



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Arizona 15-7 in Scottsdale...Tyson Ross started for the A's and picked up the win, allowing just one run on four hits and two walks in 5.2 innings...Grant Balfour added a scoreless inning of relief...Oakland scored first with a three-run third inning as Kurt Suzuki had a RBI single and David DeJesus a two-run single...Kevin Kouzmanoff homered to lead off the fourth and the A's added another run in the fifth before scoring eight times in the sixth inning, all with two outs...Kurt Suzuki and Cliff Pennington have two-run doubles in the inning...DeJesus, Kouzmanoff and Conor Jackson had three hits each...DeJesus and Suzuki drove in three runs each.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's lost the first game on February 28 at Tempe, 8-7...last spring, the A's won the only game, a 4-2 decision in Phoenix March 6...a second meeting the next day was cancelled due to rain.

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 tomorrow 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 (12-15-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (13-13-1)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four of the last six games but are 12-15-1 overall...need to win five of the final six 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...are 4-10 on the road and 8-5-1 at Phoenix Muni...the offense leads the majors in walks (116), has the second fewest doubles (46) and the second most grounded into double plays (30)...the A's are the only team in the majors without a sacrifice hit...the pitching staff has allowed the third most hits in the majors (291), the fourth most home runs (31) and has the fifth highest ERA (5.55)...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.

CAHILL NAMED OPENING NIGHT STARTER: Trevor Cahill will start the A's opener a week from today against Seattle at 7:05 pm...he will be making his first career Opening Day start and will become the sixth different Opening Day starter for the A's in the last six years (Sheets, Braden, Blanton, Haren, Zito)...at the age of 23 years, 31 days, he will be the seventh youngest pitcher to start an opener in Athletics history...is the youngest since Vida Blue in 1971 (21 years, 251 days).

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** walked four times yesterday at Arizona and now has five walks over his last two games after drawing no free passes over his first 18 contests...is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last seven games...**Chris Carter** is 5 for 15 (.333) with a double, a triple, two home runs, six RBI and seven walks over his last nine games...has 12 walks overall, which is tied for second in the Cactus League...**Coco Crisp** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2) and tied for ninth in runs (13)...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** went 3 for 4 with three RBI yesterday at Arizona after going 4 for 24 (.167) over his previous eight games...had just one RBI over his first 13 games...has hit third nine 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 6 for 37 (.162) over his last 13 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** went 3 for 4 yesterday at Arizona and is now 9 for 31 (.290) over his last 10 games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in 10 games at first base, five in right field and three at designated hitter...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** went 3 for 4 yesterday at Arizona for his sixth multiple hit game...is now batting .396, which ranks 10th in the Cactus League...is 7 for 15 (.467) over his last four games...**Andy LaRoche** is 4 for 19 (.211) over his last 10 games but has five RBI over that span...has appeared in 10 games at third base, eight at first base, five at shortstop and two at second base...**Hideki Matsui** started in left field yesterday at Arizona after making each of his previous 16 appearances at designated hitter...is 1 for 15 over his last five games...has hit fourth nine times, third four times and fifth four times...**Cliff Pennington** is 8 for 26 (.308) over his last eight games after going 0 for 10 over his first four contests...**Landon Powell** hit his second home run yesterday but is 3 for 17 (.176) over his last nine games after going 4 for 14 (.286) over his first six contests...**Eric Sogard** is 4 for 11 (.364) with a double and a triple over his last four games after going 1 for 15 over his previous eight contests...has appeared in 15 games at shortstop, four at second base and two at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** drove in three runs yesterday at Arizona for his fourth multiple RBI game...is now 4 for 12 (.333) with three walks and six RBI over his last four games...**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 4 for 23 (.174) over his last 15 games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...does not have an extra base hit in 23 games and 39 at bats this spring...has appeared in 10 games at first base, nine at third base, seven 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

#32 BRANDON McCARTHY RHP (1-0, 3.05 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and third start of the spring...has not walked a batter in 20.2 innings and ranks 10th in the Cactus League in innings pitched...also ranks 10th in ERA...each of his last two outings have been starts (4 er in 12.2 ip, 2.84 ERA) after compiling a 3.38 ERA in three relief appearances to start the spring...was signed by the A's as a free agent December 13...was 4-2 with a 3.36 ERA in 11 games, nine starts, at Triple-A Oklahoma City last year in a season interrupted by right shoulder problems...had three stints on the DL with the RedHawks and was added to the Rangers' 60-day disabled list July 29...struck out 44 and walked just 11 in 56.1 innings...allowed a .234 opponents batting average, which broke down to .227 (22 for 97) against left-handed hitters and .240 (29 for 121) against right-handers...opponents batted .190 with runners in scoring position and .208 when leading off an inning.

McCARTHY'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at LAA	-	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	8
3/4	TEX	-	3.0	3	1	1	0	3	0	12
3/9	at TEX	-	3.0	4	1	1	0	1	0	13
3/15	at KC	-	5.7	5	2	2	0	4	0	22
3/20	at SF	W	7.0	5	2	2	0	5	0	26
Totals			20.7	19	7	7	0	14	0	81

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#56 CRAIG BRESLOW LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the seventh inning in his first outing on Tuesday at Cincinnati...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.

BRESLOW'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/22	at CIN	-	1.0	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
Totals			1.0	3	2	1	0	0	0	6

#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, 6.43 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has allowed five runs in his last two games (1.1 ip, 6 h, 1 bb, 1 so) after not allowing a run over his first six outings (5.2 ip, 5 h, 1 bb, 5 so)...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
3/13	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
3/24	at ARI	-	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	6
Totals			7.0	11	5	5	2	6	0	34

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (1-0, 1 save, 2.08 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in appearances (9)...has allowed a run in two of his last three outings (2 er in 3.0 ip, 6.00 ERA) after not allowing a run over his first six appearances (5.2 ip)...was 3-7 with a 3.26 ERA in 64 relief appearances last year...the losses tied for the most among AL relievers and his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest...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
3/14	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
3/23	at CHI (NL)	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	0	7
Totals			8.7	8	2	2	4	7	1	40

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	
March 24	at Arizona	W, 15-7	12-15-1	Ross	Saunders	12,307	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	RHP Brandon McCarthy 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