



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's did not play...lost their final game in Arizona on Wednesday, dropping an 8-3 decision to Kansas City at Surprise...Graham Godfrey started for the A's and took the loss (3.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...he was followed by Evan Scribner, who tossed a scoreless fourth and fifth innings...the A's scored twice in the fifth inning to make the score 3-2...Anthony Recker scored on a wild pitch and Brandon Allen added a RBI single...Travis Schlichting then allowed four runs on five hits and a walk in 0.1 innings to give the Royals a 7-3 lead...Jordan Norberto allowed a run in the seventh inning and Erick Threets struck out the side in the ninth inning...Cedric Hunter completed the A's scoring with a solo home run in the seventh inning...the A's collected 11 hits, including two each by Jemile Weeks, Allen and Recker.

JAPAN ROSTER

The A's travel roster to Japan has 30 players...that includes 27 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees (Schlichting, Scribner and Timmons)...the breakdown includes 14 pitchers, two catchers, eight infielders and six outfielders...the A's 40-man roster currently has 30 active players as Daric Barton, Dallas Braden and Joey Devine remain in Arizona...the roster must be reduced to 28 players by Opening Day and three players can be designated as inactive for the two games against Seattle in Japan...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 was 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 from Arizona not aired on the A's Radio Network can be heard live via the A's website, www.oaklandathletics.com.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-5-2) VS. YOMIURI GIANTS SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012 – TOKYO DOME – 7:10 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Went 10-2-1 over the final 13 games in Arizona and are 14-5-2 for the spring...that was the best record in the Cactus League and third best in the majors through games of Wednesday, March 21...have three Spring Training games remaining as the A's face the Giants in the Bay Area, April 2-4...the two exhibition games here in Japan (today vs. Yomiuri, tomorrow vs. Hanshin) and against the A's Triple-A affiliate in Sacramento on March 31 do not count in the statistics...the A's have clinched a winning record during the spring for the first time since 2008 (18-8)...the .714 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...after concluding the Arizona portion of their scheduled on Wednesday, March 21, the A's led the majors in runs (133), hits (218) and walks (80) and tied for the lead in sacrifice flies (13)...topped the CL in doubles (52) and home runs (24), ranked second in slugging (.476) and on-base percentage (.363) and were third in batting (.293)...the pitching staff led the CL in walks (80) and ranked fourth in strikeouts (143)...made 20 errors, which was tied for second in the CL...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, which 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 when they face the Seattle Mariners Wednesday, March 28 at 7:10 pm (3:10 am PT)...the two clubs will also square off Thursday, 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 face Felix Hernandez in the opener and Bartolo Colón will square off against Jason Vargas 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...Kurt Suzuki is the only player on the roster who was on the A's Opening Day roster in Japan in 2008...Coco Crisp was on the Red Sox roster that year...the A's and Mariners were scheduled to open the 2003 season in Japan, but the trip was cancelled the day after war broke out in Iraq.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**** ALL RANKINGS ARE THROUGH GAMES OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 ****

Brandon Allen ranks second in the Cactus League in RBI (13)...is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last five games after going 1 for 15 over his previous six contests...**Yoenis Céspedes** went 2 for 5 Tuesday 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** is tied for the major league lead in hits (18) and triples (2)...is tied for sixth in the CL in batting (.426) and stolen bases (4) and ranks ninth in on-base percentage (.469)...had a 10-game hitting streak from March 8-19 (15 for 23, .652)...has made 13 appearances in center field, six in left and five in right...**Coco Crisp** reached base safely via hit or walk in all nine of his games before going 0 for 4 Tuesday against the Cubs...started in left field Tuesday after making each of his first nine starts in center...is tied for the ML lead in triples (2)...**Josh Donaldson** is 3 for 21 (.143) over his last seven games after going 7 for 13 (.538) over his previous four contests...has appeared in 17 games, all at third base...**Jonny Gomes** had a pinch hit home run Tuesday against the Cubs and each of his last four hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...has walked in each of his last six games and is tied for third in the CL with nine walks overall...is also tied for fifth in runs (10)...**Kila Ka'aihue** hit his third home run Tuesday against the Cubs, which is tied for fifth in the CL...six of his eight hits are for extra bases (three doubles, three home runs)...**Cliff Pennington** is 0 for 7 over his last three games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests...had a nine-game hitting streak March 4-17 (15 for 29, .518)...ranks sixth in the CL in on-base percentage (.477) and tied for ninth in hits (15)...**Anthony Recker** is 8 for 22 (.364) over his last eight 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)...is tied for fourth in the CL in RBI (11) and tied for ninth in runs (9)...has made all 12 of his appearances in right field...**Adam Rosales** snapped a 0 for 13 streak with a single Wednesday at Kansas City...has appeared in six games at shortstop, four at second base, two at third base and one at first base...**Seth Smith** is 3 for 8 (.375) with three walks over his last four games after going 2 for 17 (.118) over his previous five contests...has appeared in six games in left field, six in right field and one at designated hitter...**Eric Sogard** is 2 for 10 over his last five games after batting .382 over his first 13 contests...leads the majors in runs (13)...is tied for ninth in the CL in hits (15)...has appeared in 11 games at shortstop, six at third base and two at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** 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 18 (.167) over his last 11 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** had his sixth multiple hit game Wednesday at Kansas City...ranks third in the CL in total bases (28), tied for fourth in hits (16) and tied for fifth in home runs (3)...is batting .364 and has a .388 (26 for 67) average over the last two springs.

