



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's and Dodgers played to a 3-3 tie in Phoenix...Oakland scored first on a two-run double by Josh Reddick in the first inning...Tyson Ross started for the A's and tossed 3.0 scoreless innings, allowing one hit and one walk...Jim Miller allowed two runs in the fourth inning to tie the score at two but Coco Crisp had a RBI single in the bottom of the fourth to put the A's back on top...Brian Fuentes and Fautino De Los Santos followed with a scoreless inning of relief each but Neil Wagner allowed the tying run to score in the seventh inning...Edgar Gonzalez then blanked the Dodgers over the final two innings.

### A's vs. DODGERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the two clubs played to a 3-3 tie yesterday in Phoenix...last spring the A's won the only meeting, 9-2 in Phoenix...the A's are now 4-0-2 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 17<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (7<sup>th</sup>) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 27<sup>th</sup> 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 (4-2-1) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (1-1-1) THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have started the spring 4-2-1, winning all four road games while going 0-2-1 in Phoenix...this is the A's 44<sup>th</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, their 31<sup>st</sup> 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)...MLB Network will televise the games on a tape delayed basis at 6:00 am PT on March 28 and 7:00 pm PT on March 29...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.

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Brandon Allen** is tied for the Major League lead 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** is tied for the Cactus League lead in walks (3)...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all four of his games (3 for 11, one walk)...all four of his starts have come in center field...**Josh Donaldson** has appeared in five games, all at third base...**Cliff Pennington** has reached base safely in each of his four games and has hit safely in his last three (4 for 10, .400) after going 0 for 2 with a walk in the opener...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his four games (6 for 12, .500) and has driven in at least one run in each of his last three (four RBI total)...is tied for second in the CL in hits (6)...has made all four 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 reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his six games...leads the majors in runs (6) and is tied for the lead in home runs (2)...ranks second in the CL in total bases (14) and tied for second in hits (6)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, two at third base and one at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** has hit safely in each of his last three games (3 for 8, .375) after going 0 for 2 in the opener...**Wes Timmons** is tied for second in the CL in hits (6)...has appeared in five 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 fourth in the CL in RBI (5)...is tied for second in stolen bases (2).

### 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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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #74 JARROD PARKER RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring...pitched a scoreless second and third inning in his first outing last Saturday against Seattle at Peoria...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.

#### PARKER'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/3	at SEA	W	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings, including his last appearance Monday against the Cubs in Mesa (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...has retired six of the seven batters he has faced...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 against right-handed hitters and .268 against left-handers...opponents batted .185 with runners in scoring position and were 1-for-11 (.091) with RISP and two outs.

### #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.

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings, including his last outing Monday against the Angels in Phoenix (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hbp)...has retired six of the eight batters he has faced...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 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.

### #77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his last outing Monday against the Cubs in Mesa (1.0 ip, 3 h, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so) after 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 against right-handed hitters and .333 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, including .238 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.

## 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
March 6	at Chicago (NL)	W, 8-7	3-2	Castro	Zych	5,809	
March 7	at Milwaukee	W, 6-0	4-2	Milone	Rodriguez	2,835	
March 7	Los Angeles (NL)	T, 3-3	4-2-1	---	---	3,583	13,410
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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		
March 17	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.