



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Cleveland at Goodyear, 9-8...Coco Crisp had a two-run triple in the A's three-run third inning and Jemile Weeks and Eric Sogard had back-to-back RBI doubles in the fourth...Chris Carter led off the sixth inning with a home run to tie the game at 6-6...Andrew Bailey allowed two unearned runs in the seventh inning but the A's tied the game on a two-run home run by Carter in the eighth...Neil Wagner then allowed a run in the bottom of the eighth for the loss...Dallas Braden started for the A's and allowed six runs, four earned, on seven hits in 4.0 innings...Jerry Blevins followed with 2.0 scoreless innings and Brad Ziegler recorded the final two outs of the seventh inning after Bailey left with an injury...Weeks was 3 for 3 with a walk and Carter and Matt Carson had two hits each.

A's vs. ROYALS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the two clubs played to a 4-4 tie last Thursday in Phoenix...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 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 reported yesterday and the first workout is scheduled for today...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 (7-10-1) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (10-6-1) TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 6-3-1 at Phoenix Muni and 1-7 on the road...have lost each of their last seven road games...are tied for third in the majors in runs scored (107) but are fifth in most runs allowed (103)...the offense leads the majors with 79 walks and ranks sixth 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).

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).

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton returned to the lineup for the first time in a week Sunday 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** had his third multiple hit game yesterday at Cleveland...also doubled in the game and has five for the spring, which is tied for the Cactus League lead...**Chris Carter** hit his first two home runs yesterday at Cleveland...it was his third multiple hit game...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in walks (7)...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely in each of his 10 games (15 for 31, 2 bb) and has hit safely in nine of those contests...is tied for third in the Cactus League in RBI (10) and triples (2), tied for fourth in hits (15) and total bases (28) and tied for eighth in runs (9)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 10 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 20 at bats over 12 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 five games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first six contests...has made all nine of his defensive appearances at shortstop...**Conor Jackson** is 2 for 30 (.067) in 10 games...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 10 games (12 for 25, 4 bb)...has hit safely in eight of those contests and has four multiple hit games...**Andy LaRoche** is 7 for 18 (.389) 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 eighth in slugging (.710)...homed in back-to-back games last Monday and Tuesday...has appeared in five games at first base, five at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 2 for 5 with three walks and his first home run over his last two games after going 1 for 21 over his first eight games...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in walks (7)...has hit fourth five 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 16 (.125) over his last 11 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 Sunday 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...is 0 for 8 in three games since then...**Anthony Recker** hit his first home run a week ago today against San Diego...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in eight games, all at shortstop...has driven in a run in four of the six games in which he has an at bat...**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 last Friday against Milwaukee and is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last five games after going 0 for 11 over his previous five contests...hit his second home run a week ago today against San Diego...**Wes Timmons** is 1 for 13 over his last seven games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at first base, six at third base, one at shortstop and one at second base...**Steve Tolleson** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (8)...has appeared in seven games at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Jemile Weeks** went 3 for 3 with a walk yesterday at Cleveland after going 1 for 9 over his previous six games...**Josh Willingham** is 2 for 19 (.105) with nine strikeouts over his last seven games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit fourth five times and third five times.

TRANSACTIONS

March 13 Adrian Cardenas, Fautino De Los Santos and Sean Doolittle optioned to Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa optioned to Midland; Joe Baleman, 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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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#32 BRANDON McCARTHY RHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and first start of the spring...has allowed one run and tossed at least 2.0 innings in each of his first three outings...has not walked a batter in 8.0 innings...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, which broke down to .227 (22 for 97) against left-handed hitters and .240 (29 for 121) against right-handers...opponents batted .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
3/9	at TEX	-	3.0	4	1	1	0	1	0	13
Totals			8.0	9	3	3	0	5	0	33

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#68 JOE BATEMAN RHP (0-0, 6.23 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...was reassigned to minor league camp Sunday...has not allowed a run over his last three outings (3.2 ip) after allowing four runs, three earned, over his first two contests (0.2 ip)...was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract Dec. 7...spent the entire 2010 season at Triple-A Durham, where he was 7-0 with four saves and a 1.66 ERA in 54 appearances...held opponents to a .206 batting average, which ranked fourth among IL relievers...that included a .181 mark against right-handers and .144 with runners on...yielded three home runs in 76.0 innings...allowed 1 of 23 (4.3%) inherited runners to score.

BATEMAN'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/3	at MIL	-	0.3	3	3	3	1	0	2	5
3/6	at SD	-	1.7	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
3/8	SD	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
3/12	at MIL	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4
Totals			4.3	7	4	3	2	4	2	21

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

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has retired 18 of the 21 batters he has faced over his first four outings, seven by strikeout...has not allowed a run or walked a batter (6.0 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.

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
3/12	LAD	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	8
Totals			6.0	3	0	0	0	7	0	21

#72 GABE DeHOYOS RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...was reassigned to minor league camp Sunday...has not allowed a run in his first five outings (3.2 ip)...was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract November 12...spent the entire 2010 season at Triple-A Salt Lake in the Los Angeles (AL) organization where he compiled a 5-1 record, one save and a 3.06 ERA in 38 appearances, all in relief...allowed just four home runs in 82.1 innings...ranked fifth among Pacific Coast League relievers in opponents batting average (.235) and strikeouts per nine innings (8.74)...held right-handers to a .186 average and yielded a .176 mark to batters leading off an inning.

DeHOYOS' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	SF	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
3/7	SEA	-	0.7	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
3/9	at TEX	-	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/12	at MIL	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Totals			3.7	3	0	0	1	2	0	15

#63 DANIEL FARQUHAR RHP (0-1, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...was reassigned to minor league camp yesterday...allowed at least one run in each of his first three outings before tossing a scoreless inning of relief last Saturday at Seattle...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...that included a .156 mark against right-handed hitters.

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
3/12	at SEA	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals			3.7	6	4	4	2	0	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
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
March 14	at Cleveland	L, 8-9	7-10-1	Mathis	Wagner	2,850	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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)	LHP Bobby Cramer vs. RHP Ryan Dempster				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 / CSNBA
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)					12:45	XTRA Sports 860 AM