



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's split a split squad, defeating the Chicago Cubs in Mesa 8-7 and losing to the Los Angeles Angels in Phoenix 9-1...in Mesa, Yordy Cabrera homered to lead off the ninth inning to break a 7-7 tie and give the A's the win...Landon Powell had a two-run double in the sixth and Seth Smith and Josh Reddick had two hits each...Bartolo Colon started (2.2 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 so) and Joey Devine (1.0 ip) and Erick Threets (1.0 ip) pitched scoreless relief...in Phoenix, Jemile Weeks drove in the A's only run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth...Cliff Pennington and Michael Taylor had two hits each...Brad Peacock started and took the loss (1.2 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...Pedro Figueroa (1.0 ip) and Evan Scribner (2.0 ip) did not allow a run in relief.

A's vs. BREWERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Brewers this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 13...the A's lost two of three to Milwaukee last year, winning the only game in Phoenix and dropping two contests in Maryvale.

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 March 3 after tearing his left ACL February 25.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park and the first workout is scheduled for today...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 (3-2) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (1-0-1) TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 – MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have started the spring 3-2, winning all three road games while losing both contests in Phoenix...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 leads the majors in RBI (8)...seven of those came Sunday against the Cubs in Mesa...three of his four hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one grand slam)...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his three games (5 for 8, .625) and has a pair of multiple hit games...is tied for the Major League lead in hits (5)...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of his four games (5 for 14, .357)...leads the majors in runs (5) and total bases (13) and is tied for the lead in hits (5), doubles (2) and home runs (2)...**Jemile Weeks** has driven in at least one run in each of this three games (four RBI total).

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

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring...pitched the third and fourth innings in relief of Graham Godfrey in his first outing last Friday against Seattle in Phoenix...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.

MILONE'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	SEA	-	2.0	1	2	1	0	3	1	8
Totals			2.0	1	2	1	0	3	1	8

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched the fourth inning in his first outing last Saturday at Seattle and allowed a solo home run to Peguero (1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so)...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.

#38 ANDREW CARRIGNAN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing Sunday against the Cubs at Mesa (2 h)...pitched at three different levels in the A's farm system in 2011, combining for a 1-0 record with eight saves and a 1.85 ERA in 33 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton, Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...earned a September promotion to Oakland when rosters expanded and posted a 4.26 ERA in six relief appearances in his Major League debut...allowed a .276 opponents batting average, which included a .143 (1 for 7) mark against left-handed hitters and .318 (7 for 22) against right-handers...opponents hit .364 with the bases empty, .222 with runners on...first batters faced were 1-for-6...stranded his only two inherited runners...pitched for Phoenix in the Arizona Fall League following the season...was 0-2 with a 6.57 ERA in 12 relief appearances...struck out 16 in 12.1 innings.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his first outing last Saturday at Seattle...was one 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.

#45 GRAHAM GODFREY RHP (0-1, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...was the starting and losing pitcher in the Cactus League opener last Friday against the Mariners in Phoenix (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...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.

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	
March 5	Los Angeles (AL)	L, 1-9	2-2	Wilson	Peacock	3,511	9,827
	at Chicago (NL)	W, 8-7	3-2	Castro	Zych	5,809	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. RHP Juan Nicasio	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.