



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to San Francisco in Oakland, 3-2...A's starter Tyson Ross allowed a run in the first inning but Josh Reddick homered in the bottom of the first to tie the score at 1-1...Ross allowed another run in the fourth but Kurt Suzuki scored on a Brandon Allen ground out in the bottom of the inning to tie the game...Ross then allowed an unearned run in the fifth inning and took the loss (5.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...Andrew Carignan, Ryan Cook, Brian Fuentes and Grant Balfour all tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...the A's were held to five hits, including a pair of doubles by Yoenis Céspedes.

A's vs. GIANTS

This is the fourth and final meeting between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's have lost the first three contests, dropping a 7-2 decision at Scottsdale March 17, a 4-2 game Monday night at San Francisco and a 3-2 decision last night in Oakland...last year, the A's went 2-3 against the Giants...the wins came in Phoenix and Scottsdale and the three losses came in the Bay Area.

ROSTER

After placing Daric Barton on the 15-day disabled list yesterday, the A's have 26 active players on the 40-man roster...the breakdown includes 12 pitchers, two catchers, six infielders and six outfielders...the A's have 40 players on the 40-man roster plus Brett Anderson and Scott Sizemore, who are on the 60-day disabled list.

EXTRAS

The A's have two extra players for the Bay Bridge Series:

36 Dusty Coleman IF
37 Brandon Moss OF

UPCOMING PROBABLES

FRI vs. SEA at 7:05 pm (CSNCA)
RHP Brandon McCarthy (0-0, 1.29)
LHP Jason Vargas (0-0, 1.42)

SAT vs. SEA at 6:05 pm (CSN+)
RHP Bartolo Colón (1-0, 1.13) vs.
RHP Felix Hernandez (0-0, 1.13)

A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast each of the remaining games against San Francisco...games can be heard in the Bay Area on the A's flagship station, 95.7 FM The Game...Vince Cotroneo (7th 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.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-7-2) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (18-14-3) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012 – AT&T PARK – 12:45 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 0-3-1 over their last four spring training games but are 14-7-2 (.652) overall, which is the best record among Cactus League teams and third best in the majors behind Toronto (24-7-1, .766) and Detroit (20-8-5, .682)...can clinch the best record in the CL with a win today or a Seattle loss...have clinched a winning record 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)...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 third in the majors in on-base percentage (.353)...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 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 (14)...is 6 for 13 (.462) over his last six games after going 1 for 15 over his previous six contests...**Yoenis Céspedes** hit safely in both regular season games in Japan (2 for 6), including his first Major League home run last Thursday off Shawn Kelley...is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last three spring games after going 1 for 18 over his previous six contests...is tied for the team lead in doubles (4)...has started nine games in center field and one at designated hitter...**Dusty Coleman** joins the A's from minor league camp for this three-game series...appeared in one spring game March 17 against San Francisco at Scottsdale at shortstop and struck out in his only at bat...**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 (.409), tied for sixth in triples (2) and eighth in on-base percentage (.460)...leads the A's in batting, slugging (.591), hits (18), doubles (tie, 4), triples (tie) and stolen bases (4)...has made 14 appearances in center field, six in left field and six in right field...**Coco Crisp** is 1 for 9 (.111) with a walk over his last three games after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first nine contests...has started each of his last three games in left field after making each of his first nine starts in center...is tied for sixth in the CL in triples (2)...hit safely in all three exhibition games (two in Japan, one at Sacramento) and was 3 for 7 (.429) with two doubles, a homer and four RBI...**Josh Donaldson** is 4 for 27 (.148) over his last nine games after going 7 for 13 (.538) over his previous four contests...has appeared in 19 games, all at third base...went 2 for 2 with a home run and three runs scored in the exhibition game at Sacramento Saturday...**Jonny Gomes** leads the A's in walks (10)...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...**Brandon Moss** is batting .500 (10 for 20) in 12 games this spring...the non-roster invitee was reassigned to minor league camp March 19...**Cliff Pennington** hit safely in both regular season games in Japan (3 for 9)...is 0 for 8 over his last four spring games after reaching base safely in each of his first 10 contests...hit safely in all three exhibition games (3 for 9, .333)...ranks fifth in the CL in on-base percentage (.467)...leads the A's in on-base percentage and is tied for the lead in doubles (4)...**Anthony Recker** is 8 for 23 (.348) over his last nine games after going 1 for 7 (.143) over his first four contests...**Josh Reddick** hit his third home run last night, which is tied for the team lead...is 3 for 18 (.167) over his last five games after hitting safely in each of his first nine contests (11 for 28, .393)...has made all 14 of his appearances in right field...**Seth Smith** is 0 for 9 with four walks over his last five games...has appeared in seven games in left field, seven in right field and two at designated hitter...**Eric Sogard** hit his third home run Monday night, which is tied for the team lead...leads the A's in runs (14) and games (20)...is 3 for 16 (.188) over his last seven games after batting .382 over his first 13 contests...was leading the majors in runs (13) after the final game in Arizona March 21...has appeared in 13 games at shortstop, six at third base and two at second base...**Kurt Suzuki** is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last seven games after hitting .350 over his first seven contests...homered in both of the exhibition games in Japan...**Wes Timmons** is 3 for 18 (.167) over his last 12 games after going 7 for 18 (.389) over his first seven contests...the non-roster invitee has appeared in 14 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 total bases (29) and is tied for the lead in home runs (3)...is batting .327 and has a .360 (27 for 75) 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 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)
April 2 Adam Rosales optioned to Sacramento
April 3 Daric Barton placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 24 (strained right shoulder)

