



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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A's vs. MARINERS

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...square off again tomorrow in Peoria and meet again in Phoenix March 16 in the A's only night game in Arizona (7:05 pm)...the A's lost both games last spring, losing 6-4 in Phoenix March 7 and a 10-2 in Peoria March 12.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 59 players in camp...that includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, seven catchers, 10 infielders and 14 outfielders...the A's have 40 players on the 40-man roster, including Scott Sizemore, who tore his left ACL February 25 and will miss the 2012 season.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers will report to Papago Park March 5 (first workout March 6), while position players report March 11 (first workout, March 12).

A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast 10 games this spring, including seven from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the Arizona schedule includes all weekend games plus the night game on Friday, March 16...games can be heard in the Bay Area on the A's flagship station, 95.7 FM The Game...Ken Korach returns for his 17th year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (7th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 27th season in the booth...in addition, Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games: Saturday, March 10 against Cincinnati and Monday, April 2 at San Francisco...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...all games not aired on the A's Radio Network can be heard live via the A's website, www.oaklandathletics.com.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-0) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (0-0)
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's open their 44th Spring Training in Arizona today, including their 31st consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...are scheduled to play 24 games this spring in addition to two exhibition games in Tokyo (March 25 vs. Yomiuri, March 26 vs. Hanshin) and one at the A's Triple-A affiliate in Sacramento (March 31)...the schedule includes 21 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against San Francisco (April 2-4)...the 24 games will be the fewest since 1990 when they played just 16...played 26 games in 2008, the last time the A's opened the season in Japan...the A's went 12-21-1 last spring, their third consecutive spring with a losing record (12-17-3 in 2010 and 17-18-2 in 2009)...this 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 21 losses last spring set an Oakland record, topping the previous mark of 18 (1993, 2005, 2009)...the .368 winning percentage was the A's lowest since going 8-14 (.364) in 1982.

OFF-SEASON MOVES: The A's traded three All-Star pitchers during a 12-day period in December but acquired 10 players in return, five of which were ranked among the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America*...Trevor Cahill was dealt to Arizona along with Craig Breslow Dec. 17 for Ryan Cook, Collin Cowgill and Jarrod Parker...Gio Gonzalez was traded to Washington with minor league pitcher Rob Gilliam December 23 for A.J. Cole, Tommy Milone, Derek Norris and Brad Peacock...Andrew Bailey was sent to Boston with Ryan Sweeney for Raul Alcantara, Miles Head and Josh Reddick...the A's also acquired Seth Smith from Colorado for Guillermo Moscoso and Josh Outman and signed free agents Bartolo Colon and Jonny Gomes, in addition to one of their own free agents, Coco Crisp...after the start of camp, the A's signed Manny Ramirez to a minor league contract (Feb. 20).

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Nine of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring...the list includes six players already on the A's 40-man roster in Jarrod Parker (#1), Brad Peacock (#2), Derek Norris (#7), Jermaine Mitchell (#8), Michael Taylor (#9) and Tommy Milone (#10)...three are non-roster invitees including Sonny Gray (#3), Michael Choice (#5) and Grant Green (#6)...the other is A.J. Cole (#4)...five of those players are on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospect List: Parker (#26), Peacock (#36), Cole (#57), Gray (#65) and Choice (#80).

CONTRACT STATUS: Three players on the A's 40-man roster are under contract beyond the 2012 season...Brett Anderson is signed through 2013 with club options for 2014 and 2015...Coco Crisp is signed through 2013 with a club option for 2014...Kurt Suzuki is signed through 2013 with a club option for 2014...Grant Balfour and Brian Fuentes both have club options for 2013.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, who signed a new three-year contract through the 2014 season on Sept. 21, welcomes back three returning members of last year's coaching staff in first base coach Tye Waller (6th season), third base coach Mike Gallego (4th season), and bullpen coach Rick Rodriguez (2nd season)...Melvin has added three new faces to his 2012 staff in bench coach Chip Hale, hitting coach Chili Davis and pitching coach Curt Young, who returns to Oakland after one season as pitching coach in Boston...Hale, a San Jose, Calif. native who was on Melvin's staff in Arizona from 2007-09, served as third base and infield coach with the New York Mets the past two years...Davis, a three-time All-Star during an illustrious 19-year Major League playing career, was the Boston Red Sox's hitting coach at Triple-A Pawtucket in 2011.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the game begins, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at 9:15 am...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play...at that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room...lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner.

