



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Tuesday, Oakland defeated Milwaukee 8-6 in Phoenix...Manny Ramirez opened the scoring with a home run to lead off the second inning and Josh Donaldson added a sacrifice fly later in the inning to make the score 2-0...Jarrod Parker started for the A's and tossed 3.1 shutout innings (2 h, 3 bb, 4 so) and Andrew Carignan followed with 1.2 scoreless innings of relief...Brian Fuentes allowed four runs in the sixth inning but Josh Reddick homered in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 4-3...the A's then scored five times in the seventh inning to take the lead for good...Collin Cowgill and Brandon Moss had RBI singles and Anthony Recker delivered a two-run double to highlight the scoring...Jordan Norberto pitched a scoreless seventh inning for the win and Evan Scribner retired the side in order in the ninth for the save.

### A's vs. RANGERS

This is the only meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...last year, the A's lost both games, dropping a 6-3 decision in Phoenix and a 9-2 game at Surprise.

### IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 45 active players on the roster...that includes 37 players on the 40-man roster and eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 21 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, and Brett Anderson, who placed on the 60-day DL March 13 as he continues his recovery from "Tommy John" surgery.

### 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 (9-3-1) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (3-7-1)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won five straight games and are now 9-3-1, which is the second best record in the Cactus League behind Seattle (10-3-1)...that is the A's best spring record after 13 games since 2000 when they were 11-1-1 (lost game 14)...are 6-1 on the road compared to 3-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the Cactus League in walks (48) and rank second in runs (85), third in hits (139), batting (.298) and on-base percentage (.364) and tied for third in doubles (31)...the pitching staff leads the CL in walks (48) and ranks second in strikeouts (86).

**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 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 is tied for second in the majors in RBI (10)...is 1 for 15 with three RBI over his last six games after going 4 for 7 (.571) with seven RBI over his first two contests...**Daric Barton** made his first appearance of the spring Monday with a start at designated hitter and went 0 for 3 with two walks...**Yoenis Céspedes** made his A's debut last Saturday against Cincinnati and went 2 for 2 with a walk, a RBI single and a solo home run...is 0 for 6 with a walk in two games since then...has started two games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Collin Cowgill** is 6 for 6 with two walks over his last eight plate appearances...is 8 for 10 (.800) over his last five 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 (10)...has made nine 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** is 7 for 16 (.438) over his last five games after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...has appeared in 11 games, all at third base...**Brandon Moss** has hit safely in six of his eight games and is batting .429 (6 for 14)...**Cliff Pennington** has reached base safely in each of his eight games and has hit safely in his last seven (9 for 22, .409) after going 0 for 2 with a walk in the opener...**Manny Ramirez** went 1 for 2 with a home run Tuesday against Milwaukee after going 0 for 8 over his first three contests...**Anthony Recker** is 3 for 5 (.600) over his last two games after going 1 for 7 (.143) over his first four contests...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his eight games (10 for 25, .400)...is tied for third in the CL in runs (7) and tied for fifth in hits...has made all eight of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** is 1 for 13 over his last four games after going 5 for 10 (.500) over his first four contests...has appeared in six games in left field and two in right field...**Eric Sogard** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his 11 games...leads the majors in runs (10)...ranks third in the CL in hits (12) and total bases (21), tied for eighth in walks (4), 10<sup>th</sup> in slugging (.677) and on-base percentage (.457) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in home runs (2)...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, four at third base and one at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** had his first three-hit game Monday at Chicago (AL) and is 3 for 5 (.600) over his last two games after going 4 for 16 (.250) over his first six contests...**Wes Timmons** is 5 for 10 (.500) with three walks over his last seven games after going 3 for 12 (.250) over his first four contests...has appeared in eight 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...is tied for fifth 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
- March 13 Brandon Hicks claimed off waivers from Atlanta; Brett Anderson placed on the 60-day disabled list (left ulnar collateral ligament surgery)
- March 15 Brandon Hicks optioned to Sacramento

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #47 BRAD PEACOCK RHP (0-1, 9.64 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance and second start of the spring...pitched 3.0 innings of relief in his last outing Saturday against Cincinnati...was the starting and losing pitcher in his first outing March 5 against Los Angeles (AL) ...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.

#### PEACOCK'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/5	LAA	L	1.7	4	4	4	1	1	0	10
3/10	at CIN	-	3.0	3	2	1	0	2	0	12
Totals			4.7	7	6	5	1	3	0	22

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...opponents are 1 for 13 (.077)...retired all nine batters he faced over his first two outings before allowing two runs in the fourth inning in his last appearance Sunday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 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...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.

### #65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first four outings (4.0 ip), including his last outing Sunday against Kansas City when he picked up the win (1.0 ip, 1 h)...opponents are 2 for 13 (.154)...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.

### #70 ERICK THREETS LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first four outings, including his last appearance Monday at the White Sox (1.2 ip, 2 h, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed by the A's to a minor league contract December 2...missed the 2011 season after undergoing "Tommy John" surgery on his left elbow in 2010...pitched for Mexicali in the Mexican Pacific Winter League following the season...was 1-1 with a 1.17 ERA in 32 relief appearances...struck out 40 and walked 22 in 30.2 innings...averaged 11.74 strikeouts per nine innings...did not surrender an extra base hit...held the opposition to a .134 batting average, including .091 (3-for-33) against left-handed pitchers and .156 (10-for-56) against right-handers...yielded a .103 average with runners in scoring position...allowed 2 of 12 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...did not allow an earned run in 30 of his 32 appearances...had an 18-game scoreless streak from Oct. 22 to Nov. 27 (16.1 ip, 6 h, 8 bb, 21 so)...compiled a 1.35 ERA in eight postseason games (6.2 ip, 6 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 8 so).

### #62 NEIL WAGNER RHP (0-0, 16.88 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Monday at Chicago (AL) when he allowed four (0.2 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 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.

## 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	
March 13	Milwaukee	W, 8-6	9-3-1	Norberto	De La Cruz	4,714	29,608
March 14	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 15	at Texas	RHP Brad Peacock vs. LHP Martin Perez	1:05				
March 16	Seattle	RHP Graham Godfrey vs. RHP Hisashi Iwakuma	7:05	95.7 FM The Game			
March 17	Chicago (NL)	RHP Travis Schlichting vs. LHP Paul Maholm	1:05	95.7 FM The Game			
	at San Francisco	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Tim Lincecum	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.