



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost their Cactus League opener to Milwaukee in Maryvale, 2-1...Ryan Braun opened the scoring for the Brewers with a solo home run in the first inning...Milwaukee added its second run in the fourth inning when Jean Segura grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring Carlos Gomez...Oakland scored its only run in the seventh...Shane Peterson led off the inning with a double before Michael Choice delivered a RBI single...Jesse Chavez started for the A's and took the loss, allowing one run in 2.0 innings...Justin Thomas allowed one run in 1.1 innings...Fernando Rodriguez (0.2 innings), Bruce Billings (2.0), Mike Ekstrom (1.0) and Arnold Leon (1.0) each made scoreless appearances.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...the other two meetings are in Phoenix on March 4 and 16...the A's lost the only game last spring, 9-1 in Phoenix on March 5...also lost both games to Los Angeles in 2011 and have a three-game losing streak to the Angels.

IN CAMP

The A's have 60 players in camp this spring...that includes 41 players on the 40-man roster (Bartolo Colón does not count against the 40-man limit) and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 30 pitchers, six catchers, 16 infielders and eight outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers report to Papago Park March 4 (first workout March 5), while positions players report March 10 (first workout March 11).

A's ON THE AIR

The A's radio network will broadcast 13 games this spring, including 10 from Arizona and all three games against San Francisco in the Bay Area in April...the Arizona schedule includes all weekend games...games can be heard in the Bay Area on the A's flagship station, 95.7 FM The Game, with the exception of February 23 and 24 and March 24...Ken Korach returns for his 18th year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (8th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 28th season in the booth...in addition, Comcast SportsNet California will televise two games: Sunday, March 24 against Los Angeles (NL) and Saturday, March 30 against 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 (0-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (0-2)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013 – TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: The A's opened their 45th Spring Training in Arizona yesterday with a 2-1 loss to Milwaukee...this is the A's 32nd consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...yesterday's February 23 opener was the earliest date for a spring opener since the franchise moved to Oakland in 1968...the previous earliest was February 25 in 2009, also a World Baseball Classic year...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring in addition to an exhibition game against Italy's WBC team March 5...the schedule includes 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 28-30)...the A's went 15-7-2 last spring, their first spring with a winning record since 2008 (18-8)...it was the best record among Cactus League teams and third best in the majors behind Toronto (24-7-1) and Detroit (20-8-5)...the 15 wins were three more than the A's total from each of the previous two springs (12-21-1 in 2011, 12-17-3 in 2010), despite playing just 24 games.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his second full season with the A's, welcomes back five returning members of last year's coaching staff in pitching coach Curt Young (8th season), first base coach Tye Waller (7th season), third base coach Mike Gallego (5th season), bench coach Chip Hale (2nd season) and hitting coach Chili Davis (2nd)...the only new member of the staff is Darren Bush, who replaces Rick Rodriguez as bullpen coach... Bush has managed in the A's farm system the last six years, including back-to-back division titles with Triple-A Sacramento the past two seasons.

OFF SEASON MOVES: Although 20 of the 25 players on the A's American League Division Series roster return this year, including all 12 pitchers, the A's did make several off season acquisitions...the first came just nine days after the ALDS ended when Chris Young was acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks October 20...Andy Parrino and Andrew Werner were acquired from San Diego November 16, Chris Resop came from Pittsburgh in a November 30 deal, John Jaso was acquired from Seattle in a three-team, five-player trade January 16 and Jed Lowrie and Fernando Rodriguez came from Houston in a five-player trade February 4...the A's re-signed free agent Bartolo Colón November 3 and inked Hiroyuki Nakajima to a two-year deal with a club option December 18...the five players from the ALDS roster who are gone are Chris Carter (Lowrie trade), Stephen Drew (free agent, Boston), Jonny Gomes (free agent, Boston), George Kottaras (waivers, Kansas City) and Cliff Pennington (Young trade)...free agents Brandon Inge and Brandon McCarthy also will not return.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 41 players on the A's 40-man roster, 26 were acquired via trade and two off waivers (Blackely, Scribner)...four were signed as free agents (Balfour, Colón, Crisp and Moss) and four were non-drafted free agents (Céspedes, Figueroa, Nakajima and Ynoa)...the five players on the 40-man roster that were drafted by the A's are Sean Doolittle (2007, compensation pick following the 1st round), Grant Green (2009, 1st round), A.J. Griffin (2010, 13th round), Dan Straily (2009, 24th round) and Jemile Weeks (2008, 1st round).

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have signed or agreed to terms with all their players on the 40-man roster...two of those players are under contract beyond the 2013 season...Hiroyuki Nakajima is signed through 2014 with a club option for 2015 and Yoenis Céspedes is signed through 2015...Brett Anderson has club options for 2014 and 2015 and Coco Crisp and Chris Young have club options for 2014.

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Six of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring...the list includes two players already on the A's 40-man roster in Dan Straily (#6) and Grant Green (#8) and four non-roster invitees, including Addison Russell (#1), Michael Choice (#2), Sonny Gray (#5) and Miles Head (#7)...two of the top 10 were traded as #3 A.J. Cole was dealt to Washington in the John Jaso trade and #4 Brad Peacock was sent to Houston in the Jed Lowrie deal...the other two are Daniel Robertson (#9) and Matt Olson (#10)...MLB.com's top four A's prospects are in camp (Russell, Straily, Choice and Green)...also on the list are Gray (#6), Head (#9), Michael Taylor (#12), Arnold Leon (#16) and Jefry Marte (#20).

