



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's and Royals played to a 4-4, nine-inning tie in Phoenix...the A's scored all four of their runs in the first inning, beginning with a two-run home run by Kurt Suzuki...Andy LaRoche added a two-run double later in the inning...Brett Anderson started for the A's and blanked the Royals over his first three innings before allowing two runs in the fourth inning...he recorded just one out that inning and pitched 3.1 innings (3 h, 2 bb, 4 so)...Brian Fuentes recorded the final two outs in the fourth inning and Grant Balfour allowed a run in the fifth...Andrew Bailey made his spring debut in the sixth inning and retired the side in order...Joey Devine allowed the tying run to score in the seventh and Yadel Marti closed out the game with 2.0 perfect innings...LaRoche had two of the A's seven hits.

A's vs. DODGERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the two clubs meet again at Camelback Ranch March 21...last spring, the two clubs played to a 3-3 tie in their only meeting...the A's are 2-0-1 against the Dodgers since they moved to Arizona 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 have reported to training camp at Papago Park and have begun workouts...position players will report on Monday with the first workout scheduled for 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 (5-7-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (5-9)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 4-3-1 at Phoenix Muni and 1-4 on the road...the A's are tied for sixth in the majors in runs scored (76) but are tied for seventh in most runs allowed (74)...also rank third in walks (58) and fifth in on-base percentage (.362)...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).

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...has not played since Sunday...**Matt Carson** collected his fourth double yesterday, which is tied for the Cactus League lead...five of his seven hits are for extra bases as he also has one home run...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely in each of his seven games (8 for 19, 2 bb)...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in RBI (7)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all seven of his starts...**David DeJesus** hit his first home run Wednesday 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 7 (.429) over his last four games...has made all six 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** has reached base safely in each of his seven games (9 for 17, 3 bb)...has hit safely in six of those contests and has three multiple hit games...has hit fifth six times and fourth once...**Andy LaRoche** is 6 for 9 (.667) with four runs, two doubles, two home runs and four RBI over his last four games...leads the Cactus League in slugging (.955), is tied for second in home runs (3), ranks fourth in on-base percentage (.536) and is ninth in batting (.409)...homed in back-to-back games on Monday and Tuesday...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 12 possible games (four at third base, four at first base, two at shortstop, two 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 17 at bats...has hit fourth four times and third three times...**Jai Miller** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in steals (4) and walks (7) and tied for seventh in on-base percentage (.500)...is 1 for 11 (.091) over his last eight games after going 4 for 6 (.667) over his first four contests...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 12 possible games...**Landon Powell** hit his first home run Wednesday 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** hit his first home run yesterday against Kansas City and has now reached base safely in all seven of his games (7 for 19, 3 bb)...has hit safely in each of his last six (7 for 17, .412)...has hit second four times, fourth once, fifth once and sixth once...**Ryan Sweeney** went 2 for 3 in his first game of the spring Wednesday at Texas...**Michael Taylor** hit his second home run Tuesday against San Diego and also singled...is 2 for 17 (.118) over his last eight 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)...is one of three Athletics to appear in all 12 possible games (six at third base, six 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 five games at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Josh Willingham** is 1 for 10 (.100) over his last four games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit third four times and fourth three times.

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, media guide and more at <http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com>

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 third start of the spring...has not allowed a run or hit in either of his first two starts (5.0 ip)...has retired 15 of the 17 batters he has faced, 10 by strikeout...is tied for third in the Cactus League in strikeouts...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...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...was also second in walks (92)...yielded just 15 home runs for an average of 0.67 per nine innings, which was 10th lowest in the AL

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
3/6	MIL	-	3.0	0	0	0	2	5	0	11
Totals			5.0	0	0	0	2	10	0	17

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 15.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in three of his four outings...opponents are 11 for 22 (.500)...has not struck out a batter (4.0 ip)...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 batting average, including .231 against left-handed hitters and .311 against right-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
3/9	at TEX	-	1.0	4	3	3	1	0	1	8
Totals			4.0	11	7	7	1	0	1	24

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has retired 12 of the 13 batters he has faced over his first three outings and has not allowed a run (4.0 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...was 1-0 with a save and a 2.70 ERA four appearances for Ponce in the Puerto Rican Winter League.

CABRERA'S 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
3/5	SF	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
3/8	SD	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Totals			4.0	1	0	0	0	4	0	13

#45 WILLIE EYRE RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his last two outings after retiring the side in order in the ninth inning in his first outing March 1 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 against left-handed hitters and .272 against right-handers...opponents hit .200 when leading off an inning.

EYRE'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
3/4	TEX	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
3/9	SD	-	2.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	8
Totals			4.0	4	3	3	2	2	0	17

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

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first four outings (4.1 ip)...including Tuesday against San Diego when he recorded the win...was 3-7 with a 3.26 ERA in 64 relief appearances last year...the losses were a career-high and tied for most among American League relievers...his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest among AL relievers...had the highest ERA of his career...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 11-for-60 (.183) with three walks...allowed 7 of 31 (22.6%) inherited runners to score.

ZIEGLER'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
3/2	CLE	S	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3/5	SF	-	1.3	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
3/8	SD	W	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Totals			4.3	3	0	0	1	5	0	19

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	
March 10	Kansas City	T, 4-4	5-7-1	--	--	2,586	28,244
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. TBA	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			