



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 single and Jai Miller stole 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. BREWERS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...the A's lost the first game on Thursday at Maryvale, 11-9...the clubs meet for the final time next Friday at Maryvale...the A's won both meetings last spring after going 0-2-1 against the Brewers in 2009.

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 (3-4) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (5-2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL 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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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

#47 GIO GONZALEZ LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...retired all six batters he faced in his first start last Tuesday against Cincinnati, including five by strikeout...began the 2010 season as the A's fifth starter but ended up finishing second on the team in wins, posting a 15-9 record with a 3.23 ERA in a team-leading 33 starts...was the only Athletic to spend the entire season in the starting rotation...tied for fourth in the American League in games started, ranked fifth in opponents slugging (.329), eighth in ERA, 10th in opponents batting average (.229) and tied for 10th in wins...led the A's with 171 strikeouts and 92 walks...his walk total was second highest in the AL...also led the A's in innings pitched (200.2)...yielded just 15 home runs for an average of 0.67 per nine innings, which was 10th lowest in the AL...was 7-6 with a 3.79 ERA in 18 starts before the All-Star Break...then went 8-3 with a 2.59 ERA in 15 starts after the break...ranked fourth in the AL in post-break ERA and tied for fourth in wins.

GONZALEZ' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	5	0	6
Totals			2.0	0	0	0	0	5	0	6

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his last outing Friday against Texas after allowing three runs on five hits 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 and .267 against left-handers...opponents hit .161 with runners in scoring position, including .074 with RISP and two outs.

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
3/4	TEX	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Totals			2.0	6	3	3	0	2	0	12

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his last outing Thursday at Milwaukee after allowing two runs in his first contest last Monday at Los Angeles (AL)...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...allowed 12 of 34 (35.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the sixth highest percentage in the AL...yielded a .274 opponents batting average, including .231 against left-handed hitters.

BLEVINS' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at LAA	-	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	6
3/3	at MIL	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Totals			2.0	4	2	2	0	0	0	10

#57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 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, including Friday against Texas when he pitched the seventh inning...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...held lefties to a .128 mark...first batters faced hit .122, which was fifth lowest in the AL.

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
3/4	TEX	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals			2.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (0-0, 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 (3.2 ip), including his last outing Wednesday against Cleveland when he pitched the fifth and sixth innings...the A's second-round pick in the 2008 draft made the 2010 Opening Day roster as a non-roster invitee and spent half of the season with Oakland...went 1-4 with a save and a 5.49 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, before he was optioned to Sacramento July 7...was 2-1 with a 3.55 ERA in six games, all starts, with the River Cats before he was shut down Aug. 10 with a strained right elbow...was named the A's fourth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

ROSS' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	1.7	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
3/2	CLE	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
Totals			3.7	2	0	0	0	2	0	13

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
March 5	San Francisco	W, 6-0	3-4	Anderson	Bumgarner	8,330	16,734
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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	LHP Dallas Braden vs. TBA		1:05			
March 10	Kansas City	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Will Smith		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		