

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's shutout San Francisco 6-0 in Phoenix...Brett Anderson started for Oakland and tossed 3.0 shutout innings (1 h, 1 bb, 5 so)...he was followed by Joey Devine (1.0 ip), Fernando Cabrera (2.0 ip), Gabe DeHoyos (1.0 ip), Fautino De Los Santos (0.2 ip) and Brad Ziegler (1.1 ip)...Mark Ellis had a RBI single in the first inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead and Oakland added three more runs in the fifth inning...Coco Crisp had a two-run Miller single and Jai home...the A's scored their final two runs in the seventh inning when Miller and Josh Donaldson scored on errors...the A's collected six hits, including two by Michael Choice.

A's vs. PADRES

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Padres this spring...the two clubs meet again in Phoenix on Tuesday...last spring, the A's won the only contest between the two clubs, a 10-9, 10-inning decision in Phoenix, March 13...the A's have now won six of their last seven spring games against the Padres.

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

A's radio network 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 be webcast 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 (3-4) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (3-3-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011 - PEORIA STADIUM - 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Snapped a two-game losing streak with a 6-0 shutout of San Francisco yesterday...the A's last spring training shutout prior to yesterday was also against the Giants, 9-0 in San Francisco last year on April 1...had not tossed a shutout in Arizona since February 28, 2009 against Cleveland (1-0)...have scored 50 runs, which is fifth most in the majors, and have allowed 42, which is seventh most...this is the A's 43rd Spring Training in Arizona, their 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, 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 four games (3 for 11, 1 bb)...has batted second in each of his four starts...**Matt Carson** is tied for the Cactus League lead in doubles (3)...four of his five hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...Chris Carter had his second multiple hit game Friday against the Rangers...Michael Choice had his second multiple hit game yesterday...is tied for third in the Cactus League in runs (5)... Coco Crisp has hit safely in each of his four games (5 for 12, .417)...has driven in at least one run in three of those contests and is tied for the Cactus League lead with seven RBI...has batted leadoff in all four of his starts...David DeJesus has hit leadoff once and third once...Mark **Ellis** has hit safely in each of his three games (4 for 9, .444)...has batted leadoff twice and third once...**Josh Horton** has appeared in three 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 Friday 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 four Athletics to appear in all seven games (three 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 sixth in the Cactus League in walks (4)...has hit fourth twice and third once...Jai Miller is tied for the Cactus League lead in steals (4), tied for third in on-base percentage (.667) and runs (5) and tied for fourth in walks (5)...stole three bases Wednesday against Cleveland...is one of four Athletics to appear in all seven games...Eric Sogard has hit safely in each of his four 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 last Monday against the Angels, a three-run shot in the eighth inning...is 1 for 10 in four games since then...**Wes Timmons** is 0 for 7 over his last four games after going 3 for 6 (.500) over his first three...is one of four Athletics to appear in all seven games (four at third base, four at first base, one at shortstop, one at second base)...Steve Tolleson is one of four Athletics to appear in all seven games (four at third base, three at shortstop, one at second base)...Josh Willingham hit his first home run Thursday against Milwaukee, a three-run shot in the second inning...has hit third three times and fourth once.

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#88 JOSH OUTMAN LHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and first start of the spring...allowed two runs on three hits and three walks in 1.1 innings in relief of Bobby Cramer in his last outing Wednesday against Cleveland...tossed a scoreless fifth and sixth inning in his first outing February 27 at Mesa against the Cubs...it was his first appearance against Major League competition since June 19, 2009 at San Diego...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

OUTMAN'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES										
Date Opponent Dec IP H R ER BB SO HR BF										
2/27 at CHI (NL)	-	2.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	
3/2 CLE	-	1.1	3	2	2	3	1	0	9	
Totals		3.1	6	2	2	3	1	0	18	

"Tommy John" surgery, along with Joey Devine and John Meloan...was 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA in 14 games, 12 starts, with the A's in 2009 at the time of his surgery.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#68 JOE BATEMAN RHP (0-0, 40.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run and retired just one batter in each of his two outings, including his last appearance Thursday at Milwaukee when he allowed three runs, including two home runs...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract December 7...spent the entire 2010 season at Triple-A Durham, where he was 7-0 with four saves and a 1.66 ERA in a team-leading 54 appearances...held opponents to a .206 batting average, which ranked fourth among International League relievers...yielded just three home runs in 76.0 innings...allowed just 1 of 23 (4.3%) inherited runners to score.

