



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.

A's vs. CUBS

This is the second of four meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's won the first game at Mesa February 27 by a score of 15-7...the two clubs meet again in Phoenix Thursday and return to Mesa March 23...last spring, the two clubs split four meetings...the A's were 1-1 in Phoenix and 1-1 in Mesa.

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. CHICAGO CUBS (8-11)

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

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (1-1, 6.48 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...pitched in relief of Gio Gonzalez in his first outing but has started his last two contests, including a no decision in his last start last Thursday against Kansas City...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 percentage (.353)...is now 15-10 with a 2.88 ERA in 36 starts since June 29, 2009...his ERA is second lowest among AL pitchers over that span (min. 200 ip).

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
3/10	KC	-	3.3	3	2	2	2	4	0	16
Totals			8.3	10	6	6	3	11	2	38

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#45 WILLIE EYRE RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...was reassigned to minor league camp Sunday...has allowed at least one run in three of his five outings...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 (30 for 118) against left-handed hitters and .272 (44 for 162) against right-handers...opponents hit .200 when leading off an inning but they had a .329 batting average with runners in scoring position...posted a 0.84 ERA in the ninth inning...allowed 5 of 21 (23.8%) inherited runners to score.

EYRE'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	TEX	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
3/9	SD	-	2.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	8
3/11	LAD	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
3/13	COL	-	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	1	5
Totals			6.0	6	4	4	2	6	1	25

#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

#48 MICHAEL WUERTZ RHP (2-3, 4.31 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was 2-3 with a career-high six saves and a 4.31 ERA in 48 relief appearances with the A's in 2010...that was a drop of 26 games from 2009 as he spent the first month of the season on the disabled list with right shoulder tendinitis...tossed just 39.2 innings, which were his fewest since his rookie season of 2004 (29.0)...his ERA was the second highest of his career as were his opponents batting average (.240), on-base percentage (.335) and slugging percentage (.411)...struck out 40 batters in 39.2 innings, the sixth time in his seven seasons he finished with more strikeouts than innings pitched...allowed just 3-of-26 (11.5%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest percentage among American League relievers with 25 or more inherited runners...his opponents average included a .227 mark against right-handed hitters, .265 against left-handers.

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 / CSNCA			
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)		12:45	XTRA Sports 860 AM			