



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's had their lone off day of the spring...on Tuesday, they were swept in a split squad, losing to the Cubs 8-1 in Phoenix and the Royals 4-3 at Surprise...Brett Anderson started against the Cubs and took the loss, allowing just two runs, one earned, on three hits and a walk in 5.2 innings...Michael Wuertz made his first appearance of the spring and tossed a scoreless seventh...the A's scored their only run in the first when Coco Crisp doubled and scored on a Daric Barton single...Oakland would collect just one more hit the rest of the way, a Wes Timmons single in the fourth...in Surprise, Brandon McCarthy started and had a no decision (5.2 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 so)...he left trailing 2-0, but the A's tied the game on RBI singles by Landon Powell and Cliff Pennington in the seventh inning...Fernando Cabrera then allowed two runs in the bottom of the seventh for the loss.

A's vs. CUBS

This is the third 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 and then lost in Phoenix on Tuesday 8-1...the two clubs meet again in 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

The full squad has reported to training camp at Papago Park and has began workouts...the first minor league spring training games are 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 (7-12-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (9-12)

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost four of the last five games...are 6-4-1 at Phoenix Muni and 1-8 on the road...have lost each of their last eight road games...are sixth in the majors in runs scored (111) but are sixth in most runs allowed (115)...the offense leads the majors with 88 walks and ranks seventh in on-base percentage (.349)...however, has the seventh lowest batting average (.259)...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).

TICKET INFORMATION: Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are on sale at www.oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255)...the Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games...individual game ticket pricing will remain unchanged for a third consecutive season...the prices are: \$25 (Field Box), \$22 (Lower Box), \$18 (Upper Box) and \$12 (Outfield Reserved)...for Spring Training season tickets, call the A's Tickets Services Office at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday, or log on to www.oaklandathletics.com/spring.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton is 3 for 6 with a home run and four RBI over his last two games after going a week without playing...has now reached base safely in each of his seven games (7 for 20, 2 bb) and has hit second each time...**Matt Carson** had his third multiple hit game Monday at Cleveland...also doubled in the game and has five for the spring, which is tied for third in the Cactus League...**Chris Carter** is 4 for 9 (.444) with a double, two home runs, four RBI and four walks over his last four games...has nine walks overall, which is tied for third in the Cactus League...both of his home runs came on Monday at Cleveland...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely in each of his 11 games (16 for 34, 2 bb) and has hit safely in 10 of those contests...is tied for third in the Cactus League in triples (2), tied for fourth in hits (16) and total bases (30), tied for fifth in runs (10) and tied for seventh in RBI (10)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 11 of his starts...**David DeJesus** is 1 for 14 over his last four games after going 4 for 13 (.308) over his first five games...has hit third five times, leadoff three times and second once...**Josh Donaldson** has not struck out in 24 at bats over 13 games this spring...**Mark Ellis** had his second multiple hit game last Saturday against the Mariners and is 3 for 10 (.300) with four walks over his last four games...**Grant Green** is 0 for 9 over his last six games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first six contests...has made all 10 of his defensive appearances at shortstop...**Conor Jackson** is 2 for 10 (.200) over his last three games after going 1 for 23 over his first eighth contests...has appeared in six games at first base, three at designated hitter and two in right field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** reached base safely in each of his first 10 games (12 for 25, 4 bb) before going 0 for 3 on Tuesday against the Cubs...**Andy LaRoche** is 8 for 22 (.364) with four runs, two doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over his last seven games...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in home runs (3) and ranks eighth in slugging (.657)...has appeared in six games at third base, five at first base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 2 for 9 (.222) with three walks and his first home run over his last three games after going 1 for 21 over his first eight games...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in walks (7)...has hit fourth six times, third four times and fifth once...**Jai Miller** is tied for third in the Cactus League in walks (9) and stolen bases (5)...is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last 12 games after going 4 for 6 (.667) over his first four contests...**Cliff Pennington** is 3 for 7 (.429) with a home run and four RBI over his last two games after going 0 for 10 over his first four contests...**Eric Sogard** is 1 for 9 over his last five games after going 4 for 11 (.364) over his first four games...has appeared in nine games, all at shortstop...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in all nine of his games (8 for 24, 4 bb)...hit his first home run a week ago today against Kansas City...**Ryan Sweeney** had two hits in each of his first two games before going 0 for 2 with a walk against the Cubs on Tuesday...**Michael Taylor** had his third multiple hit game last Friday against Milwaukee and is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last six games after going 0 for 11 over his previous five contests...**Wes Timmons** is 2 for 17 (.118) over his last eight games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at first base, six at third base, two at shortstop and two at second base...**Steve Tolleson** is tied for sixth 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 Monday at Cleveland after going 1 for 9 over his previous six games...**Josh Willingham** is 2 for 20 (.100) with nine strikeouts over his last eight games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit third six times and fourth five times.

