



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. GIANTS

This is the first of four meetings between the A's and Giants this spring but the only game in Arizona...will have a three-game series in the Bay Area April 2-4 after the A's open the regular season in Japan March 28 and 29...last year, the A's went 2-3 against San Francisco...the wins came in Phoenix and Scottsdale and the three losses came in the Bay Area.

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 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 (11-3-1) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (10-4-2) SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 – SCOTTSDALE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

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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...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 10th 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

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (1-0, 3.12 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...has issued just one walk in 8.2 innings...opponents are 6 for 32 (.188)...each of his last two outings have been starts (2 er in 6.2 ip, 2.70 ERA) after pitching in relief in his first outing March 2 against Seattle...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
3/11	KC	-	3.7	4	2	2	0	1	1	15
Totals			8.7	6	4	3	1	7	2	33

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#38 ANDREW CARRIGAN RHP (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 Tuesday against Milwaukee (1.2 ip, 1 h, 3 so)...opponents are 3 for 15 (.200) and he has not walked a batter in 4.2 innings...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, 2.08 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his last four outings (3.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 3 bb, 3 so) after allowing one run in 1.0 inning in his first outing...his last outing was Tuesday against Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r)...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.

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.