



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Cincinnati 6-3 here in Phoenix...Oakland scored all six of its runs in the first four innings, including an unearned run in the first...Cliff Pennington and Yoenis Céspedes had RBI singles in the second inning and the A's scored two more in the third on a Josh Donaldson RBI single and an Adam Rosales sacrifice fly...Céspedes then homered to lead off the fourth inning to complete the A's scoring...Bartolo Colon started and won for the A's, allowing a run on three hits in 4.0 innings (0 bb, 4 so)...Brian Fuentes tossed a scoreless fifth inning and Brad Peacock allowed two runs in 3.0 innings of work...Neil Wagner shut down the Reds in the ninth inning for the save...Pennington, Céspedes, Collin Cowgill and Donaldson had two hits each.

### A's vs. ROYALS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...the two clubs meet again in Surprise March 21 in the A's final spring game in Arizona...last year, the A's and Royals played to a 4-4 tie in Phoenix and the A's lost in Surprise 4-3.

### 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 DL 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 today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow.

### 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 (6-3-1) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (5-3)  
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Won their first home game of the spring yesterday and are now 1-2-1 in Phoenix compared to 5-1 on the road...stole five bases yesterday, their most in a spring game since March 29, 1995 when they had six...are tied for fourth in the Cactus League in steals (11)...also rank second in doubles (22), third in runs (58) and hits (102) and fourth in walks (30)...the pitching staff has not issued a walk in the last two games but leads the CL with 36 for the spring...rank second in strikeouts (73).

**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* began the spring in major league camp...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).

**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.

**SPRING IN ARIZONA:** 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.

**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...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 a week ago today against the Cubs in Mesa...three of his four hits are for extra bases (two doubles, one grand slam)...**Yoenis Céspedes** made his A's debut with a start in center field yesterday against Cincinnati and went 2 for 2 with a walk, a RBI single and a solo home run...**Collin Cowgill** had his first two hit game yesterday against the Reds and is 4 for 6 (.667) over his last three games after going 2 for 16 (.125) over his first five contests...stole two bases yesterday and is tied for second in the Cactus League in steals (3)...has made seven appearances in center field and four in right and one in left...**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** has back-to-back two-hit games (4 for 6, .667) after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...is tied for the CL lead in walks (4)...has appeared in eight games, all at third base...**Cliff Pennington** has reached base safely in each of his six games and has hit safely in his last five (7 for 17, .412) after going 0 for 2 with a walk in the opener...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his six games (8 for 18, .444)...is tied for third in the CL in hits (8) and ranks eighth in batting (.444)...has made all six of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** has appeared in five games in left field and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his eight 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 seventh in home runs (2)...had the A's first three-hit game Friday at Colorado...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three at third base and one at second base...**Wes Timmons** is tied for eighth in the CL in hits (7)...has appeared in six games at second base, four at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** is tied for fifth in the CL 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)  
March 9 Landon Powell released

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (1-0, 1.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...is tied for second in the Cactus League in strikeouts (6)...his lone start came in his last outing Tuesday at Milwaukee when he pitched 3.0 scoreless innings for the win...pitched the third and fourth innings in relief of Graham Godfrey in his first outing March 2 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
3/6	at MIL	W	3.0	1	0	0	1	3	0	10
Totals			5.0	2	2	1	1	6	1	18

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has retired all nine batters he has faced over his first two outings...his last appearance was Tuesday at Milwaukee when he retired all six batters that he faced (2.0 ip, 2 so)...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 RISP.

### #60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-0, 3.86 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (1.1 ip, 1 bb, 1 so) after allowing one run in 1.0 inning in his first outing...his last outing was Wednesday against the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...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 Licey in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-1 with a 2.00 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in any of his first three outings (3.0 ip), including his last outing Thursday at the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...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.

### #45 GRAHAM GODFREY RHP (0-1, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...pitched in relief in his last outing Tuesday against Milwaukee and retired six of the seven batters he faced (2.0 ip, 1 bb)...was the starting and losing pitcher in the Cactus League opener March 2 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	
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	
March 10	Cincinnati	W, 6-2	6-3-1	Colon	Cueto	6,644	20,054
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. RHP Mike Fiers			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	

\*March 25 game starts at 3:10 am Pacific Time. March 26 game starts at 8:10 pm Pacific Time on March 25.