JAPAN SERIES: The A's will open the regular season in Japan for the second time...will leave for Tokyo March 22 and will workout at the Tokyo Dome March 24...have exhibition games against the Yomiuri Giants (March 25 at 7:10 pm) and Hanshin Tigers (March 26 at 12:10 pm)...after another workout day March 27, the A's will open the regular season against the Seattle Mariners March 28 at 7:10 pm (3:10 am PT)...the two clubs will also square off March 29 at 6:10 pm (2:10 am PT)...Brandon McCarthy is scheduled to start the opener and Bartolo Colon will pitch in the second game...the other time the A's opened the season in Japan was in 2008 when they split two games with Boston...lost the opener 6-5 in 10 innings and won game two 5-1...there are four players in the A's camp that were on the roster in Japan in 2008 (Barton, Braden, Fiorentino, Suzuki)...the A's and Mariners were scheduled to open the 2003 season in Japan, but the trip was cancelled the day after war broke out in Iraq.

TICKET INFORMATION: Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are on sale at www.oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255)...the Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games...individual game ticket pricing will remain unchanged for a fourth consecutive season...the prices are: \$25 (Field Box), \$22 (Lower Box), \$18 (Upper Box) and \$12 (Outfield Reserved)...for Spring Training season tickets, call the A's Tickets Services Office at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday.

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, media guide and more at <http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com>

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

#45 GRAHAM GODFREY RHP (1-2, 3.96 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...made his Major League debut in 2011 and was 1-2 with a 3.96 ERA in five games, four starts, over three stints with the A's...walked just five batters in 25.0 innings (1.80 walks per nine innings)...allowed a .305 batting average, which included a .267 mark against left-handed hitters and .356 against right-handers...allowed a .222 average with runners in scoring position...made one start at Double-A Midland and was also 14-3 with a 2.68 ERA in 19 games, 18 starts, with Triple-A Sacramento...led the Pacific Coast League and tied for fifth in all of minor league baseball in wins...combined for a 2.59 ERA with Sacramento and Midland, which was the lowest ERA in the A's farm system...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year and was also named to the *Baseball America* Triple-A All-Star Team...made four starts for Escogido in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-0 with a 3.31 ERA.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (5-2, 2 saves, 2.47 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was used mostly as a set-up man with Oakland last year, posting a 5-2 record with two saves, a 2.47 ERA and .199 opponents batting average in 62 relief appearances...tied for eighth among American League relievers in grounded into double plays (8), ranked 10th in opponents on-base percentage (.266) and was tied for 10th in wins...also tied for eighth in home runs allowed (8) and tied for 10th in blown saves (5)...the grounded into double plays and home runs were career highs and the blown saves matched his high...his .199 opponents average broke down to .191 (21 for 110) against left-handed hitters and .207 (23 for 111) against right-handers...opponents hit .125 with runners in scoring position...tied for eighth in the AL in first batter strikeouts (19)...allowed just 2 of 15 (13.3%) inherited runners to score, which was the lowest mark of his career.

#60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (3-2, 4.32 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut with the A's in 2011, logging a 3-2 record with a 4.32 ERA and .220 opponents batting average in 34 games over three stints...posted a 2.04 ERA over his first 15 contests through Aug. 7 but had a 6.89 ERA over his final 19 outings...struck out 43 batters in 33.1 innings for an average of 11.61 strikeouts per nine innings...his opponents batting average included a .173 (9 for 52) mark against left-handed hitters, compared to .254 (18 for 71) against right-handers...had 24 strikeouts in 52 at-bats against lefties...had nine wild pitches, which tied for the most among American League relievers...that tied for second most by a reliever in Oakland history and was the most since 1996 when Mike Mohler also had nine...combined for a 2.17 ERA in 23 minor league outings with Midland and Sacramento...pitched for Licey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-1 with a 2.00 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

