



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Kansas City 10-8 in Phoenix...Tommy Milone (3.2 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so) allowed two runs in the third inning but Jemile Weeks had a RBI double in the bottom of the inning to make the score 2-1...the A's then scored five runs in the fourth, highlighted by a Seth Smith RBI triple and a Kila Ka'aihue two-run home run...Ryan Cook allowed two runs in the fifth inning and Graham Godfrey allowed four runs in 2.0 innings...one of those runs came in the eighth inning, giving the Royals an 8-7 lead, but the A's scored three times in the bottom of the eighth on a three-run double by Eric Sogard...Pedro Figueroa pitched a scoreless inning of relief for the win and Fautino De Los Santos blanked the Royals in the ninth for the save.

A's vs. WHITE SOX

This is the only meeting between the A's and White Sox this spring...last year, the two clubs met twice with the A's losing at Camelback Ranch 18-1 and winning in Phoenix 8-3...have lost five of their last seven spring games against the White Sox.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 46 active players on the roster...that includes 38 players on the 40-man roster and eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 22 pitchers, five catchers, nine infielders and 10 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 reported yesterday with the first workout scheduled for today.

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 (7-3-1) VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (2-6) MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 – CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won three straight games and are now 7-3-1, which is tied for the second best record in the Cactus League...since 2001, the only time the A's had a better spring record after 11 games was in 2008 when they were 8-3 (lost game 12)...are 5-1 on the road compared to 2-2-1 in Phoenix...rank second in the Cactus League in doubles (26), tied for second in walks (34) and third in runs (68) and hits (115)...the pitching staff leads the CL in walks (41) and ranks third in strikeouts (77).

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 were 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).

SPRING IN ARIZONA: 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.

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 second in the Cactus League in RBI (8)...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 Saturday against Cincinnati and went 2 for 2 with a walk, a RBI single and a solo home run...started at designated hitter yesterday against Kansas City (0 for 3, walk)...**Collin Cowgill** had his first two-hit game Saturday 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 Saturday and is tied for second in the CL in steals (3)...has made seven appearances in center field, four in right and one in left...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all six of his games (5 for 18, one walk)...all six of his starts have come in center field...**Josh Donaldson** has three straight two-hit games (6 for 11, .545) after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...is tied for third in the CL in walks (4) and tied for fourth in hits (8)...has appeared in nine games, all at third base...**Brandon Moss** has hit safely in five of his six games and is batting .417...**Cliff Pennington** has reached base safely in each of his seven games and has hit safely in his last six (8 for 19, .421) after going 0 for 2 with a walk in the opener...is tied for fourth in the CL in hits (8)...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his six games (8 for 18, .444)...is tied for fourth in the CL in hits (8)...has made all six of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** has appeared in five games in left field and two in right field...**Eric Sogard** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his nine games...leads the majors in runs (8)...ranks second in the CL in hits (10) and total bases (19), tied for sixth in doubles (3) and tied for eighth in home runs (2) and RBI (6)...had the A's first three-hit game Friday at Colorado...has appeared in seven games at shortstop, three at third base and one at second base...**Wes Timmons** has appeared in six games at second base, four at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** had his third two-hit game of the spring yesterday against Kansas City and is tied for fourth in the CL in hits (8).

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
March 11 Sean Doolittle and Jermaine Mitchell optioned to Sacramento; Fabio Castro, Michael Choice, Edgar Gonzalez, Sonny Gray, Grant Green, Cedric Hunter, Jim Miller, Jason Pridie, Max Stassi and Merkin Valdez reassigned to minor league camp

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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, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...tossed 3.0 scoreless innings in his last start Wednesday against the Dodgers after allowing one run in 1.0 inning in his first start March 3 at Seattle...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
3/7	LAD	-	3.0	1	0	0	1	2	0	10
Totals			4.0	2	1	1	3	3	0	16

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 16.88 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing Friday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so) after allowing at least two runs in each of his first two outings...has faced 16 batters, allowing seven hits and walking three...has surrendered three home runs in 2.2 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 (1-0, 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), including his last outing Friday at Colorado when he retired the only batter he faced in the fifth inning and picked up the win...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 CARRIGAN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings, including his last appearance Friday at Colorado when he retired the side in order in the seventh 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.

#62 NEIL WAGNER RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless ninth inning for the save in his last outing Saturday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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	
March 10	Cincinnati	W, 6-2	6-3-1	Colon	Cueto	6,644	20,054
March 11	Kansas City	W, 10-8	7-3-1	Figueroa	Wood	4,840	24,894
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	RHP Bartolo Colon vs. LHP Martin Perez	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.