



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Cubs in Phoenix, 6-5...Kurt Suzuki hit a two-run home run in the second inning to give the A's a 2-0 lead and Gio Gonzalez shutout the Cubs over the first six innings before allowing two of Chicago's three runs in the seventh inning...he allowed two runs on five hits and two walks while striking out six in 6.0 innings...Brad Ziegler allowed the other run in the seventh and Grant Balfour yielded two runs in the eighth to make the score 5-2...Matt Carson had a RBI single in the bottom of the eighth and Brian Fuentes retired the side in order in the ninth before Oakland scored three times in the bottom of the ninth for the win...Wes Timmons opened the scoring with a RBI single, Andy LaRoche tied the game with a RBI single and Conor Jackson doubled to drive in the winning run...Ryan Sweeney and Hideki Matsui had two hits each.

A's vs. WHITE SOX

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and White Sox this spring...the clubs meet again tomorrow in Phoenix...the A's lost both games last spring and have now dropped four of their last five spring games against the White Sox.

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 begun 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 (8-12-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (7-12-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 4:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 7-4-1 at Phoenix Muni and 1-8 on the road...have lost each of their last eight road games...are tied for fifth in the majors in runs scored (117) but are fifth in most runs allowed (120)...the offense leads the majors with 89 walks and ranks seventh in on-base percentage (.348)...are tied for the fewest doubles (34) and the pitching staff has the fifth highest ERA (5.33)...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.

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.

JAPANESE RELIEF EFFORTS: In their ongoing efforts to support victims of the Japanese earthquake disaster, the Oakland A's announced that the team will donate \$1 for every ticket sold to their Sunday, April 3 game against the Seattle Mariners at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum to the Red Cross for their relief efforts in Japan...in addition, the A's have established a new web site, www.oaklandathletics.com/japan, which will allow fans to make tax-deductible donations to the A's Community Fund, with 100 percent of those proceeds — along with money raised from the April 3 game — given to the Red Cross...before and during the April 3 game, the A's will conduct a silent auction of signed and game-used baseball equipment by Oakland players, with 100 percent of the proceeds raised going to the relief efforts...the auction will also feature personally-signed game jerseys worn by Japanese baseball icons Hideki Matsui and Ichiro Suzuki on 2011 Opening Night...a limited supply of personally-signed 8x10 color photos of Matsui will be sold for \$50 each.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton is 4 for 9 (.444) with a home run and four RBI over his last three games after going a week without playing...has now reached base safely in each of his eight games (8 for 23, 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 fourth in the Cactus League...**Chris Carter** is 4 for 9 (.444) with a double, two home runs, four RBI and five walks over his last five games...has 10 walks overall, which is tied for second in the Cactus League...both of his home runs came on Monday at Cleveland...**Coco Crisp** reached base safely in each of his first 11 games (16 for 34, 2 bb) before going 0 for 3 yesterday against the Cubs...is tied for third in the Cactus League in triples (2), ranks sixth in total bases (30), tied for sixth in hits (16) and tied for eighth in runs (10) and RBI (10)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 12 of his starts...**David DeJesus** is 2 for 17 (.118) over his last five games after going 4 for 13 (.308) over his first five games...has hit third six times, leadoff three times and second once...**Josh Donaldson** has not struck out in 24 at bats over 13 games this spring...**Mark Ellis** is 3 for 19 (.158) over his last seven games after going 5 for 12 (.417) over his first four contests...**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 3 for 12 (.250) with two doubles over his last four games after going 1 for 23 over his first eighth contests...has appeared in six games at first base, three at designated hitter and three in right field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 0 for 6 over his last two games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests (12 for 25, 4 bb)...**Andy LaRoche** is 9 for 24 (.375) with four runs, two doubles, two home runs and eight RBI over his last eight games...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in home runs (3)...has appeared in six games at third base, six at first base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 4 for 12 (.333) with three walks and his first home run over his last four games after going 1 for 21 over his first eight games...has hit fourth six times, third four times and fifth twice...**Jai Miller** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (9) and stolen bases (5)...is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last 13 games after going 4 for 6 (.667) over his first four contests...**Cliff Pennington** is 4 for 10 (.400) with a home run and four RBI over his last three games after going 0 for 10 over his first four contests...**Landon Powell** is 1 for 12 over his last five games after going 4 for 14 (.286) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 1 for 10 over his last six games after going 4 for 11 (.364) over his first four appearances...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop and one at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in all 10 of his games (9 for 27, 4 bb)...**Ryan Sweeney** has three multiple hit games in four contests this spring...**Michael Taylor** is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last six games after going 0 for 11 over his previous five contests...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 18 (.167) over his last nine games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine games at first base, seven at third base, two at shortstop and two at second base...**Steve Tolleson** is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in walks (8)...has appeared in seven games at third base, four at shortstop and three 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 23 (.087) with nine strikeouts over his last nine games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit third six times and fourth six 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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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#26 BOBBY CRAMER LHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and second start of the spring...has tossed at least 2.0 innings in each of his four outings, including his only start March 2 against Cleveland...began the 2010 season with Quintana Roo in the Mexican League but finished it in the starting rotation in Oakland...was a combined 15-5 with a 2.71 ERA and 158 strikeouts in 29 games, 27 starts, with Quintana Roo and Triple-A Sacramento when he was selected by Oakland Sept. 10...went 2-1 with a 3.04 ERA in four starts with the A's...held the opposition to a .233 batting average, including .214 against right-handed hitters and .313 against left-handers...went 13-3 with a 2.95 ERA in 22 games, 20 starts for Quintana Roo en route to earning Mexican League Pitcher of the Year honors...led the league in wins and strikeouts (123) and ranked third in ERA.

