



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 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 and Travis Schlichting allowed a run over the final two innings for the win.

A's vs. CUBS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's won the first contest yesterday here in Mesa, 12-10...the final meeting is in Phoenix March 20...last spring, the two clubs split four meetings...split two games in Phoenix and two games in Mesa.

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. CHICAGO CUBS (0-1)
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012 – HOHOKAM 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

#21 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (8-10, 4.00 ERA with New York-AL in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...will start the second game of the regular season March 29 against Seattle in Japan...signed with the A's as a free agent January 24 after going 8-10 with a 4.00 ERA in 29 games, 26 starts, with the New York Yankees last year...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, including .238 (76-for-320) against right-handed hitters compared to .297 (96-for-323) against left-handers...yielded 15 of his 21 home runs to lefties...15 of his home runs came with the bases empty as have 27 of his 34 over his last two seasons...was 6-4 with a 3.20 ERA in 15 games, 12 starts, prior to the All-Star Break...it marked his lowest ERA prior to the break since a 2.74 ERA with Cleveland and Montreal in 2002...went 2-6 with a 4.96 ERA after the break...among pitchers active at the end of the 2011 season, he ranks sixth in complete games (32), tied for sixth in shutouts (9) and tied for ninth in wins (161)...his 161 wins are third-most among Dominican-born pitchers behind Juan Marichal (243) and Pedro Martinez (219).

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#55 FABIO CASTRO LHP (5-4, 3.63 ERA, 1 save with Tacoma in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's December 20...spent the entire 2011 season with Triple-A Tacoma in the Seattle organization where he posted a 5-4 record and 3.63 ERA in 24 games, including 12 starts...also converted his only save opportunity...allowed a .244 opponents batting average, including .239 (48-for-201) against right-handed hitters compared to .255 (26-for-102) against left-handers...was 5-3 with a 4.07 ERA and .263 opponents batting average in his 12 starting assignments, 0-1 with a 2.29 ERA and .183 opponents average in 12 relief appearances...made all of his starts before going on the disabled list June 21 with a fractured left foot...pitched exclusively in relief after he was reinstated Aug. 3...played for Cibao in the Dominican Winter League following the season, logging a 0-4 record and 6.12 ERA in 13 games, nine starts.

#33 JOEY DEVINE RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the sixth inning in his first outing last Friday against Seattle in Phoenix...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.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless ninth inning in his first outing last Friday against Seattle in Phoenix (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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.

#70 ERICK THREETS LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his first outing last Saturday at Seattle (1 bb, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed by the A's to a minor league contract December 2...missed the 2011 season after undergoing "Tommy John" surgery on his left elbow in 2010...pitched for Mexicali in the Mexican Pacific Winter League following the season...was 1-1 with a 1.17 ERA in 32 relief appearances...struck out 40 and walked 22 in 30.2 innings...averaged 11.74 strikeouts per nine innings...did not surrender an extra base hit...held the opposition to a .134 batting average, including .091 (3-for-33) against left-handed pitchers and .156 (10-for-56) against right-handers...yielded a .103 average with runners in scoring position...allowed 2 of 12 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...did not allow an earned run in 30 of his 32 appearances...had an 18-game scoreless streak from Oct. 22 to Nov. 27 (16.1 ip, 6 h, 8 bb, 21 so)...compiled a 1.35 ERA in eight postseason games (6.2 ip, 6 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 8 so).

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.