BATEMAN'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES										
Date Opponent Dec IP H R ER BB SO HR BF										
2/28 at LAA	-	0.3	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
3/3 at MIL	-	0.3	3	3	3	1	0	2	5	
Totals		0.7	4	4	3	1	1	2	8	

#26 BOBBY CRAMER LHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...made his only start in his last outing Wednesday against Cleveland, tossing 2.0 scoreless innings...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...then went 2-1 with a 3.04 ERA in four starts with the A's...held the opposition to a .233 batting average...went 13-3 with a 2.95 ERA in 22 games, 20 starts for Quintana Roo en route

CRAMER'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES									
Date Opponent Dec IP H R ER BB SO HR BF									
2/27 at CHI (NL)	-	2.0	2	1	1	1	0	0	9
3/2 CLE	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Totals		4.0	3	1	1	1	1	0	16

to earning Mexican League Pitcher of the Year honors...led the league in wins and strikeouts (123) and ranked third in ERA.

#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 appearances with Double-A New Hampshire...ranked third in the Eastern League in games pitched and tied for third in saves...also finished third among EL relievers with a .189 opponents batting average...held lefties to a .156 average...was 17-for-19 (89.5%) in save opportunities.

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	
Totals		2.0	4	3	3	1	0	0	11	

#64 TRYSTAN MAGNUSON RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed one run in the eighth inning of his last outing Thursday at Milwaukee after tossing a scoreless eighth inning in his first outing last Monday at Los Angeles (AL)...was acquired by the A's from the Toronto Blue Jays with pitcher Danny Farquhar for outfielder Rajai Davis November 17...spent the entire 2010 season at Double-A New Hampshire, where he was 3-0 with five saves and a 2.58 ERA in 46 appearances, all in relief...yielded just one home run in 73.1 innings...issued 10 walks for an average of 1.23 walks per nine innings, which

MAGNUSON'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES										
Date Oppor	nent Dec	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	HR	BF	
2/28 at LAA	٠ -	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	
3/3 at MIL	-	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1	5	
Totals		2.0	3	1	1	0	1	1	9	

was the lowest mark among Eastern League relievers...allowed a .256 opponents batting average, including .237 against right-handed hitters.

2011 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATT	END.	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
March 5	San Francisco	W, 6-0	3-4	Anderson	Bumgarner		8,330	16,734
DATE	OPPONENT	PROB	ABLES		•	TIME	RADIO/T	V
March 6	Milwaukee	LHP (Gio Gonzalez vs	. LHP Chris Narv	eson	1:05	XTRA Sp	orts 860 AM
	at San Diego	LHP J	osh Outman vs.	RHP Mat Latos		1:05		
March 7	Seattle	RHP (Suillermo Mosco	oso vs. RHP Felix	Hernandez	1:05		
March 8	San Diego	RHP 1	revor Cahill vs.	RHP Dustin Mos	seley	1:05		
March 9	at Texas		allas Braden vs	s. TBA		1:05		
March 10	Kansas City	LHP E	rett Anderson v	s. LHP Will Smith	า	1:05		
March 11	Los Angeles (NL)					1:05		
	at Milwaukee					1:05		
March 12	at Seattle					1:05	XTRA Sp	orts 860 AM
March 13	Colorado					1:05	XTRA Sp	orts 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 Sp	orts 860 AM
March 19	Chicago (AL)					1:05	XTRA Sp	orts 860 AM
March 20	Arizona					1:05	XTRA Sp	orts 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 Sp	orts 860 AM
March 27	at Colorado					1:05	XTRA Sp	orts 860 AM
March 28	vs. San Francisco (at SF)					7:15	XTRA Sp	orts 860 AM / CSNBA
March 29	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)					7:05		orts 860 AM / CSNCA
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)					12:45	XTRA Sp	orts 860 AM