



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Cubs in Mesa, 12-10...Brandon Allen paced the A's offense with seven RBI as he had a grand slam in the fourth, a two-run double in the fifth and the game-winning RBI ground out in the ninth...Eric Sogard hit a solo home run in the fourth inning, his second of the spring, and Allen and Chris Carter had two hits each...Brandon McCarthy started for the A's and had a no decision (3.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...Andrew Carignan pitched a scoreless fourth inning and Brian Fuentes allowed a run in the fifth before Edgar Gonzalez surrendered five runs in the sixth...Sean Doolittle pitched a scoreless seventh inning and Travis Schlichting allowed a run over the final two innings for the win.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the only meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's lost both game last spring, dropping an 8-7 decision in Tempe and a 10-3 game in Phoenix.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 59 active players on the roster...that includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, seven catchers, 9 infielders and 15 outfielders...the A's have 40 players on the 40-man roster plus Scott Sizemore, who was placed on the 60-day disabled list yesterday after tearing his left ACL February 25.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers report to Papago Park today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...positions 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 (2-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (0-0)
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won each of the last two games after losing the opener...this is the A's 44th Spring Training in Arizona, 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) and Yoenis Céspedes to a four-year deal (March 3).

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)...the A's have six players on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospect List: Yoenis Céspedes (#14), Parker (#26), Peacock (#36), Cole (#57), Gray (#65) and Choice (#80)...the six players match the most by any team (St. Louis, San Diego, Texas).

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 Colón 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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Brandon Allen had seven RBI yesterday against the Cubs in Mesa and leads the majors in RBI this spring (7)...has two hits in each of his two games (4 for 7, .571) and three of his four hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one grand slam)...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 5, .600)...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of the first three games (4 for 10, .400)...has also driven in a run in each game and has homered twice, which is tied for the Major League lead...leads the majors in runs (4) and total bases (11)...**Jemile Weeks** has hit safely (3 for 6, .500), scored a run (3 total) and driven in at least one run (3 total) in each of his two games.

TRANSACTIONS

March 3 Yoenis Céspedes agrees to terms on a four-year contract through 2015; Scott Sizemore placed on the 60-day disabled list (torn left ACL)

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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

#47 BRAD PEACOCK RHP (2-0, 0.75 ERA with Washington in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was one of four players acquired from Washington in the Gio Gonzalez trade December 23...was named Washington's Minor League Pitcher of the Year and Eastern League Pitcher of the Year to earn a September call-up with the Nationals...went 2-0 with a 0.75 ERA in three games, two starts, in his Major League debut...held the opposition to a .167 batting average but issued six walks in 12.0 innings...combined to go 15-3 with a 2.39 ERA and .188 opponents batting average in 25 games, 23 starts, with Double-A Harrisburg and Triple-A Syracuse...struck out 177 batters in 146.2 innings...surrendered just nine home runs...tied for second in Minor League Baseball in wins and ranked seventh in strikeouts...was named to the *Baseball America* Minor League All-Star Team...was named the Nationals' number three prospect by *Baseball America* following the season and the A's number two prospect following the trade.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the fifth inning in his first outing last Friday against Seattle, including a pair of home runs (1.0 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 so)...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 (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the eighth inning in his first outing last Friday against Seattle in Phoenix (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er)...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.

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the seventh inning in his first outing last Friday against Seattle in Phoenix...missed nearly the entire 2011 season as he continued his recovery from June, 2010 "Tommy John" surgery on his left elbow...made two starts with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League in August, posting a 4.50 ERA...struck out six batters in 2.0 innings as opponents were 3-for-10 (.300)...tossed a scoreless inning Aug. 24 at the Giants...allowed a run on two hits in one inning Aug. 29 at the Giants...struck out the side in each outing and did not walk a batter...has a 25-27 record and 3.96 ERA (208 er in 472.1 ip) in 116 games, 78 starts, in eight professional seasons...has 413 strikeouts and 193 walks in 472.1 innings...has yielded just 28 home runs, or one per 16.9 innings.

#63 SONNY GRAY RHP (1-1, 0.82 ERA in the minors in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was the A's first round selection in the 2011 First-Year Player Draft and signed July 25...combined for a 1-1 record and 0.82 ERA in six starts with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League and Double-A Midland...did not surrender a home run in 22.0 innings...allowed a .241 opponents batting average, including .206 against right-handed hitters compared to .267 against left-handers...issued just one of his six walks to righties...opponents were 2-for-17 (.118) with runners in scoring position...made his professional debut Aug. 7 at the Rangers Arizona Rookie League affiliate, absorbing the loss in a 6-3 decision (2.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 2 so)...was transferred to Midland Aug. 11 and went 1-0 with a 0.45 ERA in five starts...did not allow a run in his first four outings, giving him a 19.1-inning scoreless streak from Aug. 7 to Sept. 5...was rated as the A's third-best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

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
March 3	at Seattle	W, 9-2	1-1	Parker	Millwood	8,675	
March 4	at Chicago (NL)	W, 12-10	2-1	Schlichting	Mateo	10,366	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Yovani Gallardo		1:05			
March 7	Los Angeles (NL)	RHP Tyson Ross vs. RHP Aaron Harang		1:05			
March 8	at Los Angeles (NL)	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. LHP Chris Capuano		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.