



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's and Chicago Cubs played to a 5-5 tie in 10 innings in Phoenix...Brandon McCarthy allowed two runs in the first inning but Josh Donaldson had a RBI double in the second to cut the lead in half...McCarthy (4.0 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 1 so) allowed two unearned runs in the fourth but Fautino De Los Santos, Pedro Figueroa, Ryan Cook and Zach Thornton all followed with a scoreless inning of relief each...Kila Ka'aihue homered in the eighth to make the score 5-2 and the A's tied the game with a three-run ninth...Jonny Gomes led off the inning with a pinch hit home run, Céspedes had a RBI single and Ka'aihue tied the game with a RBI double...Andrew Carignan pitched a scoreless 10<sup>th</sup> inning.

### A's vs. ROYALS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's won the first game 10-8 in Phoenix on March 11...last year, the A's and Royals played to a 4-4 tie in Phoenix and the A's lost in Surprise 4-3.

### IN CAMP

The A's have a total of 34 players on the roster, including Daric Barton, Dallas Braden, Joey Devine and non-roster invitee Manny Ramirez, all of which will not be going to Japan...the 34 includes 30 players on the 40-man roster and four non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 16 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 (14-4-2) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (10-7) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Are 10-1-1 over the last 12 games and are 14-4-2 for the spring...that is the best record in the Cactus League and third best in the majors behind Detroit (13-2-3) and Toronto (14-4-1)...have clinched a winning record during the spring for the first time since 2008 (18-8)...the .750 winning percentage is on pace to break the Oakland record of .692 set in 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)...are 8-2 on the road compared to 6-3-1 in Phoenix...lead the majors in runs (130), hits (207), doubles (52) and walks (75)...are tied with the Cubs for CL lead in home runs (23), rank second in on-base percentage (.362) and slugging (.482) and third in batting (.293)...the pitching staff leads the CL in walks (75) and ranks third in strikeouts (137)...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.

**JAPAN SERIES:** The A's will open the regular season in Japan for the second time...will leave for Tokyo tomorrow 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 four games after going 1 for 15 over his previous six contests...**Daric Barton** has started three games at designated hitter and two at first base...will remain in Arizona until the team returns from Japan...**Yoenis Céspedes** went 2 for 5 yesterday against the Cubs after going 1 for 18 over his previous six games...has started seven games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Collin Cowgill** went 0 for 1 yesterday to snap his 10-game hitting streak (15 for 23, .652)...is tied for the major league lead in hits (17) and triples (2)...ranks fifth in the CL in batting (.425) and on-base percentage (.478), tied for sixth in stolen bases (4) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in RBI (9)...has made 12 appearances in center field, six in left and five in right...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** reached base safely via hit or walk in all nine of his games before going 0 for 4 yesterday...started in left field yesterday after making each of his first nine starts in center...is tied for the ML lead in triples (2)...**Josh Donaldson** is 3 for 19 (.158) over his last six games after going 7 for 13 (.538) over his previous four contests...has appeared in 16 games, all at third base...**Jonny Gomes** had a pinch hit home run yesterday and each of his last four hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...is tied for third in the CL in walks (8) and tied for fifth in runs (10)...**Kila Ka'aihue** hit his third home run yesterday, which is tied for fourth in the CL...six of his eight hits are for extra bases (three doubles, three home runs)...**Cliff Pennington** is 0 for 6 over his last two games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests...had a nine-game hitting streak snapped Sunday (15 for 29, .518)...is tied for fifth in the CL in hits (15) and ranks eighth in batting (.405) and on-base percentage (.463)...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 18 (.333) over his last seven games after going 1 for 7 (.143) over his first four contests...**Josh Reddick** is 2 for 11 (.182) over his last three games after hitting safely in each of his first nine contests (11 for 28, .393)...ranks third in the CL in RBI (11) and is tied for seventh in runs (9)...has made all 12 of his appearances in right field...**Adam Rosales** is 0 for 13 with three walks over his last seven games after going 2 for 4 (.500) over his first four contests...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three at second base, two at third base and one at first base...**Seth Smith** is 3 for 6 (.500) with two walks over his last three games after going 2 for 17 (.118) over his previous five games...has appeared in six games in left field, five in right field and one at designated hitter...**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 fifth in the CL in hits (15) and tied for ninth 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 5 for 14 (.357) over his last six games after going 4 for 16 (.250) over his first six contests...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 16 (.188) over his last 10 games after going 7 for 18 (.389) over his first seven contests...has appeared in 13 games at second base, five at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** is 1 for 9 (.111) over his last three games after going 7 for 13 (.538) over his previous three contests...homered twice last Thursday at Texas and now has three overall, which is tied for fourth in the CL...is tied for fifth in total bases (26), tied for ninth in hits (14) and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in RBI (9) and (.650).

