



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Chicago Cubs at Mesa, 3-1...Oakland scored its only run in the first inning when Coco Crisp led off with a single and scored on a Josh Willingham double...the A's would get just two base runners over the final eight innings – a two-out single by Ryan Sweeney in the third and a one-out single by Cliff Pennington in the eighth...Gio Gonzalez started for the A's and allowed two runs in the bottom of the first for the loss...those were the only runs he would allow in 5.2 innings (4 h, 3 bb, 6 so)...Grant Balfour recorded the final out of the sixth inning and Vinnie Chulk pitched a scoreless seventh before Brad Ziegler allowed a run in the eighth inning.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's lost the first game in Phoenix last Sunday, 4-2...last spring, the two clubs split their two games with the A's losing 10-1 at Tucson and winning 7-3 in Phoenix.

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 (11-15-1) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (10-20)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 3-10 on the road and 8-5-1 at Phoenix Muni...are 11-15-1 overall and need to win six of the final seven games to avoid finishing with a losing record for the third consecutive spring (12-17-3 in 2010, 17-18-2 in 2009)...the only time in Oakland history the A's had more than two straight losing springs was from 1974-78 when they had five straight...the pitching staff had a 5.57 ERA, which is second highest in the majors (Cubs, 5.75)...has allowed the third most hits (281) and the fourth most runs (160) and home runs (31)...the offense leads the majors in walks (109) and has the fewest doubles (42)...are the only team in the majors without a sacrifice hit...the A's have the second lowest batting average in the Cactus League (.257)...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.

OFF-SEASON MOVES: The A's bolstered their offense this past off-season by acquiring David DeJesus from the Kansas City Royals (Nov. 10 for Vin Mazzaro and Justin Marks) and Josh Willingham from the Washington Nationals (Dec. 16 for Henry Rodriguez and Corey Brown)...Oakland also signed Hideki Matsui as a free agent Dec. 14...the A's turned to free agency to add to their pitching staff, signing Brandon McCarthy (Dec. 13), Rich Harden (Dec. 21), Grant Balfour (Jan. 18) and Brian Fuentes (Jan. 19).

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 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** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2), tied for sixth in runs (13) and tied for seventh in total bases (36)...is 3 for 12 (.250) over his last four games after reaching base safely in each of his first 11 games (16 for 34, 2 bb)...had his fifth multiple hit game Tuesday at Cincinnati and also homered for the third time...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 15 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 18 games this spring...hit his first home run last Saturday against the White Sox...**Mark Ellis** is 5 for 34 (.147) over his last 12 games after going 5 for 12 (.417) over his first four contests...doubled Tuesday against the Reds for his first extra base hit of the spring...**Conor Jackson** is 6 for 27 (.222) over his last nine games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in nine 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 nine games but has five RBI over that span...has appeared in nine games at third base, eight at first base, five at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 1 for 12 over his last four games...has hit fourth nine times, third four times and fifth three times...has made all 16 of his appearances at designated hitter...**Cliff Pennington** is 2 for 12 (.167) with five strikeouts over his last four 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 18 (.167) over his last seven games with all three hits coming last Sunday against Arizona...has appeared in 14 games at shortstop, three at second base and two at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** is 3 for 15 (.200) over his last six games after going 8 for 22 (.364) over his first eight contests...**Ryan Sweeney** has reached base safely in all eight of his games (11 for 25, 2 bb)...has hit safely in seven of those contests, including four multiple hit games...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 22 (.136) over his last 14 games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...has appeared in 10 games at first base, nine at third base, six at second base and two at shortstop...**Josh Willingham** is 6 for 17 (.353) over his last five games after going 1 for 19 over his previous seven contests...has hit third nine 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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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

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and second start of the spring...has not allowed a run over his first four outings (9.2 ip)...including his last outing March 12 at Milwaukee when he tossed 3.0 innings in his only start...the A's second-round pick in the 2008 draft made the 2010 Opening Day roster as a non-roster invitee and spent half of the season with Oakland...went 1-4 with a save and a 5.49 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, before he was optioned to Sacramento July 7...was 2-1 with a 3.55 ERA in six games, all starts, with the River Cats before he was shut down Aug. 10 with a strained right elbow...with the A's, he struck out 32 in 39.1 innings but also issued 20 walks (4.6 per nine innings)...had a 3.32 ERA over his first 11 appearances, a 7.52 ERA over his final 15 contests...was named the A's fourth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

ROSS' SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	1.7	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
3/2	CLE	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
3/6	MIL	-	3.0	4	0	0	0	4	0	12
3/12	at MIL	-	3.0	4	0	0	2	1	0	15
Totals			9.7	10	0	0	2	7	0	40

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...recorded the final out of the sixth inning yesterday against the Cubs and is scheduled to become the first Athletic to pitch on consecutive days this spring...opponents are 13 for 33 (.394)...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 RISP.

BALFOUR'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/23	at CHI (NL)	-	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Totals			7.3	13	8	8	2	5	1	36

#26 BOBBY CRAMER LHP (0-1, 8.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed 10 runs in his last two outings (5.0 ip, 18.00 ERA) after allowing just one over his first three contests (7.0 ip, 1.29 ERA)...has made two starts: March 2 and 18...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 last year 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 but had a .453 slugging percentage...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
3/18	at CWS	L	3.0	9	8	8	1	2	3	17
Totals			12.0	15	11	11	4	5	4	55

#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 games...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.

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, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed two runs in each of his last two outings after tossing a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing March 15 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)...struck out 40 batters in 39.2 innings, the sixth time in his seven seasons he finished with more strikeouts than innings pitched...allowed just 3-of-26 (11.5%) inherited runners to score...allowed a .240 opponents average.

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
3/22	at CIN	-	1.0	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Totals			3.0	5	4	2	3	4	0	18

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	
March 23	at Chicago (NL)	L, 1-3	11-15-1	Silva	Gonzalez	9,061	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 24	at Arizona	RHP Tyson Ross vs. LHP Joe Saunders				1:05	
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. RHP Matt Palmer				1:05	
March 26	Colorado	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Jason Hammel				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