



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Texas at Surprise, 9-2...Dallas Braden started for the A's and allowed five runs, three earned, in the first inning...those were the only runs he would allow in 2.2 innings (6 h, 1 bb, 2 so) and he took the loss...Brandon McCarthy allowed a run on four hits in 3.0 innings and Trystan Magnuson retired the side in order in the seventh...Jerry Blevins then allowed three runs on four hits and a walk in the eighth inning...the A's scored both of their runs on solo home runs as David DeJesus homered in the fourth inning and Landon Powell went deep in the fifth...Ryan Sweeney had two hits in his first game of the spring...DeJesus, Powell and Kevin Kouzmanoff also had two hits each.

### A's vs. ROYALS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...the two clubs meet again next Tuesday at Surprise...last spring, the A's lost two of three to the Royals...dropped both games in Surprise but won the only contest in Phoenix.

### 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 had their first workout yesterday...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 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...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 (5-7) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (8-4)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 4-3 at Phoenix Muni and 1-4 on the road...the A's are tied for fifth in the majors in runs scored (72) but are sixth in most runs allowed (70)...also rank tied for second in walks (54) and fifth in on-base percentage (.366)...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 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.

### 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 seventh in the Cactus League in doubles (3)...four of his six hits are for extra bases (home run)...**Michael Choice** is tied for eighth 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 sixth in the Cactus League in RBI (7)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all six of his starts...**David DeJesus** hit his first home run yesterday at Texas and also singled for his first multiple hit game...has reached base safely in all five of his contests (4 for 13, bb, hbp)...has hit third twice, leadoff twice and second once...**Mark Ellis** is 0 for 6 over his last two games after hitting safely in each of his first four (5 for 12, .417)...has batted leadoff three times, 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...**Conor Jackson** started the spring 0 for 15 before singling in the third inning Monday against Seattle...that is his only hit in 23 at bats...has appeared in five games at first base, two at designated hitter and one in right field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** had his third multiple hit game yesterday at Texas and has now reached base safely in each of his six games (8 for 15, 2 bb)...has hit safely in five of those games and driven in a run in four, including last Friday against the Rangers when he hit a three-run home run...has hit fifth five times and fourth once...**Andy LaRoche** is 4 for 7 (.571) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last three games...is tied for second in the Cactus League in home runs (3) and ranks third in slugging (.900)...five of his seven hits are for extra bases as he also has two doubles...homered in back-to-back games on Monday and Tuesday...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 11 possible games (four at third base, four at first base, two at shortstop, one at second base)...**Hideki Matsui** singled in the first inning Monday against Seattle to snap a spring-opening 0 for 8 streak...that is his only hit in 14 at bats...has hit third three times and fourth three times...**Jai Miller** is tied for third in the Cactus League in steals (4), tied for fourth in walks (7) and ranks seventh in on-base percentage (.520)...is 1 for 10 (.100) over his last seven games after going 4 for 6 (.667) over his first four contests...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 11 possible games...**Landon Powell** hit his first home run yesterday at Texas and also had his first multiple hit game...**Anthony Recker** hit his first home run Tuesday 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...**Ryan Sweeney** went 2 for 3 in his first game of the spring yesterday at Texas...**Michael Taylor** hit his second home run Tuesday against San Diego and also singled...is now 2 for 16 (.125) over his last seven games after going 3 for 12 (.250) over his first three contests...**Wes Timmons** is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in walks (6) and ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in on-base percentage (.481)...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 11 possible games (six at third base, five at first base, one at shortstop, one at second base)...**Steve Tolleson** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (7)...has appeared in four games at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Josh Willingham** hit his first home run a week ago today against Milwaukee, a three-run shot in the second inning...has hit third three times and fourth three times.

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (1-1, 7.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...tossed 3.0 shutout innings and struck out five in his start last Saturday against San Francisco and picked up the win...pitched the third and fourth innings in relief of Gio Gonzalez in his first outing March 1 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 (.353).

#### 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
3/5	SF	W	3.0	1	0	0	1	5	0	10
Totals			5.0	7	4	4	1	7	2	22

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #40 ANDREW BAILEY RHP (1-3, 25 saves, 1.47 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...led the A's in saves and was named to the AL All-Star team for the second consecutive year in 2010 despite missing a month and a half due to injuries...was 1-3 with 25 saves and a 1.47 ERA in 47 relief appearances...was on the DL from July 21 to Aug. 21 and did not pitch after Sept. 17...Dr. James Andrews performed surgery on his right elbow Sept. 24 in Florida...ranked 10th in the AL in saves but had just three blown saves...his save percentage of 89.3% was fifth best in the league...also ranked seventh among AL relievers in opponents on-base percentage (.251) and eighth in opponents slugging (.292)...his 1.47 ERA was third lowest among AL pitchers with 40 or more innings pitched...allowed a .199 opponents batting average, including .195 against lefties and .202 against righties.

### #50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 15.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in two of his three outings, all 1.0 inning each...opponents are 8 for 16 (.500)...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...struck out 56 batters in 55.1 innings and walked just 17 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.29.

#### 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
3/6	MIL	W	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	0	6
Totals			3.0	8	5	5	1	2	0	18

### #33 JOEY DEVINE RHP (1-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip) before yielding two runs in his last outing Monday against Seattle when he walked four of the five batters he faced...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 along with Josh Outman and John Meloan...his last Major League game came 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
3/5	SF	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3/7	SEA	-	0.3	0	2	2	4	0	0	5
Totals			3.3	1	2	2	6	1	0	18

### #57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 1 save, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run or walked a batter in his first three outings (3.0 ip)...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...issued 20 walks for a .273 opponents on-base percentage, which is a career low...first batters faced hit .122, which was fifth lowest in the AL...his opponents batting average broke down to .128 against left-handed hitters and .202 against right-handers.

#### 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
3/6	MIL	S	1.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	5
Totals			3.0	4	0	0	0	4	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
March 6	Milwaukee	W, 5-4	4-4	Balfour	Butler	2,963	19,697
	at San Diego	L, 6-7	4-5	Perdomo	Farquhar	6,061	
March 7	Seattle	L, 4-6	4-6	Hernandez	Moscoso	3,404	23,101
March 8	San Diego	W, 6-2	5-6	Ziegler	Poreda	2,557	25,658
March 9	at Texas	L, 2-9	5-7	Holland	Braden	4,066	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 10	Kansas City	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Will Smith	1:05				
March 11	Los Angeles (NL)	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Chad Billingsley	1:05				
	at Milwaukee	RHP Tyson Ross vs. RHP Yovani Gallardo	1:05				
March 12	at Seattle	RHP Guillermo Moscoso vs. RHP Blake Beavan	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			