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

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (1-1, 4.97 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring...has allowed six runs in 7.2 innings over his last two starts (7.04 ERA) after yielding two over his first two starts (1 er in 5.0 ip, 1.80 ERA)...has issued just one walk in 12.2 innings...each of his last three outings have been starts 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...made his Major League debut with Washington last September...went 1-0 with a 3.81 ERA in five starts for the Nationals...walked just four batters in 26.0 innings...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.

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
3/17	at SF	L	4.0	5	4	4	0	2	1	17
Totals			12.7	11	8	7	1	9	3	50

THE BULLPEN

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 7.94 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.0 ip, 3 h, 1 bb, 2 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 Monday against Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...posted a 5-2 record with two saves, a 2.47 ERA and .199 opponents average in 62 relief appearances with the A's last year.

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (1-0, 5.40 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...allowed two runs in the eighth inning in his last outing last Monday against Arizona (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 hr)...did not allow a run in his previous four outings (3.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...opponents are 3 for 18 (.167) with one walk...had no decisions, a 2.86 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in 26 appearances over six stints with Oakland last year.

#38 ANDREW CARIGNAN RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in five of his six outings, including his last appearance Tuesday against the Cubs (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...has not walked a batter in 7.1 innings and has struck out nine...was 1-0 with eight saves and a 1.85 ERA in 33 appearances in the A's farm system last year and also posted a 4.26 ERA in six relief appearances with Oakland in his debut

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 3.86 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...opponents are 2 for 23 (.087) with two walks...has not allowed a run in four of his six outings, including his last appearance Tuesday against the Cubs (1.0 ip, 1 so)...has not allowed a baserunner in those four outings...was one of three players acquired from Arizona in the Trevor Cahill trade, December 9...posted a 7.04 ERA in 12 appearances over three stints with Arizona in his ML debut last year.

#60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-0, 1.42 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed an earned run in his last six outings (5.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 3 bb, 5 so) after allowing one run in 1.0 inning in his first outing...his last outing was Tuesday against the Cubs (1.0 ip, 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.

#40 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 7.50 ERA)

Has made six appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in four of his last five outings, including his last appearance Monday against Arizona (1.0 ip, 2 so)...allowed four runs in 1.0 inning March 13 against Milwaukee...was 2-8 with a 3.70 ERA in 67 appearances with the A's last year.

#45 GRAHAM GODFREY RHP (1-2, 7.11 ERA)

Has made five appearances, including three starts, this spring...is 1-2 with a 6.23 ERA (6 er in 8.2 ip) in his three starts (March 2, 16 and 21) and 0-0 with a 9.00 ERA (4 er in 4.0 ip) in his two relief appearances...was 1-2 with a 3.96 ERA in five games, four starts, with Oakland last year...was also 14-3 with a 2.68 ERA in 19 games, 18 starts, with Sacramento...led the PCL in wins.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (1-0, 3.12 ERA)

Has made a team-leading eight appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in six of his those outings...his last appearance was Wednesday at Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...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...was 6-2 with two saves and a 3.79 ERA in 47 minor league appearances with Reno and Sacramento.

#73 TRAVIS SCHLICHTING RHP (2-0, 6.52 ERA)

Has made five appearances, including one start, this spring...allowed four runs in his last outing Wednesday at Kansas City (0.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb)...yielded one run in three of his first four outings, including a start March 17 against the Cubs...the non-roster invitee signed a minor league contract with the A's December 20...was 5-3 with four saves and a 7.10 ERA in 51 relief appearances with Triple-A Albuquerque last year.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (1-0, 1.64 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in six of his outings, including each of his last four (7.0 ip, 4 h, 3 bb, 6 so)...his last appearance was Wednesday at Kansas City (2.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee 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...was 2-3 with a 4.71 ERA in 28 relief appearances with Tucson.

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
March 21	at Kansas City	L, 3-8	14-5-2	Mendoza	Godfrey	4,021	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 25	vs. Yomiuri at Tokyo (exhib.)	LHP Tommy Milone	7:10*				
March 26	vs. Hanshin at Tokyo (exhib.)	RHP Tyson Ross	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.