



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost the Giants in Oakland, 4-1...Gio Gonzalez started for the A's and allowed a run in the second inning to give the Giants a 1-0 lead...Oakland tied the game in the sixth inning when David DeJesus reached on a fielder choice, went to third on a Hideki Matsui single and scored on a Landon Powell single...Gonzalez then retired the first batter in the seventh before issuing a walk...Craig Breslow allowed that runner to score plus one of his own in the Giants two-run seventh inning...Gonzalez took the loss, allowing two runs on three hits and three walks in 6.1 innings...Michael Wuertz allowed a run in the eighth inning and Grant Balfour retired the side in order in the ninth...the A's were held to seven hits, including three by Matsui.

A's vs. GIANTS

This is the fifth and final meeting between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's won both games in Arizona – a 6-0 decision at Phoenix March 5 and a 6-4 victory at Scottsdale March 25...however, have lost the first two games in the Bay Area – 4-3 at San Francisco on Monday and 4-1 in Oakland last night...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.

A's vs. MARINERS

Friday, April 1 at 7:05 (CSNCA)
RHP Trevor Cahill (18-8, 2.97) vs. RHP Felix Hernandez (13-12, 2.27)
(A's Magnetic Schedule to first 32,000 fans)

Saturday, April 2 at 6:05
LHP Brett Anderson (7-6, 2.80) vs. LHP Jason Vargas (9-12, 3.78)
(A's Calendar to first 10,000 fans)

Sunday, April 3 at 1:05 (CSNCA)
LHP Gio Gonzalez (15-9, 3.23) vs. RHP Doug Fister (6-14, 4.11)
(Matsui Player T-Shirt to first 10,000 fans)

A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast the final Spring Training game...the game 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.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (12-20-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (22-12)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011 – AT&T PARK – 12:45 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have a spring-high five-game losing streak and have also lost six of the last seven games...now have 20 losses, which is an on-going Oakland record...the previous mark for most spring losses was 18 (1993, 2005, 2009)...are 12-20-1 (.378), which is the third worst record among Cactus League teams and fifth worst in the majors...a loss today would give the A's a .368 winning percentage, which would be their lowest since going 8-14 (.364) in 1982...a win would make it .397, which would be the lowest since 1990 when they went 6-10 (.375)...this is the A's third consecutive spring with a losing record (12-17-3 in 2010, 17-18-2 in 2009)...it is 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 (129), has the fewest doubles (51) and ranks second in grounded into double plays (35)...the A's are the only team in the majors without a sacrifice hit...the pitching staff has allowed the fifth most hits (337) and home runs (34) in the majors and has the sixth highest ERA (5.47)...the A's 34 games this spring 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 lost 13 of their last 17 openers.

