



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. GIANTS

This is the third of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...Oakland has won the first two games with a 6-0 decision at Phoenix March 5 and a 6-4 victory at Scottsdale March 25...the two clubs meet again tomorrow night in Oakland and return to San Francisco Wednesday afternoon...the A's lost four of six to the Giants last spring, splitting two games in Scottsdale and San Francisco and losing their only contests in Phoenix and Oakland.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 33 players remaining in camp...that includes 30 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 15 pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and seven outfielders...the A's have 40 players on the 40-man roster.

FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE

Tomorrow, 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, player 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 three remaining Spring Training games...those games can be heard in the Bay Area on KFRC 1550 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: tomorrow against San Francisco in Oakland...Fosse and Glen Kuiper will call the action.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-18-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (20-12)

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three straight and four of the last five games and are now 12-18-1 (.403)...the 18 losses tie the Oakland spring record (1993, 2005, 2009)...the winning percentage is the A's worst mark since 1990 when they went 6-10 (.375)...have the third worst record in the Cactus League...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 offense leads the majors in walks (123), has the fewest doubles (49) and is tied for the lead in grounded into double plays (34)...the A's are the only team in the majors without a sacrifice hit...the pitching staff is tied for the third most hits allowed in the majors (324), has the fourth most home runs (34) and the sixth highest ERA (5.55)...the A's will play 34 games this spring, which is tied for second most in Oakland history to the 37 games played in 2009.

FOR OPENERS: Trevor Cahill will start the A's opener this 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 an 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 10 for 27 (.370) with two home runs and six RBI over his last nine games...has reached base safely in 13 of his 14 games...has hit second 13 times and third once...**Matt Carson** is 6 for 14 (.429) over his last 10 games...walked four times last Thursday at Arizona and now has five walks over his last five 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 6 for 15 (.400) with three RBI over his last five games after going 2 for 19 (.105) with no RBI over his previous six contests...has hit third 11 times, leadoff three times, second once and fourth once...**Josh Donaldson** struck out for the first time this spring last Friday against the Angels...**Mark Ellis** is 3 for 31 (.097) over his last 10 games after going 8 for 24 (.333) over his first nine 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 39 (.256) over his last 13 games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in 12 games at first base, six in right field, three at designated hitter and one in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** has three straight multiple hit games (7 for 12, .583) and eight overall...is 11 for 21 (.524) over his last six games and is batting .426 overall, which ranks fifth in the Cactus League...is also tied for eighth in hits (23) and ranks ninth in on-base percentage (.467)...**Andy LaRoche** went 3 for 4 Saturday night against Colorado and is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last six games...hit his fourth home run last Friday against the Angels and is tied for 10th 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, six 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 (played left field last Thursday at Arizona)...has hit fourth 10 times, fifth five times and third four times...**Cliff Pennington** is 9 for 31 (.290) over his last 10 games after going 0 for 10 over his first four contests...**Landon Powell** hit his second home run last Thursday at Arizona and is 4 for 13 (.308) with two walks over his last eight games...**Eric Sogard** is 5 for 30 (.167) over his last 13 games...has appeared in 16 games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** drove in three runs last 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 10 of his games (13 for 32, 3 bb)...has hit safely in nine of those contests, including each of his last seven (9 for 23, .391)...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 21 (.143) over his last 15 games after going 6 for 20 (.300) over his first 10 contests...does not have an extra base hit in 25 games and 41 at bats this spring...has appeared in 10 games at first base, nine at third base, eight 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
March 27 Joey Devine optioned to Sacramento

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (2-2, 4.95 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance and fifth start of the spring...is 2-1 with a 3.50 ERA (7 er in 18.0 ip) in his four starts after allowing four runs in 2.0 innings in his first outing of the spring, which came in relief...two stints on the disabled list with elbow problems limited him to just 19 starts in 2010...was 7-6 with a 2.80 ERA after going 11-11 with a 4.06 ERA in his first season...tossed 112.1 innings and did not qualify for the league leaders...however, based on a minimum of 100 innings pitched, he ranked fifth in the American League in ERA...also ranked fourth in fewest home runs per nine innings (0.48), fifth in fewest walks per nine innings (1.76) and lowest run support (3.53), eighth in strikeout to walk ratio (3.41) and ninth in opponents slugging percentage (.353).

ANDERSON'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	CIN	L	2.0	6	4	4	0	2	2	12
3/5	SF	W	3.0	1	0	0	1	5	0	10
3/10	KC	-	3.3	3	2	2	2	4	0	16
3/15	CHI (NL)	L	5.7	3	2	1	1	4	1	22
3/22	at CIN	W	6.0	6	4	4	0	4	2	24
Totals			20.0	19	12	11	4	19	5	84

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 7.71 ERA)

Has made 10 appearances this spring, most recently Saturday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 2 so)...has not allowed an earned run in his last four outings (3.1 ip) after allowing at least one run in four of his first six games (12.00 ERA)...opponents are 14 for 40 (.350)...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.

#57 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (1-1, 1 save, 5.87 ERA)

Has made nine appearances this spring, most recently Friday against Los Angeles (0.2 ip, 1 so)...has allowed five runs in his last three games (2.0 ip, 6 h, 1 bb, 2 so, 22.50 ERA) 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...combined for a 4-1 record, 24 saves and a 2.81 ERA in 48 relief appearances with Los Angeles (AL) and Minnesota last year...allowed a .181 opponents batting average.

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 7.94 ERA)

Has made 11 appearances this spring, most recently Sunday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...is tied for the Cactus League lead in games pitched (11)...has not allowed a run in five of his last six outings (2 er in 6.1 ip, 2.84 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.

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (1-0, 0.59 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring...including his last outing Thursday at Arizona, a start and win (5.2 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 3 so)...did not allow a run over his first four outings (9.2 ip), including his only other start March 11...went 1-4 with a save and a 5.49 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, with Oakland last year 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.

#56 CRAIG BRESLOW LHP (0-0, 12.00 ERA)

Has made three appearances this spring...tossed a scoreless third inning in his last outing Sunday at Colorado (1 bb) after allowing at least two runs in each of his first two outings...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 AL relievers in appearances and tied for fourth in innings pitched (74.2).

#48 MICHAEL WUERTZ RHP (0-0, 7.20 ERA)

Has made five appearances this spring...tossed a scoreless ninth inning in his last outing Saturday against Colorado after allowing at least two runs in three consecutive outings (4 er in 3.0 ip, 12.00 ERA)...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).

#26 BOBBY CRAMER LHP (0-1, 6.32 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...his last outing was a start on Sunday at Colorado (2.0 ip, 1 h)...is 0-1 with a 10.29 ERA (8 er in 7.0 ip) in three starts (March 2, 18 and 27) and 0-0 with a 3.12 ERA (3 er in 8.2 ip in four relief appearances...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...earned Mexican League Pitcher of the Year honors.

#31 BRAD ZIEGLER RHP (1-0, 1 save, 1.80 ERA)

Has made 11 appearances this spring, which is tied for the Cactus League lead...his last outing was Sunday at Colorado (1.0 ip)...has allowed a run in two of his last five outings (2 er in 4.1 ip, 4.15 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...issued nine intentional walks, which led all AL pitchers...allowed a .241 opponents batting average.

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	Moscoco	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	Moscoco	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
March 27	at Colorado	L, 2-5	12-18-1	Morales	Banwart	94,727	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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