#33 JOEY DEVINE RHP (1-1, 3.52 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...returned to the majors for the first time in three years last year after missing the previous two seasons following "Tommy John" surgery...began the season at Triple-A Sacramento but was recalled by Oakland May 20...went 1-1 with a 3.52 ERA in 26 games with the A's before he was sent back to Sacramento July 27...spent the remainder of the season with the River Cats where he was 4-0 with three saves and a 4.24 ERA in 23 appearances...did not allow a home run in 23.0 innings with Oakland and has not yielded a round-tripper in 68 games and 68.2 innings in his two seasons with the A's...that is the fifth-longest homerless streak by a reliever in Oakland history...allowed a .214 batting average, which broke down to .163 (7-for-43) against right-handed hitters and .268 (11-for-41) against left-handers...opponents batted .185 with runners in scoring position and were 1-for-11 (.091) with RISP and two outs.

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (1-0, 3.81 ERA with Washington in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was one of four players acquired from Washington in the Gio Gonzalez trade December 23...spent the entire 2011 season at Triple-A Syracuse before being called up by Washington in September to make his Major League debut...went 1-0 with a 3.81 ERA in five starts for the Nationals...walked just four batters in 26.0 innings...allowed a .283 opponents batting average, including .208 with runners in scoring position...the Nationals won all five of his starting assignments...was 12-6 with a 3.22 ERA in 24 starts in his Triple-A debut with Syracuse...was named to the *Baseball America* Triple-A All-Star team...ranked second in the International League in strikeouts (155), tied for third in wins and sixth in ERA...walked just 16 batters for an average of 0.97 walks per nine innings and a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 9.69...was rated as the A's third-best prospect by *Baseball America* following the trade.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 8.10 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from Arizona at the trading deadline last year, posting an 8.10 ERA in six relief appearances over two stints with the A's...issued seven walks in 6.2 innings...allowed a .308 opponents batting average, which broke down to .294 (5-for-17) against right-handed hitters and .333 (3-for-9) against left-handers...was 6-2 with a save and a 4.25 ERA in 41 relief appearances with Triple-A Reno in the Arizona organization before the trade...had a save and a 1.08 ERA in six relief appearances with Sacramento...was 6-2 with two saves and a 3.79 ERA in 47 minor league appearances overall...surrendered just two home runs in 57.0 innings...allowed a .246 opponents batting average, which included a .238 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .258 against left-handers...pitched for Escogido in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 2-0 with a 2.45 ERA in 16 games, six starts.

2012 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV
March 2	Seattle	RHP Graham Godfrey vs. RHP Blake Beavan	1:05	
March 3	at Seattle	RHP Tyson Ross vs. RHP Hector Noesi	1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 4	at Chicago (NL)	RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. RHP Rodrigo Lopez	1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 5	Los Angeles (AL)		1:05	
	at Chicago (NL)	RHP Sonny Gray vs. RHP Ryan Dempster	1:05	
March 6	at Milwaukee		1:05	
March 7	Los Angeles (NL)		1:05	
March 8	at Los Angeles (NL)		1:05	
March 9	at Colorado		1:05	
March 10	Cincinnati		1:05	95.7 FM The Game/CSNCA
March 11	Kansas City		1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 12	at Chicago (AL)		1:05	
March 13	Milwaukee		1:05	
March 14	OFF DAY		1:05	
March 15	at Texas		1:05	
March 16	Seattle		7:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 17	Chicago (NL)		1:05	95.7 FM The Game
	at San Francisco		1:05	
March 18	at Arizona		1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 19	Arizona		1:05	
March 20	Chicago (NL)		1:05	
March 21	at Kansas City		1:05	
March 25	vs. Yomiuri at Tokyo (exhib.)		7:10*	
March 26	vs. Hanshin at Tokyo (exhib.)		12:10*	
March 31	at Sacramento (exhib.)		6:05	
April 2	vs. San Francisco (at SF)		7:15	95.7 FM The Game/CSNCA
April 3	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)		7:35	95.7 FM The Game
April 4	vs. San Francisco (at SF)		12:45	95.7 FM The Game

*Time listed is local. March 25 game starts at 3:10 am Pacific Time. March 26 game starts at 8:10 pm Pacific Time on March 25.