



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated San Diego in Phoenix 6-2...Trevor Cahill started for Oakland and tossed 4.0 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and no walks...he left with a 2-0 lead as Andy LaRoche hit a two-run home run in the second inning...Willie Eyre kept the Padres off the board in the fifth inning but allowed two runs to score in the sixth to tie the game...Brad Ziegler, Fernando Cabrera and Joe Bateman followed with a scoreless inning of relief each...Ziegler picked up the win thanks to a Grant Green RBI single in the bottom of the seventh, which gave the A's the lead for good...the A's added three more runs in the eighth inning on a pinch hit solo home run by Anthony Recker and a two-run home run by Michael Taylor...LaRoche and Taylor had two hits each.

A's vs. RANGERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...Oakland lost the first game in Phoenix last Friday, 6-3...last spring, the A's played to an 8-8 tie 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 have reported to training camp at Papago Park and the first workout is scheduled for today...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

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 (5-6) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (6-5)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three of the last five games after losing four of the first six...the A's are tied for second in the majors in runs scored (70) but are tied for seventh in most runs allowed (61)...also rank second in walks (52) and third in on-base percentage (.372)...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.

BASEBALL BARGAINS: The A's will launch a new promotion called Free Hot Dog Thursdays, with 10,000 fans receiving a voucher upon entry on Thursdays, redeemable for a free hot dog from concession stands at that day's game...other popular promotions include Chevy Free Parking Tuesdays, BART \$2 Wednesdays and Xfinity Friday Family Pack...for most Tuesdays, fans will get to park free at the Coliseum...for every Wednesday game, A's fans can purchase \$2 tickets...the Friday Family Pack, which is open to families or any group, includes four Plaza Level tickets and four meals for a cost of only \$50...each meal includes a hot dog, soda and bag of peanuts...for more information, go to the A's website, oaklandathletics.com.

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 fifth in the Cactus League in doubles (3)...four of his six hits are for extra bases (home run)...**Michael Choice** is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in runs (6)...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely in each of his six games (7 for 17, 1 bb)...is tied for third in the Cactus League in RBI (7)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all six 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 batted leadoff twice, third twice and second once...**Grant Green** is 3 for 6 (.500) over his last three games...has made all five of his defensive appearances at shortstop...**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 Monday against Seattle...that is his only hit in 20 at bats...has appeared in four games at first base, two at designated hitter and one in right field...**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** has homered in back-to-back games and now has three for the spring, which is tied for second in the Cactus League...also ranks third in slugging (.889)...four of his six hits are for extra bases (double)...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 10 possible games (four at third base, four at first base, one at second base and one at shortstop)...**Hideki Matsui** singled in the first inning Monday against Seattle to snap a spring-opening 0 for 8 streak...has hit third three times and fourth twice...**Jai Miller** is tied for second in the Cactus League in steals (4), tied for third in walks (7) and ranks fourth in on-base percentage (.542)...stole three bases a week ago today against Cleveland...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 10 possible games...**Anthony Recker** hit his first home run yesterday against San Diego and two of his four hits are for extra bases (double)...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in five games, all at shortstop...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in all six of his games (6 for 16, 3 bb)...has hit second three times, fourth once, fifth once and sixth once...**Michael Taylor** hit his second home run yesterday and also singled...is now 2 for 15 (.133) over his last six games after going 3 for 12 (.250) over his first three contests...**Wes Timmons** is one of three Athletics to appear in all 10 possible games (six at third base, five at first base, one at shortstop, one at second base)...**Steve Tolleson** doubled and walked twice in three plate appearances Monday against Seattle and has reached base safely in eight of his nine games...is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (7)...has appeared in four games at third base, three at shortstop and 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 three times.

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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

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-2, 11.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has been charged with the loss in each of his first two outings, allowing at least two runs in each contest...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
3/4	TEX	L	3.0	5	4	4	0	1	1	14
Totals			4.0	7	6	5	2	2	1	22

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in two of his three outings...has not walked or struck out a batter in 3.0 innings...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 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 American League...yielded a .274 opponents average, including .231 against left-handers.

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
3/6	MIL	-	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	6
Totals			3.0	7	4	4	0	0	0	16

#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	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
3/6	at SD	L	0.7	2	1	1	1	0	0	5
Totals			2.7	6	4	4	2	0	0	16

#64 TRYSTAN MAGNUSON RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not walked a batter in his previous three outings (4.0 ip), but has allowed at least one run in each of his last two contests...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 was the lowest mark among Eastern League relievers...allowed a .256 opponents batting average.

MAGNUSON'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at LAA	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
3/3	at MIL	-	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1	5
3/6	at SD	-	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	2	8
Totals			4.0	6	3	3	0	2	3	17

#32 BRANDON McCARTHY RHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has pitched in relief of Dallas Braden in each of his first two outings, tossing the third and fourth innings February 28 at Los Angeles and innings four through six last Friday against Texas...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, including .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
3/4	TEX	-	3.0	3	1	1	0	3	0	12
Totals			5.0	5	2	2	0	4	0	20

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
March 6	Milwaukee	W, 5-4	4-4	Balfour	Butler	2,963	19,697
March 7	at San Diego	L, 6-7	4-5	Perdomo	Farquhar	6,061	
March 8	Seattle	L, 4-6	4-6	Hernandez	Moscoso	3,404	23,101
March 8	San Diego	W, 6-2	5-6	Ziegler	Poreda	2,557	25,658
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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 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