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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

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...that does not include two starts and wins in exhibition games...faced Yomiuri in Japan March 25 (5.0 ip, 2 h, 7 so) and tossed 6.0 perfect innings at Sacramento March 31 (6 so)...has allowed six runs in 7.2 innings over his last two starts against Major League competition (7.04 ERA) after yielding two runs 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...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...walked just four batters in 26.0 innings...allowed a .283 opponents batting average, including .208 with runners in scoring position...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.

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

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.

THE BULLPEN

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in his last five outings (5.0 ip), including his last appearance last night (1.0 ip, 2 so)...allowed at least two runs in each of his first two contests (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.

bb, 5 so)...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.

#40 BRIAN FUENTES LHP (0-0, 6.43 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in five of his last six outings, including his last outing last night (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...allowed four runs in 1.0 inning March 13 against Milwaukee...also pitched a scoreless seventh inning March 25 against Yomiuri (1 so) and a scoreless 10th 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, 4.50 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...opponents are 4 for 21 (.190) with one walk...has not allowed a run in five of his last six outings, including his last appearance Monday at San Francisco (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...faced Seattle on Opening Day March 28 (0.2 ip, 1 h)...had no decisions, a 2.86 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in 26 appearances over six stints with Oakland last year.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (1-0, 3.72 ERA)

Has made a team-leading nine appearances this spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his last two outings, including his last appearance Monday night (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...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.

#38 ANDREW CARIGNAN RHP (0-0, 2.16 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...has not allowed a run in six of his seven outings, including his last outing last night (1.0 ip, 1 h)...has not walked a batter in 8.1 innings and has struck out nine...also faced Hanshin March 26 (0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb) and Sacramento March 31 (1.0 ip, 2 bb, 1 so)...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.

#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.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Has made seven appearances this spring...opponents are 2 for 26 (.077) with three walks...has not allowed a run in five of his seven outings, including his last outing last night (1.0 ip, 1 bb)...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.

#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.

#60 FAUTINO DE LOS SANTOS RHP (0-1, 4.91 ERA)

Has made eight appearances this spring...allowed three runs Monday night and took the loss (1.0 ip, 1 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb) after not allowing an earned run in his previous six outings (5.1 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 3

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	
March 31	at Sacramento (exhib.)	W, 9-0		Milone	Parker	10,112	
April 2	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	L, 2-4	14-6-2	Casilla	De Los Santos	41,823	
April 3	vs. San Francisco (at OAK)	L, 2-3	14-7-2	Cain	Ross	14,634	72,617
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
April 4	vs. San Francisco (at SF)	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Yusmeiro Petit				12:45	95.7 FM The Game