



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Chicago White Sox, 9-4 at Glendale...Coco Crisp had a RBI single in the first inning and the A's added five more runs in the third on a two-run single by Brandon Allen and a three-run double by Collin Cowgill...Tyson Ross started for the A's and tossed 3.0 shutout innings for the win (3 h, 2 bb, 2 so)...Grant Balfour retired the side in order in the fourth and the A's tacked on another run in the fifth on Jemile Weeks RBI single...the A's scored their final two runs in the eighth inning on a Jeff Fiorentino RBI single and an error...Neil Wagner allowed all four of the White Sox runs in 0.2 innings and Jerry Blevins (0.1 ip), Erick Threats (1.2 ip) and Travis Schlichting (2.1 ip) all tossed scoreless relief...Cowgill and Kurt Suzuki had three hits each and Weeks and Crisp added two hits apiece.

### A's vs. BREWERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Brewers this spring...Oakland won the first contest 6-0 in Maryvale March 6...the A's lost two of three to Milwaukee last year, winning the only game in Phoenix and dropping two contests in Maryvale.

### 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

The full squad has reported and is working out...the first minor league spring training games are 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 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 (8-3-1) VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS (4-4-1)  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won four straight games and are now 8-3-1, which is tied for the second best record in the Cactus League...that is the A's best spring record after 12 games since 2000 when they were 10-1-1 (won game 13)...are 6-1 on the road compared to 2-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the Cactus League in walks (42) and rank second in runs (77), hits (130) and doubles (30)...the pitching staff is tied for the CL lead in walks (44) and is tied for second in strikeouts (85).

**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).

**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** leads the Cactus League and ranks second in the majors in RBI (10)...is also tied for fifth in runs (6)...is 1 for 14 with three RBI over his last five games after going 4 for 7 (.571) with seven RBI over his first two contests...**Daric Barton** made his first appearance of the spring yesterday with a start at designated hitter and went 0 for 3 with two walks...**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 Sunday against Kansas City (0 for 3, walk)...**Collin Cowgill** has back-to-back multiple hit games (5 for 5) and has six straight hits...is 7 for 9 (.778) over his last four games after going 2 for 16 (.125) over his first five contests...is tied for third in the CL in steals (3) and tied for fifth in hits (9)...has made eight appearances in center field, five in right and two in left...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all seven of his games (7 for 21, two walks)...all seven of his starts have come in center field...**Josh Donaldson** has hit safely in each of his last four games (7 for 13, .538) after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in walks (4) and tied for fifth in hits (9)...has appeared in 10 games, all at third base...**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...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his seven games (9 for 22, .409)...is tied for fifth in the CL in hits and ranks ninth in batting...has made all seven 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 10 games...leads the majors in runs (9)...ranks third in the CL in hits (11) and total bases (20), tied for fourth in walks (4), tied for sixth in doubles (3), 10<sup>th</sup> in slugging (.690) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in home runs (2)...has appeared in seven games at shortstop, four at third base and one at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** had his first three-hit game yesterday after going 4 for 16 (.250) over his first six contests...**Wes Timmons** has appeared in seven games at second base, four at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 9, .444) and four overall...ranks fourth in the CL in hits (10).

### 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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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #74 JARROD PARKER RHP (1-1, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...the start and loss came in his last outing Thursday at Los Angeles (NL) when he allowed two runs in 2.0 innings...pitched a scoreless second and third inning in his first outing March 3 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
3/8	at LAD	L	2.0	3	2	2	3	1	0	12
Totals			4.0	3	2	2	3	5	0	19

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #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.

### #60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-0, 2.70 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (2.1 ip, 3 bb, 3 so) after allowing one run in 1.0 inning in his first outing...his last outing was Sunday against Kansas City when he picked up the save (1.0 ip, 2 bb, 2 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 mark against left-handed hitters, compared to .254 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 and was 1-1 with a 2.00 ERA in 10 relief appearances.

### #40 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Saturday against Cincinnati (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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 (30-for-136) against right-handed hitters and .265 (22-for-83) against left-handers...first batters faced were 15 for 61 (.246) with six walks...allowed 7 of 28 (25.0%) inherited runners to score.

### #77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings, including his last appearance Sunday against Kansas City when he retired the only batter he faced in the fourth inning...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
	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
March 12	at Chicago (AL)	W, 9-4	8-3-1	Ross	Peavy	4,468	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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	RHP Brad Peacock vs. RHP Hisashi Iwakuma			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.