



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Arizona 11-2 in Scottsdale...Kurt Suzuki hit a two-run home run in the second inning and winning pitcher Tyson Ross pitched 3.0 scoreless innings (4 h, 1 bb, 1 so) before the game was delayed 36 minutes by rain and hail...Kila Ka'aihue hit a solo home run in the fourth inning when played resumed and Brandon Moss hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning...Moss added a two-run single in the A's three-run seventh inning...Josh Horton delivered a two-run double and Collin Cowgill had a sacrifice fly in Oakland's three-run eighth inning...Neil Wagner allowed the Diamondbacks only two runs in the fourth inning...Evan Scribner tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief and Trey Barham, Matt Thornton and Brett Hunter pitched a scoreless inning of relief each...Moss had three hits and Horton added two.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is second and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's won the first game yesterday in Scottsdale, 11-2...last year, the two clubs split two meetings...the A's lost 4-2 in Phoenix March 20 but won at Scottsdale 15-7 on March 24.

IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 37 active players on the roster...that includes 33 players on the 40-man roster and four non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and seven 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 (13-4-1) VS. ARIZONA D'BACKS (7-10-1) MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won nine of their last 10 games and are 13-4-1 for the spring...that is the best record in the Cactus League and is tied with Toronto for second best in the majors (Detroit, 12-1-3)...have clinched a winning record for the first time since 2008 (18-8)...the 13 wins are one more than the A's total from each of the previous two springs (12-21-1 in 2011, 12-17-3 in 2010)...the .750 winning percentage is on pace to break the Oakland record of .692 set in 2008 (18-8)...are 8-2 on the road compared to 5-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the majors in runs (119), doubles (48) and walks (69)...rank second in the CL in hits (190) and on-base percentage (.365), third in batting (.297) and slugging (.472) and tied for third in home runs (18)...the pitching staff leads the CL in walks (62) and ranks third in strikeouts (125).

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.

JAPAN SERIES: The A's will open the regular season in Japan for the second time...will leave for Tokyo March 22 and have exhibition games against the Yomiuri Giants (March 25 at 7:10 pm) and Hanshin Tigers (March 26 at 12:10 pm)...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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Brandon Allen ranks second in the Cactus League in RBI (11)...is 2 for 4 over his last two games after going 1 for 15 over his previous six contests...**Daric Barton** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all four of his starts (three at designated hitter, one at first base)...is also 0 for 1 as a pinch hitter...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 1 for 15 over his last five games after going 2 for 2 with a walk, a RBI single and a solo home run in his debut March 10 against Cincinnati...has started five games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Collin Cowgill** has hit safely in each of his last nine games (13 for 20, .650) after going 2 for 16 (.125) over his first five contests...is tied for second in the CL in hits (15), tied for fourth in RBI (9), tied for fifth in stolen bases (4) and ranks eighth in batting (.417) and on-base percentage (.468)...has made 12 appearances in center field, five in right and four in left...reached base safely in 11 consecutive plate appearances (eight hits, three walks) before lining out in the sixth inning Friday night against Seattle...**Coco Crisp** has reached base safely via hit or walk in all nine of his games and has hit safely in each of his last seven (8 for 23, .348)...is tied for the CL lead in triples (2)...all nine of his starts have come in center field...**Josh Donaldson** is 9 for 28 (.321) over his last eight games after going 2 for 18 (.111) over his first six contests...has appeared in 14 games, all at third base...**Jonny Gomes** is tied for second in the CL in walks (7) and tied for fifth in runs (9)...each of his last three hits are doubles...**Kila Ka'aihue** is 4 for 16 (.250) with a double, two home runs and four RBI over his last six games after going 2 for 12 (.167) with a double and no RBI over his first five games...**Cliff Pennington** went 0 for 2 yesterday at Arizona after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 games...also had a nine-game hitting streak snapped (15 for 29, .518)...is tied for second in the CL in hits (15) and ranks fourth in batting (.455) and on-base percentage (.514)...went 4 for 4 with two doubles Thursday at Texas...**Manny Ramirez** is 2 for 7 (.286) with a double and a home run over his last three games after going 0 for 8 over his first three contests...**Anthony Recker** is 5 for 15 (.333) over his last five games after going 1 for 7 (.143) over his first four contests...**Josh Reddick** went 0 for 4 Saturday at San Francisco after hitting safely in each of his first nine games (11 for 28, .393)...is tied for 10th in the CL in runs (8)...has made all 10 of his appearances in right field...**Adam Rosales** is 0 for 12 over his last six games after going 2 for 4 (.500) over his first four contests...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three at second base, one at third base and one at first base...**Seth Smith** is 3 for 4 (.750) with a walk over his last two games after going 2 for 17 (.118) over his previous five games...has appeared in six games in left field and five in right field...**Eric Sogard** went 0 for 1 yesterday at Arizona after reaching base safely in each of the first 13 games in which he batted...leads the majors in runs (12)...is tied for ninth in the CL in hits (13) and total bases (22)...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop, five at third base and two at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** hit his first home run yesterday at Arizona and is 4 for 9 (.444) over his last four games after going 4 for 16 (.250) over his first six contests...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 13 (.231) over his last eight games after going 7 for 18 (.389) over his first seven contests...has appeared in 11 games at second base, five at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** homered twice Thursday at Texas and now has three overall, which is tied for third in the CL...is fourth in total bases (26), tied for fourth in RBI (9), tied for fifth in hits (14) and seventh in slugging (.722)...is 8 for 18 (.444) over his last five games.

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
March 18 Chris Carter, Michael Taylor and Neil Wanger optioned to Sacramento; Erick Threets reassigned to minor league camp
March 19 Derek Norris optioned to Sacramento; Jeff Fiorentino, Brandon Moss and Ryan Ortiz 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

#74 JARROD PARKER RHP (1-1, 2.45 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and third start of the spring...each of his last two outings have been starts (2 er in 5.1 ip, 3.38 ERA) after pitching 2.0 scoreless innings of relief in his first appearance...opponents are batting .185 (5 for 27)...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
3/13	MIL	-	3.1	2	0	0	3	4	0	15
Totals			7.1	5	2	2	6	9	0	34

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 9.64 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 so) after allowing at least two runs in each of his first two outings (5 er in 1.2 ip, 27.00 ERA)...his last appearance was Friday night against Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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)...the grounded into double plays and home runs were career highs...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, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (3.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so), including his last outing Friday night against Seattle when he retired all four batters that he faced (1.1 ip)...has not walked a batter in 4.0 innings and opponents are 2 for 14 (.143)...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.

#40 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his last four outings, including his last appearance Friday night against Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...allowed four runs in 1.0 inning March 13 against Milwaukee...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 against right-handed hitters and .265 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 (1-0, 2.84 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his six outings, including each of his last four (4.1 ip, 2 h, 8 so)...his last appearance was Friday against Seattle (2.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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	
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
March 17	Chicago (NL)	W, 4-3	12-3-1	Schlichting	Maholm	8,799*	47,447
	at San Francisco	L, 2-7	12-4-1	Lincecum	Milone	12,022*	
March 18	at Arizona	W, 11-2	13-4-1	Ross	Cahill	12,505*	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
March 19	Arizona	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. RHP Josh Collmenter		1:05			
March 20	Chicago (NL)	RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. RHP Rodrigo Lopez		1:05			
March 21	at Kansas City	RHP Brad Peacock vs. RHP Luis Mendoza		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.