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 has reached base safely in 15 of his 16 games...is 5 for 21 (.238) over his last seven games after going 10 for 25 (.400) over his first nine contests...has hit second 15 times and third once...**Matt Carson** is 1 for 6 (.167) with five walks over his last seven games...including a four-walk game last Thursday at Arizona...did not draw a free pass over his first 18 contests...**Coco Crisp** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in triples (2) and ranks fifth in slugging (.702)...is 6 for 18 (.333) with four walks over his last six games...has batted leadoff and played center field in all 19 of his games...leads the A's with 14 runs scored...**David DeJesus** collected three hits last Thursday at Arizona but is 2 for 13 (.154) in four games since then...has hit third 13 times, leadoff three times, second once and fourth once...**Josh Donaldson** is 3 for 15 (.200) over his last 11 games after going 6 for 18 (.333) over his first 10 contests...struck out for the first time this spring last Friday against the Angels...**Mark Ellis** is 4 for 35 (.114) over his last 11 games after going 8 for 24 (.333) over his first nine contests...**Conor Jackson** went 3 for 4 last Thursday at Arizona and is 11 for 41 (.268) over his last 15 games after going 1 for 23 over his first eight contests...has appeared in 14 games at first base, six in right field, three at designated hitter and one in left field...**Kevin Kouzmanoff** went 0 for 3 last night to snap his streak of four consecutive multiple hit games...has nine multiple hit games in 21 games this spring...is 13 for 27 (.481) over his last eight games and is batting .417 overall, which ranks fifth in the Cactus League...is also tied for eighth with a team-leading 25 hits...**Andy LaRoche** had his fourth multiple hit game last night and is now 7 for 16 (.438) over his last eight games...leads the A's with four home runs and 13 RBI...has appeared in 12 games at third base, nine at first base, eight at shortstop and four at second base...**Hideki Matsui** had his first three-hit game last night after going 2 for 24 (.083) over his previous seven games...has made 19 of his 21 appearances at designated hitter (played left field last Thursday at Arizona and pinch hit Monday night)...has hit fourth in 10 of his starts, fifth six times and third four times...**Cliff Pennington** is 1 for 7 (.143) over his last three games after going 9 for 29 (.310) over his previous nine games...**Landon Powell** hit his second home run last Thursday at Arizona and is 5 for 15 (.333) with two walks over his last 10 games...**Eric Sogard** is 5 for 31 (.162) over his last 15 games...has not drawn a walk in 19 games and 42 at bats this spring...has appeared in 16 games at shortstop, six at second base and three at third base...**Kurt Suzuki** is 4 for 19 (.211) over his last seven games but has six RBI and five walks over that span...drove in three runs last Thursday at Arizona for his fourth multiple RBI game...**Ryan Sweeney** is 0 for 3 over his last two games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 games (13 for 32, three walks)...is now 3 for 14 (.214) over his last five games after going 10 for 21 (.476) over his first seven contests...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 22 (.136) over his last 17 games after going 6 for 20 (.300) over his first 10 contests...does not have an extra base hit in 27 games and 42 at bats this spring...has appeared in 11 games at third base, 10 at first base, eight at second base and two at shortstop...**Josh Willingham** is 0 for 7 over his last three games after going 7 for 20 (.350) over his previous six contests...has hit fourth 11 times and third 10 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

#51 DALLAS BRADEN LHP (0-3, 7.02 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth start of the spring...allowed one run in 6.0 innings in his last start after allowing more runs than innings pitched in each of his first four starts (10.13 ERA)...opponents are 29 for 79 (.367)...had one of the most memorable performances in Oakland history with his Mother's Day Perfect Game last year yet finished the season with an 11-14 record despite a 3.50 ERA...the ERA was sixth lowest in Oakland history among pitchers with a losing record and was the lowest since 1978...had the fourth-lowest run support in the American League (3.60)...ranked fifth in the AL in fewest walks per nine innings (2.01) and had the eighth lowest opponents on-base percentage (.294)...also tied for the league lead in shutouts (2), tied for second in pickoffs (8) and ranked fourth in complete games (5)...opponents were successful in just 1 of 3 (33.3%) stolen base attempts, which tied for the lowest percentage in the AL...tied for fifth in the AL in losses (14).

BRADEN'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at LAA	L	1.0	2	2	1	2	1	0	8
3/4	TEX	L	3.0	5	4	4	0	1	1	14
3/9	at TEX	L	2.7	6	5	3	1	2	0	15
3/14	at CLE	-	4.0	7	6	4	1	3	0	22
3/20	ARI	-	6.0	9	1	1	0	2	0	27
Totals			16.7	29	18	13	4	9	1	86

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (1-0, 6.97 ERA)

Has made 11 appearances this spring, including last night against San Francisco (1.0 ip)...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in games pitched...has not allowed an earned run in his last five outings (4.1 ip) after allowing at least one run in four of his first six games (12.00 ERA)...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, 5.19 ERA)

Has made 10 appearances this spring, most recently last night at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h)...has allowed five runs in his last four games (3.0 ip, 7 h, 1 bb, 2 so, 15.00 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 fifth in the Cactus League in games pitched...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 last 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, 12.27 ERA)

Has made four appearances this spring, including last night against San Francisco (0.2 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...has allowed at least one run in three of his four 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, 7.50 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring, including last night against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...has allowed at least one run in four of his six outings this spring...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 fifth in the Cactus League...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	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
March 27	at Colorado	L, 2-5	12-18-1	Morales	Banwart	12,179	
March 28	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	L, 3-4	12-19-1	Cain	Anderson	38,320	
March 29	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)	L, 1-4	12-20-1	Ramirez	Gonzalez	18,204	98,349
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 30	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	LHP Dallas Braden vs. LHP Madison Bumgarner				12:45	KFRC 1550 AM