



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Colorado in Phoenix, 4-1...Trevor Cahill started for Oakland and took the loss...he allowed three runs, two earned, on seven hits and no walks while striking out five in 7.0 innings...Grant Balfour followed and allowed an unearned run in the eighth inning to give the Rockies a 4-0 lead...the A's scored their only run in the bottom of the eighth when Matt Carson singled and scored on a Conor Jackson double...Michael Wuertz then pitched a scoreless ninth inning...the A's collected eight hits, including three by Andy LaRoche.

### A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...the A's won the first game in Phoenix on March 13, 9-4, before losing last night in Phoenix, 4-1...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 four remaining Spring Training games...the one remaining game 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 16<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (6<sup>th</sup>) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 26<sup>th</sup> season in the booth...Comcast SportsNet California will televise one more game: Tuesday, March 29 against San Francisco in Oakland...Fosse and Glen Kuiper will call the action.

## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-17-1) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (18-9-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A's

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 12-17-1 and have clinched a losing record for the third consecutive spring (12-17-3 in 2010, 17-18-2 in 2009)...this marks just the second time in Oakland history the A's had more than two straight losing springs...had five straight from 1974-78...the A's .417 winning percentage is their worst mark since 1990 when they went 6-10 (.375)...have the fourth worst record in the Cactus League...are 4-10 on the road and 8-7-1 at Phoenix Muni...the offense leads the majors in walks (121) and grounded into double plays (34) and has the fewest doubles (49)...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 (315), the fourth most home runs (33) and has the fifth highest ERA (5.54)...this is the A's 43<sup>rd</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, their 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...with last 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 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 24 (.375) with two home runs and six RBI over his last eight games...has reached base safely in 12 of his 13 games...has hit second 12 times and third once...**Matt Carson** is 6 for 13 (.462) over his last nine games...walked four times Thursday at Arizona and now has five walks over his last four games after drawing no free passes over his first 18 contests...**Coco Crisp** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2)...is 4 for 17 (.235) over his last six games after reaching base safely in each of his first 11 games (16 for 34, 2 bb)...had his fifth multiple hit game last Tuesday at Cincinnati and also homered for the third time...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 17 of his games...leads the A's with 13 runs scored...**David DeJesus** is 5 for 12 (.417) with three RBI over his last four games after going 2 for 19 (.105) with no RBI over his previous six contests...has hit third 10 times, leadoff three times, second once and fourth once...**Josh Donaldson** struck out for the first time this spring Friday against the Angels...**Mark Ellis** is 6 for 40 (.150) over his last 14 games after going 5 for 12 (.417) over his first four contests...doubled last Tuesday against the Reds for his only extra base hit of the spring...**Conor Jackson** went 3 for 4 Thursday at Arizona and is 10 for 36 (.278) over his last 12 games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in 12 games at first base, six 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 seventh in the Cactus League...leads the A's with 21 hits...**Andy LaRoche** went 3 for 4 last night against Colorado and is 5 for 10 (.500) over his last five games...hit his fourth home run Friday against the Angels and is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in homers...also leads the A's with 13 RBI...has appeared in 11 games at third base, nine at first base, five at shortstop and three at second base...**Hideki Matsui** is 2 for 23 (.087) over his last six games...has made 18 of his 19 appearances at designated hitter (also played left field Thursday at Arizona)...has hit fourth 10 times, fifth five times and third four times...**Cliff Pennington** is 9 for 29 (.310) over his last nine 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 a week ago today 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 4 for 15 (.267) over his last five games but has six RBI over that span...**Ryan Sweeney** has reached base safely in all nine of his five games (12 for 29, 2 bb)...has hit safely in eight of those contests, including four multiple hit games...**Wes Timmons** is 4 for 24 (.167) over his last 16 games after going 5 for 16 (.313) over his first eight contests...does not have an extra base hit in 24 games and 40 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 22 (.318) over his last seven games after going 1 for 19 over his previous seven contests...has hit third 10 times and fourth nine 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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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #26 BOBBY CRAMER LHP (0-1, 7.24 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance and third start of the spring...has allowed 10 runs in his last three outings (6.2 ip, 13.50 ERA) after allowing just one over his first three contests (7.0 ip, 1.29 ERA)...has made two starts: March 2 and 18...began the 2010 season with Quintana Roo in the Mexican League but finished it in the starting rotation in Oakland...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 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
3/25	LAA	-	1.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>13.7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his 11<sup>th</sup> appearance of the spring...is tied for fifth 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 AL...yielded a .274 opponents batting average, including .231 against left-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
<b>Totals</b>			<b>10.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>

### #56 CRAIG BRESLOW LHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his two outings, both 1.0 innings...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.

#### 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
3/25	LAA	-	1.0	4	3	3	0	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### #33 JOEY DEVINE RHP (1-0, 6.23 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has walked six of the 12 batters he has faced over his last two outings but has not allowed a hit (1.1 ip, 3 r)...did not allow a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip), including his first outing February 27 against the Cubs...that was his first action against Major League hitters since March 24, 2009 against Chicago (AL)...missed the entire season for the second consecutive year in 2010 as he continued his rehab from "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow April 21, 2009...his last Major League game came September 28, 2008 at Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 bb).

#### DEVINE'S LAST FOUR SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	CLE	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
3/5	SF	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3/7	SEA	-	0.3	0	2	2	4	0	0	5
3/10	KC	-	1.0	0	1	1	2	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>4.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>

### #31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (1-0, 1 save, 2.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 11<sup>th</sup> appearance of the spring...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in appearances (10)...has allowed a run in two of his last four outings (2 er in 3.1 ip, 5.40 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 American League relievers and his .300 winning percentage ranked second lowest...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
3/17	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
3/25	LAA	-	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>			<b>9.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>

## 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
March 26	Colorado	L, 1-4	12-17-1	Hammel	Cahill	6,508	80,145
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>				<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>
March 27	at Colorado	LHP Bobby Cramer vs. RHP Ubaldo Jimenez				1:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM
March 28	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Matt Cain				7:15	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNBA
March 29	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)	LHP Gio Gonzalez vs. LHP Barry Zito				7:05	XTRA Sports 860 AM / CSNCA
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. LHP Madison Bumgarner				12:45	XTRA Sports 860 AM