

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Seattle in Phoenix. 6-3...Guillermo Moscoso started for the A's and allowed two runs in 3.0 innings for the loss...he was followed by Joey Devine, who walked four of the five batters he faced...Yadel Marti tossed 2.0 scoreless innings and Neil Wagner and Carlos Hernandez pitched 1.0 scoreless innings relief each...the A's scored their first run in the third inning on a Kevin Kouzmanoff RBI single but that would be their only run over the first eight innings...Andy LaRoche then hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth to complete the A's scoring...Kouzmanoff had two of the A's 10 hits.

A's vs. PADRES

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Padres this spring...Oakland lost the first game Sunday at Peoria, 7-6...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 won six of their last eight 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 report to training camp at Papago Park today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...position players will 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

radio network A's broadcast 10 games from Arizona this spring and all three games in Bay Area...games can heard in the Bay Area on XTRA Sports 860 AM...the schedule 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 webcast be 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 Francisco in Oakland. against San

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (4-6) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (4-4-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 - PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM - 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have split the last four games after losing four of the first six...the A's are tied for third in the majors this spring in runs scored (64) but are fourth in most runs allowed (59)...also rank fifth in on-base percentage (.376) and have the third highest ERA (5.50)...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 March 29 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 five games (4 for 14, 1 bb)...has batted second in each of his five starts...Matt Carson is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in doubles (3)...four of his six hits are for extra bases (home run)...Michael Choice is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in runs (6)...Coco Crisp has hit safely in each of his five games (7 for 15, .467)...has driven in at least one run in three of those contests and is tied for third in the Cactus League in RBI (7)...has batted leadoff in all five of his starts...David DeJesus has reached base safely in all four of his games (2 for 10, bb, hbp)...has hit third twice and leadoff twice... Mark Ellis has hit safely in each of his four games (5 for 12, .417)... has batted leadoff twice, second once and third once...Josh Horton has appeared in four games at shortstop and one at third base...Conor Jackson started the spring 0 for 15 before singling in the third inning yesterday...has appeared in four games at first base, one in right field and one at designated hitter...Kevin Kouzmanoff has reached base safely in each of his five games (6 for 12, 2 bb)...has driven in a run in each of his last four contests, including last Friday against the Rangers when he hit a three-run home run...has hit fifth four times and fourth once...Andy LaRoche hit his second home run yesterday and three of his four hits are for extra bases (double)...is one of four Athletics to appear in all nine possible games (four at third base, three at first base, one at second base and one at shortstop)...Hideki Matsui singled in the first inning yesterday to snap a spring-opening 0 for 8 streak...has hit third three times and fourth twice... Jai Miller ranks second in the Cactus League in on-base percentage (.565), tied for second in steals (4) and tied for third in walks (7)...stole three bases last Wednesday against Cleveland...is one of four Athletics to appear in all nine possible games... Eric Sogard has appeared in five games, all at shortstop...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in all five of his games (5 for 13, 3 bb)...has hit second three times, fourth once and sixth once...**Michael Taylor** is 0 for 11 over his last five games after going 3 for 12 (.250) with a home run and three RBI over his first three contests...**Wes Timmons** is one of four Athletics to appear in all nine possible games (five at third base, five at first base, one at shortstop, one at second base)...Steve Tolleson doubled and walked twice in three plate appearances yesterday and has reached base safely in eight of nine games this spring...is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (7)...is one of four Athletics to appear in all nine possible games (four at third base, three at shortstop, two at second base)...**Josh Willingham** hit his first home run last Thursday against Milwaukee, a three-run shot in the second inning...has hit third three times and fourth twice

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#53 TREVOR CAHILL RHP (0-0, 20.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his first two starts and has surrendered hits to nine of the 18 batters he has faced (.563 opponents average)...began the 2010 season on the disabled list and was optioned to Sacramento before returning to Oakland April 30 to lead the A's with 18 wins...posted an 18-8 record in 30 starts with a team-leading 2.97 ERA...ranked third in the American League in opponents batting average (.220), fourth in ERA and opponents on-base percentage (.287), tied for fourth in wins, tied for fifth in winning percentage (.692) and sixth in opponents slugging (.332)...his 18 wins were the most by an Athletic over the last eight years...the last AL pitcher

