



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's and Dodgers were rained out...on Sunday, the A's split a split squad, defeating the Giants at Scottsdale 6-4 and losing to the Diamondbacks in Phoenix, 4-2...Brandon McCarthy started against San Francisco and picked up the win, becoming the first A's hurler to pitch 7.0 innings (5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 5 so)...the A's scored four times in the second inning, highlighted by an Andy LaRoche RBI single and a Cliff Pennington sacrifice fly...Chris Carter added a two-run triple in the eighth inning and Trystan Magnuson retired the side in order in the ninth for the save...Matt Carson had two of the A's 10 hits...in Phoenix, Dallas Braden started and had a no decision (6.0 ip, 9 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so)...a first inning RBI single by Kevin Kouzmanoff and a fifth inning RBI single by Kurt Suzuki made the score 2-0 and Braden left with a 2-1 lead...after a scoreless inning of relief from Jerry Blevins and Grant Balfour, Brian Fuentes allowed three runs in the ninth (0.1 ip, 3 h, 1 bb, 1 so) for the loss...Eric Sogard had three hits and Kouzmanoff added two.

A's vs. REDS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Reds this spring...Oakland lost the first game, 7-6 in Phoenix on March 1...the A's lost all three meetings last spring, including two games in Phoenix and one in Goodyear.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 35 players remaining in camp...that includes 32 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 16 pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and eight 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 minor league spring training games are underway...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 next Saturday and Sunday...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 (10-14-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (14-9-1)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Snapped their nine-game road losing streak Sunday but also lost at home...are now 8-5-1 at Phoenix Muni and 2-9 on the road...the pitching staff has the second highest ERA in the majors (5.67), has allowed the third most hits (265), is tied for the third most home runs (29) and has yielded the fourth most runs (149)...the offense ranks second in the majors in walks (99) but is hitting .258, which is tied for the second lowest mark in the Cactus League...is tied for the fewest doubles in the majors (38)...the A's are the only team in the majors without a sacrifice hit...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...with yesterday's rain out, the A's are now scheduled to play 34 games, including 31 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 34 games are tied for 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).

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 7 for 19 (.368) with a home run and four RBI over his last six games after going a week without playing...has reached base safely in 10 of his 11 games...has hit second 10 times and third once...**Matt Carson** is 5 for 10 (.500) with two multiple hit games over his last five games...has not drawn a walk in 18 games and 43 at bats this spring...**Chris Carter** is 5 for 13 (.385) with a double, a triple, two home runs, six RBI and seven walks over his last seven games...has 12 walks overall, which ranks second in the Cactus League...**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)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 13 of his games...**David DeJesus** is 3 for 22 (.136) over his last seven games after going 4 for 13 (.308) over his first five games...has hit third seven times, leadoff three times, second once and fourth once...**Josh Donaldson** has not struck out in 30 at bats over 16 games this spring...hit his first home run Saturday against the White Sox...**Mark Ellis** is 4 for 28 (.143) over his last 10 games after going 5 for 12 (.417) over his first four contests...**Conor Jackson** is 6 for 22 (.273) over his last seven games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in seven games at first base, five in right field and three at designated hitter...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 3 for 15 (.200) over his last five games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests (12 for 25, 4 bb)...**Andy LaRoche** is 3 for 17 (.176) over his last seven games but has four RBI over that span...has appeared in eight games at first base, eight at third base, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 5 for 21 (.238) with four walks and his first home run over his last seven games after going 1 for 21 over his first eight games...has hit fourth eight times, third four times and fifth three times...**Cliff Pennington** is 5 for 15 (.333) with a home run and five RBI over his last five games after going 0 for 10 over his first four contests...**Landon Powell** is 2 for 14 (.143) over his last seven games after going 4 for 14 (.286) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** went 3 for 5 Sunday against Arizona after going 1 for 15 over his previous eight games...has appeared in 13 games at shortstop and two at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in 11 of 12 games...is 2 for 10 (.200) over his last four games after going 8 for 22 (.364) over his first eight contests...**Ryan Sweeney** has reached base safely in all six of his games and has four multiple hit games (9 for 18, 1 bb)...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 21 (.143) over his last 12 games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in 10 games at first base, nine at third base, four at second base and two at shortstop...**Josh Willingham** is 5 for 32 (.156) with 12 strikeouts over his last 12 games after going 4 for 9 (.444) over his first three contests...has hit third eight times and fourth 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 Trystan Magnuson, Guillermo Moscoso, Josh Outman and Michael Taylor optioned to Sacramento; Fernando Cabrera, Michael Choice, Grant Green, Yadel Marti, Jai Miller, Anthony Recker, Steve Tolleson and Jemile Weeks reassigned to minor league camp

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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (1-2, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring...is 1-1 with a 2.25 ERA (3 er in 12.0 ip) in his three starts after allowing four runs in 2.0 innings in his first outing of the spring, which came in relief...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 AL 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
3/15	CHI (NL)	L	5.7	3	2	1	1	4	1	22
Totals			14.0	13	8	7	4	15	3	60

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 10.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in games pitched (8)...has allowed at least two runs in four of his eight outings...opponents are 14 for 40 (.350)...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
3/11	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
3/20	ARI	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Totals			9.0	14	10	10	2	4	3	43

#56 CRAIG BRESLOW LHP (4-4, 3.01 ERA in 2010)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made a team-leading 75 appearances for the A's last year, registering a 4-4 mark with five saves and 3.01 ERA...the games pitched tied for the fifth highest single season total in Oakland history...also set an Oakland record for strikeouts by a left-handed reliever with 71...ranked second among American League relievers in appearances, tied for fourth in innings pitched (74.2), tied for sixth in strikeouts and 10th in opponents batting average (.194)...the opponents batting average was a career low as was his .272 on-base percentage...posted career-highs in saves, innings pitched and strikeouts...first batters faced were 9 for 69 (.130) with six walks (.200 on-base percentage)...the batting average was sixth lowest in the AL and the on-base percentage tied for sixth...allowed 7 of 33 (21.2%) inherited runners to score, which was the seventh lowest percentage in the AL.

#57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (1-1, 1 save, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in 0.1 innings Sunday against Arizona for the loss after not allowing a run over 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 AL relievers...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
3/10	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
3/20	ARI	L	0.3	3	3	3	1	1	0	6
Totals			6.0	8	3	3	2	6	0	28

#48 MICHAEL WUERTZ RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the ninth inning in his last outing Saturday against the White Sox after tossing a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing a week ago today against the Cubs...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)...allowed just 3-of-26 (11.5%) inherited runners to score...allowed a .240 opponents batting average, including a .227 against right-handers, .265 against left-handers.

WUERTZ' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/15	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
3/19	CWS	-	1.0	2	2	2	2	1	0	7
Totals			2.0	3	2	2	3	2	0	12

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
March 20	Arizona	L, 2-4	9-14-1	Skaggs	Fuentes	4,662	65,097
	at San Francisco	W, 6-4	10-14-1	McCarthy	Bumgarner	11,616	
March 21	at Los Angeles (NL)	Cancelled, Rain					
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 22	at Cincinnati	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Mike Leake				1:05	
March 23	at Chicago (NL)	LHP Gio Gonzalez 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 / CSNCA
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)					12:45	XTRA Sports 860 AM