



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Seattle 6-1 last night in Phoenix...Graham Godfrey (3.2 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 5 so) started for Oakland and allowed a walk and two straight singles, including a Suzuki RBI single, to start the game...he then retired each of the final 11 batters he faced...Godfrey picked up the win as the A's scored four times in the bottom of the first...Josh Reddick had a two-run double, Manny Ramirez a RBI double and Collin Cowgill a RBI single...Adam Rosales had a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning to make the score 5-1...Jerry Blevins (1.1 ip), Brian Fuentes (1.0 ip), Grant Balfour (1.0 ip) and Jordan Norberto (2.0 ip) all pitched scoreless relief...Josh Horton had a RBI double in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Brandon Allen had two of the A's 11 hits.

### A's vs. CUBS

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's won the first two meetings in Mesa: 12-10 on March 4 and 8-7 on March 5...last spring, the two clubs split four meetings...split two games in Phoenix and two games in Mesa.

### 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 (11-3-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (6-8) SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won seven straight games, which is the A's longest spring winning streak since March 11-17, 2008 when they also won seven straight...since 1986 (the earliest year full spring results are available), the A's longest spring training winning streak is nine (March 13-21, 2001 and March 8-16, 2000)...are 11-3-1, which is the best record in the Cactus League...since 1986, the only time the A's had a batter record after 15 games was in 2000 when a split squad put the record at 12-3-1 after 16 games (won game 17 to go to 13-3-1)...need one more win to clinch a winning record in the spring for the first time since 2008 (18-8)...the A's are 7-1 on the road this spring compared to 4-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the majors in doubles (41) and top the Cactus League in walks (56)...rank second in the CL in runs (102), batting (.304) and on-base percentage (.370), third in hits (164) and fourth in slugging (.474)...the pitching staff is tied for second in the CL in walks (53) and ranks third in strikeouts (109).

**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...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)...the 21 losses 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).

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Brandon Allen** is tied for second in the Cactus League in RBI (10)...had two hits last night against Seattle after going 1 for 15 over his previous six contests...**Daric Barton** made his first appearance of the spring Monday and is 0 for 8 with three walks in three games, including two starts at designated hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** made his A's debut a week ago today against Cincinnati and went 2 for 2 with a walk, a RBI single and a solo home run...is 1 for 10 with a walk in three games since then...has started three games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Collin Cowgill** reached base safely in 11 consecutive plate appearances (eight hits, three walks) before lining out in the sixth inning last night against Seattle...is 10 for 13 (.769) over his last seven games after going 2 for 16 (.125) over his first five contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in doubles (4) and stolen bases (4), tied for sixth in hits (12), ranks seventh in on-base percentage (.485) and 10<sup>th</sup> in batting (.414)...has made 10 appearances in center field, five in right and three in left...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all eight of his games (8 for 24, two walks)...all eight of his starts have come in center field...**Josh Donaldson** is 8 for 24 (.333) over his last seven games after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...has appeared in 13 games, all at third base...**Jonny Gomes** is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in walks (5)...**Brandon Moss** has hit safely in seven of his nine games and is batting .467 (7 for 15)...**Derek Norris** went 1 for 2 with a grand slam and four RBI Thursday at Texas after going 2 for 10 with one RBI over his first eight games...**Cliff Pennington** went 4 for 4 with two doubles Thursday at Texas and has reached base safely in all nine of his games...has hit safely in each of his last eight (13 for 26, .500)...ranks second in the CL in on-base percentage (.531), tied for second in hits (13), third in batting (.464) and tied for ninth in doubles (4)...**Manny Ramirez** is 2 for 5 (.400) with a double and a home run over his last two games after going 0 for 8 over his first three contests...**Anthony Recker** is 4 for 8 (.500) over his last three games after going 1 for 7 (.143) over his first four contests...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in each of his nine games (11 for 28, .393)...is tied for fourth in the CL in runs (8) and tied for seventh in RBI (8)...has made all nine of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** is 2 for 17 (.118) over his last five games after going 5 for 10 (.500) over his first four contests...has appeared in six games in left field and three in right field...**Eric Sogard** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of the 12 games in which he has batted...leads the majors in runs (12)...is tied for second in the CL in hits (13) and ranks seventh in total bases (22)...has appeared in nine games at shortstop, four at third base and two at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** had his first three-hit game Monday at Chicago (AL) and is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last three games after going 4 for 16 (.250) over his first six contests...**Wes Timmons** is 6 for 12 (.500) with three walks over his last nine games after going 3 for 12 (.250) over his first four contests...has appeared in 10 games at second base, four at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** homered twice Thursday at Texas and now has three overall, which is tied for second in the CL...is also second in total bases (25), tied for second in hits (13), fourth in slugging (.806), tied for fourth in RBI (9) and ninth in batting (.419)...has three straight multiple-hit games (7 for 13, .538) and five overall.