CRAMER'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	2.0	2	1	1	1	0	0	9
3/2	CLE	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
3/6	at SD	-	3.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	13
3/12	at SEA	-	2.0	2	2	2	1	2	1	9
Totals			9.0	6	3	3	3	3	1	38

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 10.29 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in four of his six outings...opponents are 13 for 33 (.394) but he has issued just one walk in 7.0 innings...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...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' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/14	at CLE	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
Totals			7.0	13	8	8	1	3	2	35

#75 FERNANDO CABRERA RHP (0-1, 2.45 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run over his first four outings (6.0 ip) before allowing two runs in 1.1 inning in his last outing Tuesday at Kansas City for the loss...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 LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	SF	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
3/8	SD	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
3/11	LAD	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	8
3/15	at KC	L	1.3	4	2	2	1	1	1	8
Totals			7.3	7	2	2	1	8	1	29

#64 TRYSTAN MAGNUSON RHP (0-0, 7.11 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in three of his six 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...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
3/6	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
3/15	CHI (NL)	-	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals			6.3	9	5	5	2	3	3	28

#88 JOSH OUTMAN LHP (0-1, 11.74 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his last three outings, including his only start March 6 at San Diego...opponents are 18 for 38 (.474)...tossed a scoreless fifth and sixth inning in his first outing February 27 at Mesa against the Cubs...it was his first appearance against Major League competition since June 19, 2009 at San Diego...missed the entire 2010 season as he continued his rehab from June 30, 2009 "Tommy John" surgery on his left elbow...was 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA in 14 games, 12 starts, with the A's in 2009 at the time of his surgery.

OUTMAN'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	2.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
3/2	CLE	-	1.3	3	2	2	3	1	0	9
3/6	at SD	-	1.3	5	4	4	3	1	2	12
3/12	at MIL	L	3.0	7	4	4	1	1	0	15
Totals			7.7	18	10	10	7	3	2	45

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						
March 17	Chicago (NL)	W, 6-5	8-12-1	Fuentes	Marshall	8,425	52,344
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Barry Enright			1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM	
	at San Francisco	RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. TBA			1:05		
March 21	at Los Angeles (NL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. TBA			1:05		
March 22	at Cincinnati	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Mike Leake			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	