



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Colorado in Phoenix, 9-4...Oakland scored three times in the bottom of the first inning on a Daric Barton RBI single, a wild pitch and a Mark Ellis RBI single...Hideki Matsui then homered in the third to make the score 4-2...Trevor Cahill started for the A's and allowed three runs on six hits and two walks in 4.0 innings for the win, striking out five...Brian Fuentes and Grant Balfour followed with a scoreless inning of relief each...Yadel Marti tossed 2.0 scoreless innings before Willie Eyre allowed a run in the ninth inning...Daric Barton hit a two-run home run in the fourth and Cliff Pennington belted a three-run shot in the fifth to complete the A's scoring...Coco Crisp had three hits and Barton and Matsui had two hits each.

A's vs. INDIANS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Indians this spring...the A's won the first contest in Phoenix on March 2 by a score of 4-3...last spring, the A's and Indians met just once with the A's losing 12-4 at Goodyear.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 47 players in camp...the total includes 36 players on the 40-man roster and 11 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 21 pitchers, four catchers, 11 infielders and 11 outfielders...the A's have 40 players on the 40-man roster.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Pitchers and catchers have reported to training camp at Papago Park and have begun workouts...position players report today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...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 (7-9-1) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (5-9-2)

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost each of their last six road games...are 1-6 on the road and 6-3-1 at Phoenix Muni...are tied for fourth in the majors in runs scored (99) but are tied for sixth in most runs allowed (94)...the offense leads the majors with 74 walks and is tied for fifth in on-base percentage (.354)...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.

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Seven of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* began this spring in major league camp...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 returned to the lineup for the first time in a week yesterday against Colorado and went 2 for 4 with his first home run...has now reached base safely in each of his six games (6 for 18, 1 bb) and has hit second each time...**Matt Carson** collected his fourth double last Thursday against Kansas City, which is tied for fifth in the Cactus League...**Michael Choice** has a double and three walks in four plate appearances over his last four games...**Coco Crisp** has back-to-back three-hit games (6 for 8) and has reached base safely in each of his nine games (14 for 27, 2 bb)...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in total bases (25), tied for seventh in hits (14) and tied for ninth in runs (8)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all nine of his starts...**David DeJesus** hit his first home run last Wednesday at Texas and also singled for his first multiple hit game...has hit third four times, leadoff three times and second once...**Josh Donaldson** has not struck out in 19 at bats over 11 games this spring...**Mark Ellis** had his second multiple hit game Saturday against the Mariners and is 3 for 6 (.500) with four walks over his last three games...**Grant Green** is 0 for 8 over his last four games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first six contests...has made all nine of his defensive appearances at shortstop...**Conor Jackson** started the spring 0 for 15 before singling in the third inning a week ago today against Seattle...is 2 for 30 (.067)...has appeared in five games at first base, three at designated hitter and two in right field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** has reached base safely in each of his nine games (11 for 22, 4 bb)...has hit safely in seven of those contests and has four multiple hit games...**Andy LaRoche** is 7 for 16 (.438) with four runs, two doubles, two home runs and six RBI over his last six games...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in home runs (3) and ranks sixth in slugging (.759)...homered in back-to-back games last Monday and Tuesday...has appeared in five games at first base, four at third base, three at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** went 2 for 2 with two walks and his first home run yesterday against Colorado after going 1 for 21 over his first eight games...has hit fourth four times, third four times and fifth once...**Jai Miller** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (8) and tied for fifth in steals (4)...is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last 10 games after going 4 for 6 (.667) over his first four contests...**Cliff Pennington** went 1 for 3 with a home run and three RBI yesterday against Colorado after going 0 for 10 over his first four games...**Landon Powell** hit his first home run last Wednesday at Texas and also had his first multiple hit game...**Anthony Recker** hit his first home run last Tuesday against San Diego...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in seven games, all at shortstop...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in all eight of his games (8 for 22, 3 bb)...has hit safely in each of his last seven (8 for 20, .400)...hit his first home run last Thursday against Kansas City...**Ryan Sweeney** has two hits in each of his two games...**Michael Taylor** had his third multiple hit game Friday against Milwaukee and is 4 for 10 (.400) over his last four games after going 0 for 11 over his previous five contests...hit his second home run last Tuesday against San Diego...**Wes Timmons** is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...is 1 for 13 over his last seven games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...is the only Athletic to appear in all 15 possible games (nine at first base, six at third base, one at shortstop, one at second base)...**Steve Tolleson** is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (7)...has appeared in six games at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Josh Willingham** is 2 for 15 (.133) with eight strikeouts over his last six games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit fourth five times and third four times.

TRANSACTIONS

March 13 Adrian Cardenas, Fautino De Los Santos and Sean Doolittle optioned to Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa optioned to Midland; Joe Boleman, Vinnie Chulk, Gabe DeHoyos, Willie Eyre, Josh Horton and Max Stassi reassigned to minor league camp
March 14 Danny Farquhar reassigned to minor league camp

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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 (0-3, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...has been charged with the loss in each of his first three 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...tied for fifth in the AL in losses (14).

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
3/9	at TEX	L	2.7	6	5	3	1	2	0	15
Totals			6.7	13	11	8	3	4	1	37

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#40 ANDREW BAILEY RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the sixth inning of his first outing last Thursday against Kansas City...led the A's in saves and was named to the American League 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 disabled list 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 and his save percentage of 89.3% was fifth best in the league.

BAILEY'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/10	KC	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Totals			1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 14.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in four of his five outings...opponents are 12 for 26 (.462)...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
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
3/11	LAD	-	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1	4
Totals			5.0	12	8	8	1	1	2	28

#64 TRYSTAN MAGNUSON RHP (0-0, 7.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his five outings...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...had career highs in games, saves and strikeouts (63)...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, including .237 against right-handed hitters and .281 against left-handers.

MAGNUSON'S LAST FOUR SPRING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/9	at TEX	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3/12	at SEA	-	1.0	2	2	2	2	0	0	6
Totals			6.0	8	5	5	2	3	3	26

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

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first five outings (5.0 ip)...including his last outing Friday against the Dodgers when he recorded the final two outs of the fifth inning...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 AL 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 LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/11	LAD	-	0.7	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Totals			5.0	4	0	0	1	6	0	22

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
March 11	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 9-2	6-7-1	Gonzalez	Billingsley	4,898	33,142
	at Milwaukee	L, 3-4	6-8-1	Segovia	Outman	3,801	
March 12	at Seattle	L, 2-10	6-9-1	Beavan	Moscoso	7,040	
March 13	Colorado	W, 9-4	7-9-1	Cahill	Nicasio	6,122	39,264
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 14	at Cleveland	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Justin Masterson	1:05				
March 15	Chicago (NL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Andrew Kashner	1:05				
	at Kansas City	RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. RHP Nate Adcock	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			