



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2 in Glendale...Jarrod Parker started and lost for the A's, allowing two runs on three hits and three walks in 2.0 innings...Jordan Norberto struck out the side in the third inning but Joey Devine followed by allowing four runs on a hit and three walks in 0.2 innings...Pedro Figueroa and Erick Threets tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's were shutout on two hits over the first seven innings...Michael Taylor had a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning to get the A's on the board and Grant Green added a sacrifice fly in the ninth...the A's were held to five hits.

A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the only meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...last year, the A's lost two of three to Colorado...split two games in Phoenix and lost the only meeting in Scottsdale.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 58 active players on the roster...that includes 40 players on the 40-man roster and 18 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 28 pitchers, six 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 (4-3-1) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (1-3-1)
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Lost their first road contest of the spring yesterday and are now 4-1 on the road compared to 0-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the majors in doubles (20) and hits (8)...the pitching staff tops the majors in strikeouts (60) and walks (36)...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 signed or 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 and 7:00 pm PT on both days...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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Brandon Allen is tied for the Major League lead in RBI (8)...seven of those came last Sunday against the Cubs in Mesa...three of his four hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one grand slam)...**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 six games, all at third base...**Cliff Pennington** has reached base safely in each of his five games and has hit safely in his last four (5 for 13, .385) 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 fourth in the Cactus League in hits (6)...has made all four of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** has appeared in four 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)...ranks third in the CL in total bases (14), tied for third in home runs (2) and tied for fourth 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 (7)...has appeared in five games at second base, three at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** is tied for third in the CL in stolen bases (2) and tied for fourth in RBI (5).

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)
March 9 Landon Powell released

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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

#32 BRANDON McCARTHY RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...allowed three runs, two earned, in 3.0 innings in his first start last Sunday against the Cubs in Mesa and had a no decision...has been named the A's Opening Day starter for the March 28 game against Seattle in Japan...had the best season of his six-year Major League career in 2011 as he was 9-9 with a 3.32 ERA in 25 starts...had career highs in wins, starts, complete games (5), innings pitched (170.2) and strikeouts (123)...his ERA was the lowest of his career as was his .281 opponents on-base percentage and .377

McCARTHY'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	-	3.0	4	3	2	1	2	0	14
Totals			3.0	4	3	2	1	2	0	14

opponents slugging percentage...tied for second in the American League in complete games, tied for eighth in shutouts (1) and ranked ninth in on-base percentage...with 123 strikeouts and just 25 walks, he set an Athletics record (since 1901) for strikeout-to-walk ratio with a mark of 4.92...averaged 1.32 walks per nine innings, which was the second-lowest mark in Athletics history...ranked second in the AL in strikeout-to-walk ratio and was third in walks per nine innings and home runs per nine innings (0.58)...a stint on the disabled list and a lack of run support limited him to a 1-5 record despite a 3.54 ERA in 11 starts before the All-Star Break...then went 8-4 with a 3.15 ERA in 14 starts after the break...tied for third in the AL in post-break wins and was eighth in ERA.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his two outings...has faced 13 batters, allowing six hits and walking three...has surrendered three home runs in 1.2 innings...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.

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing Tuesday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so) after yielding a solo home run to the Mariners Peguero in his first outing last Saturday at Seattle (1.0 ip, 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 CARIGNAN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first two outings, including his last appearance Tuesday at Milwaukee when he retired the side in order in the eighth inning...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.

#55 FABIO CASTRO LHP (1-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...was the winning pitcher in his first outing last Monday against the Cubs in Mesa (2.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...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.

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	
March 7	Los Angeles (NL)	T, 3-3	4-2-1	---	---	3,583	13,410
March 8	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 2-7	4-3-1	Capuano	Parker	5,721	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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	LHP Tommy Milone vs. LHP Bruce Chen			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.