



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost the Cactus League opener to Seattle in Phoenix, 8-5...Coco Crisp opened the scoring with a RBI single in the first but the Mariners took a 7-1 lead before the A's scored twice in the fifth...Wes Timmons added a two-run single in the sixth inning and Eric Sogard belted a solo home run in the seventh to complete the A's scoring...Graham Godfrey started for the A's and took the losing, allowing two runs in 2.0 innings while striking out four...Tommy Milone allowed two runs, one earned, in 2.0 innings...Joey Devine, Pedro Figueroa and Jordan Norberto tossed 1.0 scoreless innings each...the A's pitching staff surrendered a total of five home runs...Josh Reddick and Brandon Allen had two hits each.

A's vs. MARINERS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...the A's lost the first game yesterday in Phoenix, 8-5...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 (0-1) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (1-0)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012 – PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 44th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with an 8-5 loss to Seattle...this is the A's 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

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (3-3, 2.75 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...went 3-3 with a 2.75 ERA in nine games, six starts, with Oakland last year before going on the disabled list May 20 with a strained left oblique...made four rehab starts before he was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Sacramento July 25...surrendered just one home run in 36.0 innings with the A's and had a .298 opponents slugging percentage...allowed a .252 opponents batting average, which included a .250 (17-for-68) mark against left-handed hitters and .254 (16-for-63) against right-handers...opponents hit .315 with the bases empty, .172 with runners on, including .208 with runners in scoring position...was 3-2 with a 7.61 ERA in nine starts with Sacramento...struck out 34 in 36.2 innings but also issued 22 walks...allowed a .325 opponents batting average...pitched for Phoenix in the Arizona Fall League following the season and was 1-3 with a 5.94 ERA in seven starts.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 2.86 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was on the A's Opening Day roster last year but had six stints with the club...had no decisions, a 2.86 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in 26 appearances...the ERA was the lowest of his career but he allowed 8 of 14 (57.1%) inherited runners to score, which was the highest percentage of his career...compiled a 4.40 ERA in 15 games before the All-Star Break and a 1.29 ERA in 11 appearances after the break...walked 13 batters in 14.1 innings before the break, just one in 14.0 innings after the break...his opponents batting average included a .220 (13 for 59) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .256 (11 for 43) against left-handers...allowed both of his home runs to lefties.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-1, 7.04 ERA with Arizona in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was of three players acquired from Arizona in the Trevor Cahill trade, December 9...made his Major League debut with the Diamondbacks last year, posting a 7.04 ERA and .333 opponents batting average in 12 relief appearances over three stints...struck out seven batters in 7.2 innings, but also walked eight for a .463 on-base percentage...did not allow an extra base hit...led the Diamondbacks farm system with 19 saves after being used exclusively as a starter over his first three professional seasons...combined for a 1-5 record and a 2.21 ERA in 48 relief appearances with Double-A Mobile and Triple-A Reno...converted 19-of-24 (79.2%) save opportunities...struck out 62 batters in 61.0 innings...surrendered just two home runs...allowed a .192 opponents batting average, which included .179 against left-handed hitters and .200 against right-handers...yielded a .196 average with runners in scoring position.

#53 JIM MILLER RHP (0-0, 2.57 ERA with Colorado in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed by the A's to a minor league contract November 11...spent the entire 2011 season with Triple-A Colorado Springs before he was selected by Colorado Sept. 6...appeared in six games for the Rockies, compiling a 2.57 ERA and .130 opponents batting average...went 8-5 with 24 saves and a 5.25 ERA in 65 relief appearances with Colorado Springs...the games pitched were a minor league career-high...tied for the Pacific Coast League lead in games pitched and tied for second in saves...the games pitched tied for third in all of minor league baseball...averaged 2.13 walks per nine innings, which ranked third lowest among PCL relievers...converted 24 of 29 (82.8%) save opportunities...allowed just 3 of 20 (15.0%) inherited runners to score...allowed a .314 opponents batting average, including .306 (48-for-157) against right-handed hitters and .324 (45-for-139) against left-handers.

#74 JARROD PARKER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA with Arizona in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was one of three players acquired from Arizona in the Trevor Cahill trade December 9...spent the entire 2011 season at Double-A Mobile, earning a promotion to Arizona after the BayBears won the Southern League Championship...was selected by the Diamondbacks Sept. 19 and made one regular season start in his Major League debut...faced Los Angeles (NL) Sept. 27 and had a no decision in Arizona's 7-6, 10-inning win (5.2 ip, 4 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...also made one postseason appearance in the NLDS against Milwaukee, a relief outing in Game 4 (0.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 0 so)...was 11-8 with a 3.79 ERA in 26 starts for Mobile...tied for second in the Southern League in wins, ranked third in opponents batting average (.236) and fifth in ERA...was rated as Arizona's fourth-best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season and was later tabbed by as the A's number one prospect following the trade.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 7.07 ERA with San Diego in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was claimed off waivers from San Diego October 25 and outrighted to Sacramento November 18...made his Major League debut with San Diego last year, posting a 7.07 ERA in 10 relief appearances over two stints with the Padres...opponents hit .300, including .226 (7-for-31) by right-handed hitters and .379 (11-for-29) by left-handers...was 2-3 with a 4.71 ERA in 28 relief appearances with Tucson...converted 10-of-11 (90.9%) save opportunities...allowed a .255 opponents batting average, including .245 (13 for 53) by left-handed hitters and .264 (14 for 53) by right-handers...yielded a .179 batting average with runners in scoring position and opponents were 0 for 13 with RISP and two outs...was placed on the disabled list July 28 with a strained right shoulder...was recalled by San Diego Sept. 2 and placed on the 60-day DL.

2012 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
March 2	Seattle	L, 5-8	0-1	Beavan	Godfrey	6,316	6,316
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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)	RHP Brad Peacock vs. LHP C.J. Wilson		1:05			
	at Chicago (NL)	RHP Bartolo Colon 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)			7:35	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.