



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Los Angeles Angels here in Phoenix, 10-3...Brandon McCarthy started for the A's and took the loss, allowing seven runs on 10 hits and his first walk of the spring in 5.1 innings...Bobby Cramer tossed 1.2 scoreless innings of relief and Brian Fuentes (0.2 ip) and Brad Ziegler (0.1 ip) combined to blank the Angels in the ninth...the A's were trailing 6-0 before Andy LaRoche hit a solo home run in the fifth inning...Oakland scored their final two runs in the eighth inning on a Ryan Sweeney RBI double and a Kevin Kouzmanoff RBI single...Kouzmanoff had two of the A's six hits.

A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Rockies this spring...the A's won the first game in Phoenix on March 13, 9-4...meet again tomorrow at Scottsdale...last spring the A's lost in Tucson by a score of 10-4 before playing to a 6-6 tie in Phoenix.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 34 players remaining in camp...that includes 31 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 16 pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and seven 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 each of the five remaining games...the two remaining games in Arizona will be available on MLB.com and the three games in San Francisco will air in the Bay Area on XTRA Sports 860 AM...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...Comcast SportsNet California will televise one more game: March 29 against San Francisco in Oakland.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-16-1) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (17-9-1) SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 7:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 12-16-1 and need to win each of the final five 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 8-6-1 at Phoenix Muni...the offense leads the majors in walks (119), are tied for the fewest doubles (47) and tied for the most grounded into double plays (32)...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 (307), the fourth most home runs (32) and has the fifth highest ERA (5.67)...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.

FOR OPENERS: Trevor Cahill will start the A's opener next Friday, April 1 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)...the A's have lost each of their last six openers, which is the longest Opening Day losing streak in Athletics history...have not won on Opening Day since a 5-4 win over Texas April 5, 2004...have lost 13 of their last 17 openers and are 20-23 since moving to Oakland in 1968.

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...has reached base safely in 11 of his 12 games...has hit second 11 times and third once...**Matt Carson** walked four times Thursday at Arizona and now has five walks over his last three games after drawing no free passes over his first 18 contests...is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last eight games...**Coco Crisp** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...is 3 for 14 (.214) over his last five 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 16 of his games...leads the A's with 13 runs scored...**David DeJesus** went 3 for 4 with three RBI Thursday 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** struck out for the first time this spring yesterday against Arizona...hit his first home run a week ago today 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 Thursday at Arizona and is 9 for 35 (.257) over his last 11 games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in 11 games at first base, five in right field and three at designated hitter...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 9, .556) and has seven overall...is 9 for 18 (.500) over his last five games and is batting .412 overall, which is tied for ninth in the Cactus League...leads the A's with 21 hits...**Andy LaRoche** hit his fourth home run yesterday, which is tied for eighth in the Cactus League...also leads the A's with 13 RBI...is 5 for 23 (.217) over his last 11 games but has six RBI over that span...has appeared in 10 games at third base, eight at first base, five at shortstop and three at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 1 for 19 over his last five games...has made 17 of his 18 appearances at designated hitter (also played left field Thursday at Arizona)...has hit fourth 10 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 Thursday at Arizona and is 4 for 11 (.364) with two walks over his last seven games...**Eric Sogard** is 5 for 30 (.167) over his last 13 games and three of those hits came last Sunday against Arizona...has appeared in 16 games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** drove in three runs Thursday 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 nine of his games (12 for 29, 2 bb)...has hit safely in eight 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 7 for 20 (.350) over his last six games after going 1 for 19 over his previous seven contests...has hit third 10 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
- March 25 Chris Carter optioned to Sacramento

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WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#53 TREVOR CAHILL RHP (2-0, 5.29 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth start of the spring...has allowed just four runs over his last three starts (14.1 ip, 2.51 ERA) after allowing six runs in his first two outings (2.2 ip, 20.25 ERA)...began the 2010 season on the disabled list and was optioned to Sacramento before returning to Oakland April 30 to lead the A's with 18 wins...posted an 18-8 record in 30 starts with a team-leading 2.97 ERA...ranked third in the American League in opponents batting average (.220), fourth in ERA and opponents on-base percentage (.287), tied for fourth in wins, tied for fifth in winning percentage (.692) and sixth in opponents slugging (.332)...his 18 wins were the most by an Athletic over the last eight years...the last AL pitcher under the age of 23 with at least 18 wins was Bret Saberhagen, who won 20 games for Kansas City in 1985...all of his wins came after May 1, matching Jon Lester (BOS) and CC Sabathia (NYY) for most in the majors over that span.

CAHILL'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	at CHI (NL)	-	0.3	5	4	4	1	0	0	7
3/3	at MIL	-	2.3	4	2	2	1	4	0	11
3/8	SD	-	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
3/13	COL	W	4.0	6	3	3	2	5	0	19
3/19	CWS	W	6.3	4	1	1	1	3	0	22
Totals			17.0	20	10	10	5	12	0	73

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 8.64 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (2.1 ip) after allowing at least one run in four of his first six games (12.00 ERA)...opponents are 13 for 36 (.361)...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.

BALFOUR'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/24	at ARI	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Totals			8.3	13	8	8	2	6	1	39

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 8.71 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 11th appearance of the spring...is tied for second in the Cactus League in games pitched (10)...has not allowed a run in four of his last five outings (2 er in 5.1 ip, 3.38 ERA) after posting a 14.40 ERA over his first five contests...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-handed hitters and .311 against right-handers.

BLEVINS' LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
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
3/22	at CIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
3/24	at ARI	-	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals			10.3	14	10	10	3	4	3	48

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

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his last three outings (4 er in 3.0 ip, 12.00 ERA) 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)...allowed just 3-of-26 (11.5%) inherited runners to score...allowed a .240 opponents batting average, including a .227 against right-handed hitters, .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
3/22	at CIN	-	1.0	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
3/24	at ARI	-	1.0	3	4	2	1	1	0	8
Totals			4.0	8	8	4	4	5	0	26

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	
March 25	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 3-10	12-16-1	Palmer	McCarthy	8,540	73,637
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 26	Colorado	RHP Trevor Cahill vs. RHP Jason Hammel				7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 27	at Colorado	LHP Bobby Cramer vs. RHP Greg Reynolds				1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 28	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	TBA vs. RHP Matt Cain				7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNBA
March 29	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)	TBA vs. LHP Barry Zito				7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNCA
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	TBA vs. TBA				12:45	XTRA Sports 860 AM