jackson** is hitless in four games (0 for 11)...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** has hit safely in each of his three games (4 for 8, .500)...including yesterday against the Rangers when he hit a three-run home run...has hit fifth in all three of his games...**Andy LaRoche** hit his first home run Thursday at Milwaukee and two of his three hits are for extra bases (double)...is one of six Athletics to appear in all six games (two at third base, two at first base, one at second base and one at shortstop)...**Hideki Matsui** is hitless in three games (0 for 5) but has walked at least once in all three contests...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (4)...has hit fourth twice and third once...**Jai Miller** is tied for third in the Cactus League in steals (3), tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.615) and tied for sixth in batting (.500)...stole three bases Wednesday against Cleveland...is one of six Athletics to appear in all six games...**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 four of his games (3 for 10, 3 bb)...has hit second three times and fourth once...**Michael Taylor** hit his first home run of the spring Monday against the Angels, a three-run shot in the eighth inning...**Wes Timmons** is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in runs (4)...is one of six Athletics to appear in all six games...**Steve Tolleson** has made three appearances at third base, three at shortstop and one at second base...is one of six Athletics to appear in all six games...**Josh Willingham** hit his first home run Thursday against Milwaukee, a three-run shot in the second inning...has two multiple hit games in three games...has hit third in all three of his games.

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-1, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring and first start of the spring...pitched the third and fourth innings in relief of Gio Gonzalez in his first outing last Tuesday against Cincinnati and allowed four runs for the loss...two stints on the disabled list with elbow problems limited him to just 19 starts in 2010...was 7-6 with a 2.80 ERA after going 11-11 with a 4.06 ERA in his first season...tossed 112.1 innings and did not qualify for the league leaders...however, based on a minimum of 100 innings pitched, he ranked fifth in the American League in ERA...also ranked fourth in fewest home runs per nine innings (0.48), fifth in fewest walks per nine innings (1.76) and lowest run support (3.53), eighth in strikeout to walk ratio (3.41) and ninth in opponents slugging percentage (.353)...is now 15-10 with a 2.88 ERA in 36 starts since June 29, 2009...his ERA is second lowest among AL pitchers with 200 or more innings pitched over that span (Hernandez, SEA 2.33) and sixth lowest in the majors.

#### ANDERSON'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	L	2.0	6	4	4	0	2	2	12
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #72 GABE DeHOYOS RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...recorded the final two outs in the fourth inning in his first outing Wednesday against Cleveland and picked up the win...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract November 12...spent the entire 2010 season at Triple-A Salt Lake in the Los Angeles (AL) organization where he compiled a 5-1 record, one save and a 3.06 ERA in 38 appearances, all in relief...allowed just four home runs in 82.1 innings, but the home runs matched his career high...ranked fifth among Pacific Coast League relievers in opponents batting average (.235) and strikeouts per nine innings (8.74)...the opponents batting average included a .186 mark against right-handed hitters and .176 to batters leading off an inning.

#### DeHOYOS' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	CLE	W	0.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>0.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

### #33 JOEY DEVINE RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first two outings, including his last outing Wednesday against Cleveland when he tossed a scoreless seventh inning...his first outing February 27 against the Cubs was his first action against Major League hitters since March 24, 2009 against Chicago (AL)...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...his last Major League game was on September 28, 2008 at Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 bb).

#### DEVINE'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	W	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
3/2	CLE	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

### #63 DANIEL FARQUHAR RHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his first two outings, including last Wednesday against Cleveland when he surrendered one run on one hit and a walk in 1.0 inning...the non-roster invitee was acquired from Toronto with Trystan Magnuson for Rajai Davis November 17...was 4-3 with 17 saves and a 3.52 ERA in 53 games with Double-A New Hampshire...ranked third in the Eastern League in appearances and tied for third in saves...allowed a .189 opponents batting average, including .156 against right-handed hitters...was 17-for-19 (89.5%) in save chances...pitched for Peoria in the Arizona Fall League and was 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA and .211 opponents average in nine games.

#### FARQUHAR'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	6
3/2	CLE	-	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

### #31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (0-0, 1 save, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings, pitching a scoreless ninth inning both times...including his last appearance Wednesday against Cleveland when he recorded the save...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...issued nine intentional walks, which led all AL pitchers...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.

#### ZIEGLER'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
3/2	CLE	S	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</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	
March 4	Texas	L, 3-6	2-4	Wilson	Braden	4,448	8,404
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Dustin Moseley	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			