



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Cincinnati in Goodyear, 10-8...Brett Anderson started and picked up the win (6.0 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 so) and Jerry Blevins tossed a scoreless inning of relief...Darc Barton hit a solo home run in the first inning and the A's added another run in the second before scoring five times in the third inning...Coco Crisp led off the third with a home run and Kurt Suzuki and Mark Ellis had back-to-back two-run doubles...Barton had a two-run double and Josh Willingham a RBI single in the A's two-run fourth and Andy LaRoche added a RBI single in the ninth to complete the A's scoring...Crisp, Barton and Willingham had two hits each.

A's vs. CUBS

This is the fourth and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...Oakland has won two of the first three contests, winning the only game in Mesa and splitting two games in Phoenix...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 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.

FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE

On Tuesday, March 29, just before the final pre-season home game vs. the Giants, the Athletics will hold a special fan access event in the Coliseum parking lot...the event includes player autographs, players and staff Q&A sessions, complimentary photos with players and the team's four World Series trophies, interactive games and memorabilia sale...admission to the event, including the autographs and photos, is free...it is also the first Chevy Free Parking Tuesday, while discounted tickets to the Giants-A's game that night will be available for only \$5...the event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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: March 29 against San Francisco in Oakland.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (11-14-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (10-16)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won two straight road games after losing nine in a row on the road...are now 3-9 on the road and 8-5-1 at Phoenix Muni...the pitching staff has the second highest ERA in the majors (5.65), has allowed the third most hits (276), is tied for the third most home runs (31) and has yielded the fourth most runs (157)...the offense leads the majors in walks (109) and has the fewest doubles (41)...the A's have the third lowest batting average in the Cactus League (.261)...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 Monday's rain out, the A's are now scheduled to play 34 games, including 31 in Arizona...return 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.

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

Darc Barton is 9 for 22 (.409) with two home runs and six RBI over his last seven games after going a week without playing...has reached base safely in 11 of his 12 games...has hit second 11 times and third once...**Matt Carson** is 5 for 11 (.455) with two multiple hit games over his last six games...**Chris Carter** is 5 for 14 (.357) with a double, a triple, two home runs, six RBI and seven walks over his last eight games...has 12 walks overall, which ranks second in the Cactus League...**Coco Crisp** had his fifth multiple hit game yesterday at Cincinnati and also homered for the third time...is tied for third in the Cactus League in triples (2), tied for sixth in total bases (35) and tied for eighth in runs (12)...is 2 for 8 (.250) over his last three games after reaching base safely in each of his first 11 games (16 for 34, 2 bb)...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 14 of his games...**David DeJesus** is 4 for 24 (.167) over his last eight games after going 4 for 13 (.308) over his first five games...has hit third eight times, leadoff three times, second once and fourth once...**Josh Donaldson** has not struck out in 30 at bats over 17 games this spring...hit his first home run last Saturday against the White Sox...**Mark Ellis** doubled yesterday against the Reds for his first extra base hit of the spring...is 5 for 31 (.161) over his last 11 games after going 5 for 12 (.417) over his first four contests...**Conor Jackson** is 6 for 24 (.250) over his last eight games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in eight games at first base, five in right field and three at designated hitter...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** is 4 for 19 (.211) over his last six games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests (12 for 25, 4 bb)...**Andy LaRoche** is 4 for 18 (.222) over his last eight games but has five RBI over that span...now has a team-leading 12 RBI, which is tied for ninth in the Cactus League...has appeared in eight games at first base, eight at third base, five 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 1 for 9 (.111) with five strikeouts over his last three games...**Landon Powell** is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last eight games after going 4 for 14 (.286) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 3 for 15 (.200) over his last six games with all three hits coming on Sunday against Arizona...has appeared in 13 games at shortstop, three at second base and one at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** has reached base safely in 12 of 13 games...is 3 for 12 (.250) over his last five games after going 8 for 22 (.364) over his first eight contests...**Ryan Sweeney** has reached base safely in all seven of his games and has four multiple hit games (10 for 21, 2 bb)...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 22 (.136) over his last 13 games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in 10 games at first base, nine at third base, five at second base and two at shortstop...**Josh Willingham** had his fourth multiple hit game yesterday against the Reds and is 5 for 13 (.385) over his last four games after going 1 for 19 over his previous seven contests...has hit third eight times and fourth eight 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

#47 GIO GONZALEZ LHP (1-0, 1.76 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...has allowed three runs on nine hits over his last two outings (10.1 ip, 2.61 ERA) after not allow a hit or run over his first two games (5.0 ip)...has 19 strikeouts in 15.1 innings (11.2 per nine innings) and is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in strikeouts...opponents are 9 for 52 (.173)...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
3/11	LAD	W	4.3	4	1	1	1	3	1	16
3/17	CHI (NL)	-	6.0	5	2	2	2	6	1	24
Totals			15.3	9	3	3	5	19	2	57

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 10.29 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in four of his seven outings, all 1.0 inning each...opponents are 13 for 32 (.406)...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...struck out 56 batters in 55.1 innings and walked just 17 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.29.

BALFOUR'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/20	ARI	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals			7.0	13	8	8	2	4	1	35

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (1-0, 1 save, 1.17 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the seventh inning last Thursday against the Cubs, his only run in eight outings (7.2 ip)...was 3-7 with a 3.26 ERA in 64 relief appearances last year...the losses were a career-high and tied for most among AL relievers...his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest among AL relievers...had the highest ERA of his career...issued nine intentional walks, which led all AL pitchers...allowed a .241 opponents batting average, which broke down to .213 against right-handed hitters and .317 against left-handers...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
3/11	LAD	-	0.7	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
3/14	at CLE	-	0.7	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
3/17	CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	1	4
3/19	CWS	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals			7.7	7	1	1	2	6	1	33

EXTRAS FROM THE MINOR LEAGUE CAMP

Joe Bateman was a non-roster invitee who was reassigned to minor league camp March 13...last pitched in a major league spring game on Sunday against Arizona (0.2 ip)...**Fernando Cabrera** was reassigned to minor league camp last Sunday after pitching that day against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hr)...**Vinnie Chulk** was a non-roster invitee who was reassigned to minor league camp March 13...has pitched in two major league spring games, most recently on March 3 at Milwaukee (0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 so)...**Willie Eyre** was reassigned to minor league camp March 13...has pitched once in a major league game since then: March 15 against the Cubs (1.1 ip, 2 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb)...**Danny Farquhar** was a non-roster invitee who was sent to minor league camp March 14...made four appearances with the A's prior to that, including his last outing March 12 at Seattle (1.0 ip).

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					
March 22	at Cincinnati	W, 10-8	11-14-1	Anderson	Leake	3,540	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 23	at Chicago (NL)	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. RHP Carlos Silva	1:05				
March 24	at Arizona	LHP Bobby Cramer vs. LHP Joe Saunders	1:05				
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. TBA	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			