### 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 Pedro Figueroa and Brad Peacock optioned to Sacramento

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #45 GRAHAM GODFREY RHP (1-1, 6.52 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and third start of the spring...his two starts came on March 2 and 16 against Seattle (3 er in 5.2 ip, 4.76 ERA)...has a 9.00 ERA (4 er in 4.0 ip) in his two relief appearances...made his Major League debut in 2011 and was 1-2 with a 3.96 ERA in five games, four starts, over three stints with the A's...walked just five batters in 25.0 innings (1.80 walks per nine innings)...allowed a .305 batting average, which included a .267 mark against left-handed hitters and .356 against right-handers...allowed a .222 average with runners in scoring position...made one start at Double-A Midland and was also 14-3 with a 2.68 ERA in 19 games, 18 starts, with Triple-A Sacramento...led the Pacific Coast League and tied for fifth in all of minor league baseball in wins...combined for a 2.59 ERA with Sacramento and Midland, which was the lowest ERA in the A's farm system...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year and was also named to the *Baseball America* Triple-A All-Star Team...made four starts for Escogido in the Dominican Winter League following the season and was 1-0 with a 3.31 ERA.

#### GODFREY'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	SEA	L	2.0	2	2	2	1	4	1	9
3/6	at MIL	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
3/11	KC	-	2.0	5	4	4	1	0	0	12
3/16	SEA	W	3.7	2	1	1	1	5	0	14
<b>Totals</b>			<b>9.7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>

## ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

### #77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (1-0, 2.35 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in six of his seven outings, including each of his last five (5.2 ip, 2 h, 9 so)...his last appearance was Monday against Arizona (1.1 ip, 1 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.

### #73 TRAVIS SCHLICHTING RHP (2-0, 2.89 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...pitched in relief in his first three outings (6.1 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 7 so, 2.84 ERA) before a start and win in his last outing March 17 against Chicago (NL) in Phoenix (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...has tossed at least 2.0 innings in each of his four outings...opponents are 5 for 32 (.156) with two walks...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.

### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (1-0, 2.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his six outings, including his last appearance Sunday at Arizona (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee was claimed off waivers from San Diego October 25 and outrighted to Sacramento November 18...made his Major League debut with San Diego last year, posting a 7.07 ERA in 10 relief appearances over two stints with the Padres...opponents hit .300, including .226 (7-for-31) by right-handed hitters and .379 (11-for-29) by left-handers...was 2-3 with a 4.71 ERA in 28 relief appearances with Tucson...converted 10-of-11 (90.9%) save opportunities...allowed a .255 opponents batting average, including .245 (13 for 53) by left-handed hitters and .264 (14 for 53) by right-handers...yielded a .179 batting average with runners in scoring position and opponents were 0 for 13 with RISP and two outs...was placed on the disabled list July 28 with a strained right shoulder...was recalled by San Diego Sept. 2 and placed on the 60-day DL.

## 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
March 20	Chicago (NL)	T, 5-5 (10)	14-4-2	---	---	5,021	57,983
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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.