



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Milwaukee 6-0 as five Oakland pitchers combined to shutout the Brewers on two hits...Tommy Milone started and won, pitching 3.0 innings and allowing one of the hits...Ryan Cook and Graham Godfrey tossed 2.0 innings each and Andrew Carignan and Jerry Blevins pitched 1.0 innings, with Blevins allowing the other hit...Jemile Weeks opened the scoring with a RBI single in the third inning and the A's added three more runs in the sixth...the first two scored on an error and Anthony Recker drove in the third with a single...Michael Choice added a RBI single in the A's two-run ninth inning...Oakland collected 14 hits, including two each from Weeks, Wes Timmons, Seth Smith and Chris Carter.

A's vs. DODGERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Dodgers this spring...meet again at Camelback Ranch tomorrow...last spring the A's won the only meeting, 9-2 in Phoenix...the A's are now 4-0-1 against Los Angeles since the Dodgers moved to Arizona in 2009.

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, nine 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 have begun workouts...position players report March 11 with the first workout scheduled for 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 (4-2) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (1-1) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have started the spring 4-2, winning all four road games while losing both contests in Phoenix...the 4-2 start matches the A's best over the last nine years...also went 4-2 in 2008 (won game seven that spring)...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.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have agreed to terms with all 40 players on the 40-man roster...four of those players 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...Yoenis Céspedes is signed through 2015...Grant Balfour and Brian Fuentes both have club options for 2013.

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)...**Chris Carter** has two two-hit games in four games...**Josh Donaldson** has appeared in five games, all at third base...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his three games (5 for 8, .625) and has a pair of multiple hit games...has made all three of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** has hit safely in each of his last three games (5 for 8, .625) after going 0 for 2 in his first contest...has appeared in three games in left field and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of his five games (6 for 17, .353)...leads the majors in runs (6) and total bases (14) and is tied for the lead in hits (6) and home runs (2)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, one at third base and one at second base...**Wes Timmons** had his second multiple hit game yesterday against the Brewers...has appeared in four games at second base and three at third base...**Jemile Weeks** has driven in at least one run in each of his four games and ranks third in the Cactus League in RBI (5)...is tied for the CL lead in stolen bases (2)...had his second multiple hit game of the spring yesterday at Milwaukee.

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

#66 TYSON ROSS RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...had a no decision in his first start last Saturday against Seattle, allowing a run on a hit and two walks in one inning...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.

ROSS' SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/3	at SEA	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	0	6
Totals			1.0	1	1	1	2	1	0	6

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...retired the only batter he faced in his last outing Monday against the Angels in Phoenix after allowing a run in the eighth inning in his first outing last Friday against Seattle in Phoenix...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...combined for a 2.17 ERA in 23 minor league outings with Midland and Sacramento...pitched for Lacey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-1 with a 2.00 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

#67 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing last Sunday against the Cubs in Mesa (1 bb, 2 so)...missed nearly the entire 2011 season...was placed on Sacramento's disabled list April 7 as he continued to recover from surgery on a torn left patella...while on the disabled list, he began to work out as a pitcher...was both a pitcher and hitter in college at the University of Virginia...was reinstated from the disabled list Aug. 29 and transferred to the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League...made his professional debut as a pitcher that day at the Giants affiliate...tossed 1.0 innings and allowed a run on no hits and one walk while striking out two.

#40 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the fifth inning of his first outing last Sunday against the Cubs at Mesa (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 hr)...was the A's closer the first two months of the 2011 season due to Andrew Bailey's injury...was 1-8 with 12 saves, three blown saves, a 5.09 ERA and .257 opponents batting average in his first 38 appearances through July 1...then went 1-0 with no save opportunities, a 1.57 ERA and .205 opponents batting average over his final 29 appearances...was 2-8 with a 3.70 ERA in 67 appearances overall...ranked second among American League relievers in losses and tied for 10th in runs allowed (30)...the losses were a career high and the runs matched his high...struck out just 42 in 58.1 innings for a career-low average of 6.48 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .237 opponents batting average, which broke down to .221 (30-for-136) against right-handed hitters and .265 (22-for-83) against left-handers...first batters faced were 15 for 61 (.246) with six walks...allowed 7 of 28 (25.0%) inherited runners to score.

#62 NEIL WAGNER RHP (0-0, 7.20 ERA with Oakland in 2011)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut with Oakland late in the 2011 season, posting a 7.20 ERA in six relief appearances...allowed a .300 opponents batting average, including .231 (3-for-13) by right-handed hitters and .429 (3-for-7) by left-handers...first batters faced were 0-for-2 with three walks and he allowed 1-of-3 (33.3%) inherited runners to score...combined for a 3-4 record, six saves and a 3.26 ERA in a career-high-tying 50 relief appearances with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...struck out 87 batters in 66.1 innings, an average of 11.80 per nine innings...surrendered just two home runs, an average of 0.27 per nine innings...allowed a .232 opponents batting average, including .219 by right-handed hitters and .253 by left-handers...opponents batted .143 with a .226 on-base percentage when leading off an inning...converted 6-of-9 (66.7%) save opportunities and allowed 8-of-23 (34.8%) inherited runners to score.

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	
March 6	at Milwaukee	W, 6-0	4-2	Milone	Rodriguez	2,835	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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	RHP Bartolo Colon vs. RHP Johnny Cueto		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.