CAHILL'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS									
Date Opponent	Dec	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	HR	BF
2/27 at CHI (NL)	-	0.3	5	4	4	1	0	0	7
3/3 at MIL	-	2.3	4	2	2	1	4	0	11
Totals		2.7	9	6	6	2	4	0	18

under the age of 23 with at least 18 wins was Bret Saberhagen, who won 20 games for Kansas City in 1985...all of his wins came after May 1, matching Jon Lester (BOS) and CC Sabathia (NYY) for most in the majors over that span.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has retired all nine batters he has faced over his first two outings, including six in his last outing Saturday against San Francisco (2.0 ip)...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 one game with Boston on 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.

CABRERA'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES										
Date	Opponent	Dec	ΙP	Н	R	FR	BB	SO.	HR	BF
	CIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3/5	SF	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
Total	S		3.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9

#45 WILLIE EYRE RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the ninth inning in his last outing Friday against Texas after retiring the side in order in the ninth inning in his first outing last Tuesday against Cincinnati...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract October 29...went 5-4 with two saves and a 3.50 ERA in 49 relief appearances with Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Texas farm system last year...allowed just two home runs in 72.0 innings...yielded a .264 opponents batting average, including .254 (30 for 118) against left-handed hitters

EYRE'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES										
Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	HR	BF
3/1	• •	-	1.0				0			3
3/4	TEX	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
Total	S		2.0	1	1	1	2	2	0	9

and .272 (44 for 162) against right-handers...opponents hit .200 when leading of an inning...posted a 0.84 ERA in the ninth inning.

#63 DANIEL FARQUHAR RHP (0-1, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his first three outings...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 right-handed hitters to a .159 average...was 17-for-19 (89.5%) in save opportunities...pitched for Peoria in the Arizona Fall League and was 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA in nine appearances.

FARQUHAR'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES									
Date Opponent	Dec	IP	Н	D	ED	ВВ	so.	HR	BF
2/27 at CHI (NL)		1.0	3	2		0	0	0	6
3/2 CLE	-	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
3/6 at SD	L	0.7	2	1	1	1	0	0	5
Totals		2.7	6	4	4	2	0	0	16

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings (3.1 ip) and has finished all three games...including last Wednesday against Cleveland when he recorded the save...was 3-7 with a 3.26 ERA in 64 relief appearances last year...the losses tied for most among AL relievers and his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest...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 11for-60 (.183) with three walks...allowed 7 of 31 (22.6%) inherited runners to score.

	ZIEGLER	'S SPRI	NG TR	AINII	NG.	APPI	EARA	ANCE	S	
Date Op	ponent	Dec	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	HR	BF
2/27 at	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
3/2 CL	.E	S	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3/5 SF		-	1.3	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
Totals			3.3	3	0	0	1	2	0	15

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	
	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	3,404
March 5 San Francisco W, 6-0 3-4 Anderson Bumgarner 8,330 10	5,734
March 6 Milwaukee W, 5-4 4-4 Balfour Butler 2,963 19	9,697
at San Diego L, 6-7 4-5 Perdomo Farquhar 6,061	
March 7 Seattle L, 4-6 4-6 Hernandez Moscoso 3,404 23	3,101
DATE OPPONENT PROBABLES TIME RADIO/TV	
March 8 San Diego RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Dustin Moseley 1:05	
March 9 at Texas LHP Dallas Braden vs. LHP Derek Holland 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 Al	Л
March 13 Colorado 1:05 XTRA Sports 860 Al	
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 (ÁL) 4:05 XTRA Sports 860 Al	Л
March 19 Chicago (AL) 1:05 XTRA Sports 860 Al	
March 20 Arizona 1:05 XTRA Sports 860 Al	Л
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 Al	Л
March 27 at Colorado 1:05 XTRA Sports 860 Al	Л
March 28 vs. San Francisco (at SF) 7:15 XTRA Sports 860 Al	
March 29 vs. San Francisco (at OAK) 7:05 XTRA Sports 860 Al	
March 30 vs. San Francisco (at SF) 12:45 XTRA Sports 860 Al	