



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Chicago White Sox in Phoenix by a score of 8-3...Trevor Cahill started and picked up his second consecutive win, allowing one run on four hits and a walk in 6.1 innings...Brad Ziegler tossed a scoreless eighth inning before Michael Wuertz allowed two runs in the ninth...Ryan Sweeney opened the scoring with a two-run home run in the third inning and Kevin Kouzmanoff added a RBI single in the fourth...the A's then put the game away with a five-run eighth inning...Conor Jackson had a RBI single, Andy LaRoche hit a sacrifice fly and Josh Donaldson capped the scoring with a three-run home run...Sweeney, Jackson and Josh Willingham had two hits each.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the two clubs meet again in Scottsdale on Thursday...last spring, the two clubs split their two games with the A's losing 10-1 at Tucson and winning 7-3 in Phoenix...the A's have a four-game winning streak over Arizona in Phoenix.

IN CAMP

After optioning Josh Outman and Guillermo Moscoso to Sacramento this morning, the A's have a total of 45 players in camp...that includes 34 players on the 40-man roster and 11 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 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 scheduled for tomorrow...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 remaining Cactus League schedule includes all Saturday and Sunday games...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 one more game: the March 29 game against San Francisco in Oakland.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-13-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (7-18)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have an 8-4-1 record at Phoenix Muni but are 1-9 on the road...have lost each of their last nine road games...the pitching staff has the third highest ERA in the majors (5.82), is tied for the third most home runs (28) and has allowed the fourth most hits (245) and runs (141)...the offense ranks second in the majors in walks (93) but is hitting .259, which is tied for second lowest in the Cactus League...have the fewest doubles in the majors (36)...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.

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 went 0 for 4 yesterday against the White Sox after reaching base safely in each of his first nine games (10 for 25, 2 bb)...is 6 for 15 (.400) with a home run and four RBI over his last five games after going a week without playing...has hit second in each of his 10 games...**Matt Carson** had his third multiple hit game last Monday at Cleveland...also doubled in the game and has five for the spring, which is tied for eighth in the Cactus League...**Chris Carter** is 4 for 10 (.400) with a double, two home runs, four RBI and six walks over his last six games...has 11 walks overall, which is tied for the Major League lead...both of his home runs came last Monday at Cleveland...**Coco Crisp** is 0 for 5 over his last two games after reaching base safely in each of his first 11 games (16 for 34, 2 bb)...is tied for third in the Cactus League in triples (2) and tied for eighth in total bases (30)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 13 of his games...**David DeJesus** is 2 for 19 (.105) over his last six games after going 4 for 13 (.308) over his first five games...has hit third seven times, leadoff three times and second once...**Josh Donaldson** has not struck out in 26 at bats over 15 games this spring...hit his first home run yesterday against the White Sox...**Mark Ellis** is 4 for 24 (.167) over his last nine 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** had his first multiple hit game yesterday against the White Sox...is now 5 for 18 (.278) with two doubles over his last six games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in six games at first base, five in right field and three at designated hitter...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 1 for 11 over his last four games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests (12 for 25, 4 bb)...**Andy LaRoche** is 9 for 26 (.346) with four runs, two doubles, two home runs and nine RBI over his last 10 games...is tied for ninth in the Cactus League in home runs (3)...has appeared in seven games at first base, seven at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 5 for 17 (.294) with four walks and his first home run over his last six games after going 1 for 21 over his first eight games...is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in walks (8)...has hit fourth seven times, third four times and fifth three times...**Jai Miller** is tied for second in the Cactus League in stolen bases (6) and tied for sixth in walks (9)...is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last 15 games after going 4 for 6 (.667) over his first four contests...**Cliff Pennington** is 4 for 12 (.333) with a home run and four RBI over his last four games after going 0 for 10 over his first four contests...**Landon Powell** is 2 for 14 (.143) over his last six games after going 4 for 14 (.286) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 1 for 15 over his last eight games after going 4 for 11 (.364) over his first four appearances...has appeared in 12 games at shortstop and one at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** went 0 for 2 Friday against the White Sox after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 games (9 for 27, 4 bb)...**Ryan Sweeney** has reached base safely in all five of his games and has four multiple hit games (8 for 15, 1 bb)...**Michael Taylor** is 4 for 13 (.308) over his last eight games after going 0 for 11 over his previous five contests...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 19 (.158) over his last 11 games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in 10 games at first base, eight at third base, three at second base and two at shortstop...**Steve Tolleson** is tied for 10th in the Cactus League in walks (8)...has appeared in seven games at third base, five at second base and four at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** went 3 for 3 with a walk last Monday at Cleveland after going 1 for 9 over his previous six games...**Josh Willingham** is 5 for 29 (.172) with 10 strikeouts over his last 11 games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit fourth seven times and third seven 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
March 20 Guillermo Moscoso and Josh Outman optioned to Sacramento

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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

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-3, 10.13 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his first four starts and was charged with the loss in each of his first three outings...opponents are 20 for 52 (.385)...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.

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
3/14	at CLE	-	4.0	7	6	4	1	3	0	22
Totals			10.7	20	17	12	4	7	1	59

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 12.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in four of his six outings, all 1.0 inning each...opponents are 11 for 27 (.407)...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
3/6	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
3/17	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	2	2	1	0	1	5
Totals			6.0	11	8	8	2	4	1	30

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 11.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in four of his seven outings...opponents are 14 for 37 (.378)...has surrendered a home run in three of his last four outings...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-handers and .311 against right-handers.

BLEVINS' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/18	at CWS	-	1.0	1	2	2	1	0	1	5
Totals			8.0	14	10	10	2	3	3	40

#57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (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)...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 American League relievers...first batters faced hit .122, which was fifth lowest in the AL...his opponents average included a .128 mark against lefties.

FUENTES' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/17	CHI (NL)	W	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals			5.7	5	0	0	1	5	0	22

#70 YADEL MARTI RHP (0-0, 7.04 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...faced eight batters in his last outing Friday at Chicago (AL) and allowed six runs in 0.2 ip...did not allow a run over his first four outings (7.0 ip)...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract August 6...defected from Cuba in December 2008 and went 2-2 with a 4.19 ERA in eight starts for Veracruz of the Mexican League in 2010...yielded just two home runs in 43.0 innings...allowed a .291 opponents batting average, which included a .255 mark against left-handers and .305 against right-handers...pitched for Cuba in the 2006 World Baseball Classic and was named to the All-Tournament team.

MARTI'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/7	SEA	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
3/10	KC	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6
3/13	COL	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
3/18	at CWS	-	0.7	6	6	6	0	2	0	8
Totals			7.7	8	6	6	1	9	0	31

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
March 18	at Chicago (AL)	L, 1-18	8-13-1	Danks	Cramer	6,081	
March 19	Chicago (AL)	W, 8-3	9-13-1	Cahill	Peavy	8,091	60,435
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 20	Arizona	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Barry Enright				1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
	at San Francisco	RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. LHP Madison Bumgarner				1:05	
March 21	at Los Angeles (NL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. LHP Clayton Kershaw				1:05	
March 22	at Cincinnati	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Mike Leake				1:05	
March 23	at Chicago (NL)	RHP Tyson Ross vs. RHP Carlos Zambrano				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