TRANSACTIONS

March 13 Adrian Cardenas, Fautino De Los Santos and Sean Doolittle optioned to Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa optioned to Midland; Joe Bateman, 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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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 (1-0, 0.96 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...did not allow a hit over his first six innings or a run over his first nine innings...has struck out 13 of the 33 batters he has faced and is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in strikeouts...opponents are 4 for 30 (.133)...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...also had the second most walks (92)...yielded just 15 home runs for an average of 0.67 per nine innings, which was 10th lowest in the AL...was 7-6 with a 3.79 ERA in 18 starts before the All-Star Break...then went 8-3 with a 2.59 ERA in 15 starts after the break...ranked fourth in the AL in post-break ERA and tied for fourth in wins.

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 |
| 3/12 | LAD | W | 4.3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 16 |
| Totals | | | 9.3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 33 |

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his five outings, all 1.0 inning each...opponents are 10 for 23 (.435)...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...opponents hit .161 with runners in scoring position, including .074 with RISP and two outs.

BALFOUR'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

| Date | Opponent | Dec | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | BF |
|---------------|----------|-----|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 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 |
| 3/10 | KC | - | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 3/13 | COL | - | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Totals | | | 5.0 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 25 |

#57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 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 (4.2 ip)...was signed by the A's as a free agent to a two-year contract with a club option for 2013, Jan. 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 AL 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.

FUENTES' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

| Date | Opponent | Dec | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | BF |
|---------------|----------|-----|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 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 |
| 3/10 | KC | - | 0.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 3/13 | COL | - | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Totals | | | 4.7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 19 |

#74 GUILLERMO MOSCOSO RHP (0-2, 7.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has started and lost in each of his last two outings (5 er in 6.0 ip, 7.50 ERA) after pitching in relief in his first two contests (3 er in 4.0 ip, 6.75 ERA)...was acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor league pitcher Ryan Kelly, January 8...spent most of the 2010 season at Triple-A Oklahoma City but did appear in one game in the majors with Texas on May 20 (27.00 ERA)...went 7-7 with a 5.18 ERA in 23 games, 22 starts at the Triple-A level...allowed a .283 opponents average...pitched for Caracas in the Venezuelan Winter League and was 3-0 with a 2.66 ERA and .197 opponents average in 10 games, eight starts.

MOSCOSO'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

| Date | Opponent | Dec | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | BF |
|---------------|----------|-----|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 2/28 | at LAA | - | 1.7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 3/3 | at MIL | - | 2.3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| 3/7 | SEA | L | 3.0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| 3/12 | at SEA | L | 3.0 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Totals | | | 10.0 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 49 |

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

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first six outings (5.2 ip)...including his last outing Monday at Cleveland when he recorded the final two outs of the seventh inning (2 h)...was 3-7 with a 3.26 ERA in 64 relief appearances last year...the losses tied for the most among American League relievers and his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest...issued nine intentional walks, which led all AL pitchers...allowed a .241 opponents batting average, including .213 against right-handed hitters...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 |
|---------------|----------|-----|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 3/5 | 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 |
| 3/14 | at CLE | - | 0.7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Totals | | | 5.7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 26 |

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 | |
| March 15 | Chicago (NL) | L, 1-8 | 7-11-1 | McNutt | Anderson | 4,655 | 43,919 |
| | at Kansas City | L, 3-4 | 7-12-1 | Hardy | Cabrera | 3,923 | |
| March 16 | OFF DAY | | | | | | |
| DATE | OPPONENT | PROBABLES | TIME | RADIO/TV | | | |
| March 17 | Chicago (NL) | LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Ryan Dempster | 1:05 | | | | |
| March 18 | at Chicago (AL) | LHP Bobby Cramer vs. LHP John Danks | 4:05 | XTRA Sports 860 AM | | | |
| March 19 | Chicago (AL) | RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Jake Peavy | 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 | | | |