



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Arizona 6-5 in Phoenix...Josh Reddick hit a three-run home run in the first inning and the A's added two more runs in the third on an Eric Sogard sacrifice fly and a Manny Ramirez home run...Brandon Allen homered to lead off the fourth inning to complete the A's scoring...Jarrod Parker started for the A's and picked up the win (3.2 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 7 bb, 0 so)...Jordan Norberto (1.2 ip), Brian Fuentes (1.0 ip) and Grant Balfour (1.0 ip) all pitched scoreless relief...Jerry Blevins allowed two runs in the eighth inning and Justin Souza allowed a run in the ninth before nailing down the save...Collin Cowgill, Sogard and Reddick had two hits each.

### A's vs. CUBS

This is the fourth and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's have won each of the first three meetings, winning in Mesa on March 4 (12-10) and 5 (8-7) and in Phoenix on March 17 (4-3)...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 35 players on the roster, including Daric Barton, Dallas Braden, Joey Devine and Manny Ramirez, who will not be going to Japan...the 35 includes 31 players on the 40-man roster and four non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 17 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 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 (14-4-1) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (8-11)  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have won 10 of their last 11 games and are 14-4-1 for the spring...that is the best record in the Cactus League and second best in the majors to Detroit (12-2-3)...have clinched a winning record during the spring for the first time since 2008 (18-8)...the 14 wins are two more than the A's total from each of the previous two springs (12-21-1 in 2011, 12-17-3 in 2010)...the .763 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 6-2-1 in Phoenix...lead the majors in runs (125), hits (199), doubles (49) and walks (71)...rank second in the CL in on-base percentage (.365) and slugging (.482), third in batting (.297) and tied for third in home runs (21)...the pitching staff leads the CL in walks (71) and ranks third in strikeouts (129)...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.

**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 (12)...is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last three 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 18 with two walks over his last six 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 six games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Collin Cowgill** has hit safely in each of his last 10 games (15 for 23, .652) after going 2 for 16 (.125) over his first five contests...leads the majors in hits (17) and is tied for the lead in triples (2)...is tied for fifth in the CL in stolen bases (4), ranks sixth in batting (.436), seventh in on-base percentage (.489) and tied for seventh in RBI (9)...has made 12 appearances in center field, five in right and five in left...reached base safely in 11 consecutive plate appearances (eight hits, three walks) before lining out in the sixth inning last 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 major league lead in triples (2)...is scheduled to start in left field today after making all nine of his previous starts in center field...**Josh Donaldson** is 2 for 17 (.118) over his last five games after going 7 for 13 (.538) over his previous four contests...has appeared in 15 games, all at third base...**Jonny Gomes** is tied for fourth 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 23 (.174) over his last 10 games after going 2 for 6 (.333) over his first two contests...**Cliff Pennington** went 0 for 2 Sunday 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)...ranks third in the CL in on-base percentage (.514) and tied for third in hits (15) and batting (.455)...went 4 for 4 with two doubles last Thursday at Texas...**Manny Ramirez** is 3 for 10 (.300) with a double and two home runs over his last four games after going 0 for 8 over his first three contests...**Anthony Recker** is 6 for 16 (.375) over his last six games after going 1 for 7 (.143) over his first four contests...**Josh Reddick** has hit safely in 10 of his 11 games this spring, including each of his first nine (11 for 28, .393)...ranks third in the CL in RBI (11) and is tied for fifth in runs (9)...has made all 11 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** has reached base safely in 14 of the 15 games in which he has batted...leads the majors in runs (13)...is tied for third in the CL in hits (15) and tied for seventh in total bases (24)...has appeared in 11 games at shortstop, five at third base and two at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** hit his first home run Sunday at Arizona and is 4 for 12 (.333) over his last five games after going 4 for 16 (.250) over his first six contests...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 16 (.188) over his last nine games after going 7 for 18 (.389) over his first seven contests...has appeared in 12 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 seventh in hits (14) and RBI (9) and eighth 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 and Jarrod Parker optioned to Sacramento; Jeff Fiorentino, Brandon Moss and Ryan Ortiz reassigned to minor league camp  
March 20 Brad Peacock optioned to Sacramento

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #32 BRANDON McCARTHY RHP (0-0, 4.70 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...that does not include a start in a Triple-A game last Thursday when he allowed two runs on five hits and no walks while striking out six in 5.0 innings...has issued just one walk in 7.2 innings...has been named the A's Opening Day starter for the March 28 game against Seattle in Japan...had the best season of his six-year Major League career in 2011 as he was 9-9 with a 3.32 ERA in 25 starts...had career highs in wins, starts, complete games (5), innings pitched (170.2) and strikeouts (123)...his ERA was the lowest of his career as was his .281 opponents on-base percentage and .377 opponents slugging percentage...tied for second in the American League in complete games, tied for eighth in shutouts (1) and ranked ninth in on-base percentage...with 123 strikeouts and just 25 walks, he set an Athletics record (since 1901) for strikeout-to-walk ratio with a mark of 4.92...averaged 1.32 walks per nine innings, which was the second-lowest mark in Athletics history...ranked second in the AL in strikeout-to-walk ratio and was third in walks per nine innings and home runs per nine innings (0.58)...a stint on the disabled list and a lack of run support limited him to a 1-5 record despite a 3.54 ERA in 11 starts before the All-Star Break...then went 8-4 with a 3.15 ERA in 14 starts after the break...tied for third in the AL in post-break wins and was eighth in ERA.

#### McCARTHY'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

| Date   | Opponent    | Dec | IP  | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | BF |
|--------|-------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| 3/4    | at CHI (NL) | -   | 3.0 | 4 | 3 | 2  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 14 |
| 3/9    | at COL      | -   | 4.7 | 4 | 2 | 2  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 18 |
| Totals |             |     | 7.7 | 8 | 5 | 4  | 1  | 5  | 0  | 32 |

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #38 ANDREW CARIGNAN RHP (0-0, 2.84 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...allowed his first runs in his last outing Saturday at San Francisco (1.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 2 er, 2 so) after starting the spring with four scoreless outings (4.2 ip, 3 h)...has not walked a batter in 6.1 innings and has struck out seven...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.

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

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...opponents are 2 for 20 (.100)...has allowed at least one run in two of his five outings, including his last appearance Saturday against the Cubs (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so, 1 hr)...has not allowed a baserunner in his three scoreless outings...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.

### #60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-0, 1.69 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed an earned run in his last five outings (4.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 3 bb, 4 so) after allowing one run in 1.0 inning in his first outing...his last outing was Saturday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 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.

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

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first six outings (6.0 ip), including his last outing Saturday against the Cubs when he retired the side in order in the fifth inning (1.0 ip)...opponents are 3 for 20 (.150)...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.

## 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* |           |
| March 19 | Arizona                       | W, 6-5                                     | 14-4-1 | Parker      | Collmenter             | 5,515   | 52,962    |
| DATE     | OPPONENT                      | PROBABLES                                  |        | TIME        | RADIO/TV               |         |           |
| March 20 | Chicago (NL)                  | RHP Brandon McCarthy vs. RHP Rodrigo Lopez |        | 1:05        |                        |         |           |
| March 21 | at Kansas City                | RHP Graham Godfrey 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.