



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Thursday, the A's defeated Seattle 4-1 in Tokyo in the second game of the regular season...Bartolo Colón (8.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 6 so) shutout the Mariners over the first six innings before allowing a Justin Smoak solo home run in the seventh...the A's then scored three times in the bottom of the seventh on a two-run home run by Yoenis Céspedes and a solo home run by Josh Reddick...Jonny Gomes added a solo home run in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Grant Balfour retired the side in order in the ninth for the save...the A's collected eight hits, including two by Reddick.

### ROSTER

The A's have 28 active players on the 40-man rosters...that includes Daric Barton, Tommy Milone and Tyson Ross, who were inactive for the two regular season games in Japan...the breakdown includes 12 pitchers, two catchers, eight infielders and six 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 was placed on the 60-day DL March 13 as he continues his recovery from "Tommy John" surgery.

### REGULAR SEASON NOTES

The A's have started the season 1-1 for the fourth time in the last five years...had seven rookies on the Opening Day roster, their most since Opening Day rosters are first available in 1992...had seven players return from last years Opening Day roster, which is the fewest since 1992...Yoenis Céspedes and Cliff Pennington were the only players to hit safely in both games in Japan...Brandon McCarthy is scheduled to start the A's home opener Friday against Seattle...he will become the second pitcher in Oakland history to start two of the A's first three games...the other was Joe Blanton in 2008, the last time the A's opened the season in Japan.

### A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast all three games against San Francisco next week...games can be heard in the Bay Area on the A's flagship station, 95.7 FM The Game...Vince Cotroneo (7<sup>th</sup> season) will be joined in the booth by long-time voice of the Sacramento River Cats Johnny Doskow, who is filling in for Ken Korach as he recovers from knee replacement surgery...Comcast SportsNet California will televise the game on Monday, April 2 at San Francisco...Glen Kuiper joins Ray Fosse in the broadcast booth for that telecast.

## OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-5-2) VS. SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012 – RALEY FIELD – 6:05 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 (.714) for the spring...that is the best record in the Cactus League and second best in the majors behind Toronto (22-5-1)...with three spring training games remaining with San Francisco, April 2-4, the A's have clinched a winning record for the first time since 2008 (18-8)...can set an Oakland record for best spring winning percentage by taking two of three from the Giants...the current record is .692 set in 2008...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 schedule on Wednesday, March 21, the A's led the majors in runs (133), hits (218) and walks (80) and topped the CL in doubles (52) and home runs (24)...currently rank second in the majors in on-base percentage (.363), third in slugging (.476) and fourth in batting (.293)...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, 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 opened the regular season in Japan for the second time, splitting a two-game series with the Seattle Mariners on March 28 and 29...the Mariners won the opener 3-1 in 11 innings but the A's came back to win the second game 4-1...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