### 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

### #73 TRAVIS SCHLICHTING RHP (1-0, 2.84 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and first start of the spring...tossed at least 2.0 innings in each of his first three outings, all in relief...opponents are 3 for 21 (.143) with a walk...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's December 20...spent the entire 2011 season with Triple-A Albuquerque in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system...was 5-3 with four saves and a 7.10 ERA in 51 relief appearances...had minor league bests in games, saves, innings pitched (64.2) and strikeouts (51)...allowed a .302 opponents batting average, including .300 (45-for-150) against right-handed hitters compared to .306 (33-for-108) against left-handers...opponents hit .226 when leading off an inning...compiled an 8.53 ERA in 30 appearances before the All-Star Break...had a 5.06 ERA and all four of his saves in 21 outings after the break...allowed 4 of 15 (26.7%) inherited runners to score...posted a 1.59 ERA in the ninth inning...pitched for Mayaguez in the Puerto Rican Winter League following the season...was 2-0 with a 0.92 ERA in eight games, seven starts...held the opposition to a .205 batting average.

#### SCHLICHTING'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/4	at CHI (NL)	W	2.0	1	1	1	1	1	0	8
3/8	at LAD	-	2.0	1	1	1	0	3	1	7
3/12	at CWS	S	2.3	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
Totals			6.3	3	2	2	1	6	1	22

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...opponents are 1 for 16 (.063)...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings and has not allowed a baserunner in those three outings...including his last appearance Thursday at Texas when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning...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...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 sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first five outings (5.0 ip), including his last outing Thursday at Texas (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...opponents are 3 for 17 (.176)...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.

### #63 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...was originally a non-roster invitee but was reassigned to minor league camp March 11...pitched 1.0 inning in his first outing March 5 against the Angels in Phoenix and allowed two runs (2 h, 2 bb, 1 so)...was the A's first round selection in the 2011 First-Year Player Draft and signed July 25...combined for a 1-1 record and 0.82 ERA in six starts with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League and Double-A Midland...did not surrender a home run in 22.0 innings...allowed a .241 opponents batting average, including .206 against right-handed hitters compared to .267 against left-handers...issued just one of his six walks to righties...opponents were 2-for-17 (.118) with runners in scoring position...made his professional debut Aug. 7 at the Rangers Arizona Rookie League affiliate, absorbing the loss in a 6-3 decision (2.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 2 so)...was transferred to Midland Aug. 11 and went 1-0 with a 0.45 ERA in five starts...did not allow a run in his first four outings, giving him a 19.1-inning scoreless streak from Aug. 7 to Sept. 5.

### #70 ERICK THREETS LHP (0-0, 1.59 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first four outings (4.2 ip) before yielding one in his last appearance Thursday at Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 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).

## 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 15	at Texas	W, 11-7	10-3-1	Scribner	Stetter	7,562	
March 16	Seattle	W, 6-1	11-3-1	Godfrey	Iwakuma	9,038*	38,646
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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	RHP Tyson Ross vs. RHP Trevor Cahill		1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 19	Arizona	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. RHP Josh Collmenter		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.