



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Colorado Rockies 6-4 in Scottsdale...Josh Reddick had a RBI single in the first inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead...Brandon McCarthy allowed two runs on four hits and no walks in 4.2 innings but ended up with a no decision after the A's scored two runs in the sixth inning to take the lead...Kurt Suzuki had a RBI single to tie the game and Josh Donaldson delivered a RBI double to put the A's ahead...Collin Cowgill had a RBI double in the A's two-run seventh and Grant Green hit a solo home run in the eighth...Eric Sogard paced the A's offense with three hits...Grant Balfour, Andrew Carignan and Fabio Castro all tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

A's vs. REDS

This is the only meeting between the A's and Reds this spring...last year, the two clubs split two games with the A's losing in Phoenix 7-6 on March 1 and winning at Goodyear 10-8 on March 22...the A's have lost four of five games to the Reds over the previous two springs.

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 tomorrow 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 (5-3-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (4-3-1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 5-1 on the road compared to 0-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the majors in hits (92) and are tied for the lead in doubles (22)...the pitching staff tops the majors in walks (36) and ranks second in strikeouts (66)...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.

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 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...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 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 five of his games (4 for 14, one walk)...all five of his starts have come in center field...**Josh Donaldson** had his first two hit game yesterday at Colorado after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...has appeared in seven 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 five games (7 for 15, .467) and has driven in at least one run in each of his last four (five RBI total)...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in hits (7)...has made all five of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** has appeared in four games in left field and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** had the A's first three-hit game yesterday at Colorado and has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his seven games...leads the majors in runs (8)...ranks second in the CL in hits (9), tied for second in total bases (17) and tied for sixth in home runs (2)...has appeared in five games at shortstop, three at third base and one at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** has hit safely in each of his last four games (4 for 12, .333) after going 0 for 2 in the opener...**Wes Timmons** is tied for fourth in the CL in hits (7)...has appeared in six 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 seventh 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

#21 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (0-0, 10.13 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...had a no decision in his first outing last Monday against the Cubs in Mesa when he allowed three runs, all on a DeWitt home run, in 2.2 innings...will start the second game of the regular season March 29 game 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).

COLON'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	at CHI (NL)	-	2.7	4	3	3	0	1	1	12
Totals			2.7	4	3	3	0	1	1	12

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#40 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his last outing Wednesday against the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 2 bb, 1 so) after allowing a run in 1.0 inning in his first outing last Sunday at the Cubs...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 against right-handed hitters and .265 against left-handers...first batters faced were 15 for 61 (.246) with six walks...allowed 7 of 28 (25.0%) inherited runners to score.

#53 JIM MILLER RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the fourth inning in his last outing Wednesday against the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 0 h, 4 bb, 0 so) after tossing a scoreless eighth inning in his first outing a week ago today at Seattle (1 h, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed by the A's to a minor league contract November 11...spent the entire 2011 season with Triple-A Colorado Springs before he was selected by Colorado Sept. 6...appeared in six games for the Rockies, compiling a 2.57 ERA and .130 opponents batting average...went 8-5 with 24 saves and a 5.25 ERA in 65 relief appearances with Colorado Springs...the games pitched were a minor league career-high...tied for the Pacific Coast League lead in games pitched and tied for second in saves...the games pitched tied for third in all of minor league baseball...averaged 2.13 walks per nine innings, which ranked third lowest among PCL relievers...converted 24 of 29 (82.8%) save opportunities...allowed just 3 of 20 (15.0%) inherited runners to score...allowed a .314 opponents batting average, including .306 against right-handed hitters and .324 against left-handers.

#47 BRAD PEACOCK RHP (0-1, 21.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...was the losing pitcher in his first outing, a start last Monday against Los Angeles (AL) in Phoenix (1.2 ip, 4 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...was one of four players acquired from Washington in the Gio Gonzalez trade December 23...was named Washington's Minor League Pitcher of the Year and Eastern League Pitcher of the Year to earn a September call-up with the Nationals...went 2-0 with a 0.75 ERA in three games, two starts, in his Major League debut...held the opposition to a .167 batting average but issued six walks in 12.0 innings...combined to go 15-3 with a 2.39 ERA and .188 opponents batting average in 25 games, 23 starts, with Double-A Harrisburg and Triple-A Syracuse...struck out 177 batters in 146.2 innings...surrendered just nine home runs...tied for second in Minor League Baseball in wins and ranked seventh in strikeouts...was named to the *Baseball America* Minor League All-Star Team...was named the Nationals' number three prospect by *Baseball America* following the season and the A's number two prospect following the trade.

#62 NEIL WAGNER RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the seventh inning in his first outing Wednesday against the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er)...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	
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	
March 9	at Colorado	W, 6-4	5-3-1	Blevins	Chatwood	9,596	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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)	RHP Tyson Ross vs. RHP Jake Peavy	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.