**\*\* STATS DO NOT INCLUDE EXHIBITION OR REGULAR SEASON GAMES UNLESS NOTED \*\***

**Brandon Allen** leads the A's in RBI (13)...is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last five 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...remained in Arizona while the team was in Japan and was one of three inactive players for the two regular season games...**Yoenis Céspedes** hit safely in both regular season games in Japan (2 for 6), including his first Major League home run Thursday off Shawn Kelley...went 2 for 5 in his final spring game in Arizona after going 1 for 18 over his previous six games...has started seven games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Collin Cowgill** was tied for the major league lead in hits (18) and triples (2) at the conclusion of the Arizona portion of the schedule, March 21...currently ranks third in the Cactus League in batting (.419), fifth in on-base percentage (.469), tied for fifth in triples and tied for ninth in stolen bases (4)...leads the A's in batting, hits, doubles (tie, 4), triples (tie) and stolen bases...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 in his last game in Arizona March 20...started that game in left field after making each of his first nine starts in center...is tied for fifth in the CL 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** has walked in each of his last six games and is tied for ninth in the CL with nine walks overall...leads the A's in walks...each of his last four hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one home run)...**Kila Ka'aihue** has eight hits this spring, six of which are for extra bases (three doubles, three home runs)...is tied for the team lead in home runs...**Cliff Pennington** hit safely in both regular season games in Japan (3 for 9)...is 0 for 7 over his last three spring 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 fourth in the CL in on-base percentage (.477)...leads the A's in on-base percentage and is tied for the lead in doubles (4)...**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...the non-roster invitee remained in Arizona while the team was in Japan...**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)...has made all 12 of his appearances in right field...**Adam Rosales** snapped a 0 for 13 streak with a single in his last game in Arizona March 21...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...was leading the majors in runs (13) after the final game in Arizona March 21...is currently tied for ninth in the CL in runs...leads the A's in runs and games (18)...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...homed in both of the exhibition games in Japan...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 18 (.167) over his last 11 games after going 7 for 18 (.389) over his first seven contests...the non-roster invitee has appeared in 13 games at second base, five at third base and one at shortstop...**Jemile Weeks** had six multiple hit games in Arizona and one in the exhibition games in Japan (vs. Yomiuri)...leads the A's in slugging (.636) and total bases (28) and is tied for the lead in home runs (3).

### 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 Wagner 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  
March 28 Dallas Braden placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 24 (left shoulder surgery recover); Joey Devine placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 24 (right biceps tendinitis)

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

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

Has made four appearances and three starts this spring...that does not include a start in the exhibition game against Yomiuri in Japan March 25 when he tossed 5.0 scoreless innings for the win (2 h, 7 so)...was one of three inactive players for the regular season games in Japan...has allowed six runs in 7.2 innings over his last two starts against Major League competition (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...his only relief appearance came 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...was 12-6 with a 3.22 ERA in 24 starts in his Triple-A debut with Syracuse.

#### 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
<b>Totals</b>			<b>12.7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>

## 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) after allowing at least two runs in each of his first two outings (5 er in 1.2 ip, 27.00 ERA)...also pitched a scoreless ninth inning March 25 against Yomiuri and in both regular season games against Seattle, including March 29 when he picked up the save...posted a 5-2 record with two saves, a 2.47 ERA and .199 opponents average in 62 appearances with the A's last year.

### #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...allowed four runs in 1.0 inning March 13 against Milwaukee...also pitched a scoreless seventh inning March 25 against Yomiuri (1 so) and scoreless 10<sup>th</sup> inning Opening Day, March 28 against Seattle...was 2-8 with a 3.70 ERA in 67 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 spring outing March 19 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)...faced Seattle on Opening Day March 28 (0.2 ip, 1 h)...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.

### #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.

### #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...has not walked a batter in 7.1 innings and has struck out nine...also faced Hanshin March 26 (0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb)...was the losing pitcher Opening Day, March 28 against Seattle (0.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er)...was 1-0 with 8 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

### #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...also pitched a scoreless eighth inning March 25 against Yomiuri (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...was 6-2 with two saves and a 3.79 ERA in 47 minor league appearances with Reno and Sacramento.

### #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...has not allowed a baserunner in those four outings...also tossed a scoreless sixth inning March 25 against Yomiuri and a scoreless eighth inning Opening Day, March 28 against Seattle (1 so)...posted a 7.04 ERA in 12 appearances over three stints with Arizona in his ML debut last year.

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

Has made five appearances, including one start, this spring...yielded one run in three of his first four outings, including a start March 17 against the Cubs...also pitched in the exhibition game against Hanshin March 26 (0.1 ip, 1 bb)...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.

### #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...also pitched March 26 against Hanshin (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er)...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.

### #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)...also pitched against Hanshin in Japan on March 26 (2.0 ip)...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	
March 25	vs. Yomiuri at Tokyo (exhib.)	W, 5-0		Milone	Miyaguni	26,252	
March 26	vs. Hanshin at Tokyo (exhib.)	L, 6-12		Messenger	Ross	10,681	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>				<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>
March 31	at Sacramento (exhib.)	LHP Tommy Milone				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