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the game begins, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout at 9:15 am...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play...at that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room...lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner...complimentary parking is available in the main lot at Phoenix Muni at the corner of Van Buren and Priest by presenting your credential to the attendant.

TICKET INFORMATION: Spring Training tickets for all A's home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium are on sale at www.oaklandathletics.com/spring or by calling 1-877-493-BALL (1-877-493-2255)...the Phoenix Municipal Stadium Box Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and during all home games...base ticket prices are: \$25 (Field Box), \$24 (Lower Box), \$18 (Upper Box) and \$12 (Outfield Reserve)...for Spring Training season tickets, call the A's Tickets Services Office at 510-568-5600, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 4 Jed Lowrie and Fernando Rodriguez acquired from the Houston Astros for Chris Carter, Brad Peacock and minor leaguer Max Stassi
Feb. 12 Hideki Okajima signed to a minor league contract and invited to Major League camp as a non-roster invitee

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WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

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

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (6-4, 3.86 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was claimed off waivers from San Francisco May 15, 2012 and went 6-4 with a 3.86 ERA in 24 games, 15 starts, with Oakland...posted a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances with the Giants for a 4.10 ERA overall...was 5-4 with a 4.54 ERA and .252 opponents batting average in his 15 starting assignments compared to 1-0 with a 2.86 ERA and .219 opponents average in 13 relief appearances...ranked second in the American League with seven pickoffs...was also charged with three balks, which was second most in the AL...opponents were successful in just 2 of 6 (33.3%) stolen base attempts...allowed a .243 opponents batting average, which included a .241 (28-for-116) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .244 (70-for-287) against right-handers.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#26 BRIAN GORDON RHP (11-3, 3.94 ERA with Samsung in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract December 22, 2012...spent the entire 2012 season with the Samsung Lions of the Korean Baseball Organization where he was 11-3 with a 3.94 ERA in 25 games, 24 starts...his .786 winning percentage ranked third in the KBO...allowed a .288 opponents batting average...went 3-3 with a 3.86 ERA over his first 10 starts through June 9...finished the season by going 8-0 with a 4.00 ERA over his final 15 games, including 14 starts...was originally drafted by Arizona in the seventh round of the June, 1997 draft and spent the first 10 seasons of his professional career as an outfielder...was converted to pitcher following the 2006 season and made his Major League debut with three appearances with Texas in 2008.

#55 KYLER NEWBY RHP (5-4, 20 saves, 2.40 ERA with Bowie and Norfolk in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract November 20, 2012...began the 2012 season at Triple-A Norfolk where he made one appearance, tossing 1.0 scoreless inning of relief for the save...spent the balance of the season at Double-A Bowie, where he was 5-4 with 19 saves and a 2.44 ERA in 42 relief appearances...ranked third in the Eastern League in saves...converted 20 of 21 save opportunities overall (95.2%)...the 20 saves were a career high and the most in the Baltimore farm system...topped the BaySox in appearances and saves...combined at both stops for a 2.40 ERA...surrendered just one home run in 56.1 innings...struck out 74 for an average of 11.82 per nine innings...walked 22 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.36.

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 3.32 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...made his Major League debut with the A's in 2012...had five separate stints with the club in his first full professional season since June, 2010 "Tommy John" surgery...posted a 3.32 ERA, holding the opposition to a .216 batting average in 19 relief appearances...however, issued 15 walks in 21.2 innings for a .348 opponents on-base percentage...struck out just 14 for a strikeout to walk ratio of 0.93...his opponents batting average included a .179 (5-for-28) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .239 (11-for-46) against right-handers...allowed a .120 average with runners in scoring position...allowed 2-of-12 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...was also 0-2 with a save and a 2.62 ERA in 32 relief appearances with Sacramento in his Triple-A debut.

#56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (1-4, 3.91 ERA with Pittsburgh in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from Pittsburgh November 30, 2012 for minor league pitcher Zach Thornton...spent the entire 2012 season with the Pirates, posting a 1-4 record, one save and a 3.91 ERA in 61 relief appearances...had career-highs in innings pitched (73.2), hits (81) and runs (35) and matched his high in saves and losses...tied for seventh among National League relievers in innings...allowed a .276 opponents batting average, including .237 (27-for-114) against left-handed hitters compared to .302 (54-for-179) against right-handers...surrendered four of his six home runs to lefties...held the opposition to a .226 average with runners in scoring position, including .146 with RISP and two outs...allowed 10 of 27 (37.0%) inherited runners to score.

#47 PAT NESHEK RHP (2-1, 1.37 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles organization Aug. 3, 2012 for cash considerations after going 3-2 with 11 saves and a 2.66 ERA in 35 appearances at Triple-A Norfolk...then went 2-1 with a 1.37 ERA and .147 opponents batting average in 24 appearances with the A's...the ERA and opponents batting average were the lowest marks of his career...as was his .221 opponents on-base percentage and .309 slugging percentage...allowed a .094 (5-for-53) batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .333 (5-for-15) against left-handers...surrendered two of his three home runs to lefties for a .733 slugging percentage...righties slugged .189...opponents were 1-for-15 (.067) with runners in scoring position, including 0-for-8 with RISP and two outs.

2013 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTEND.	HOME CUM.
February 23	at Milwaukee	L, 1-2	0-1	Fiers	Chavez	6,132	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
February 24	at Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Travis Blackley vs. RHP Barry Enright				1:05	A's Radio Network
February 25	Cleveland	LHP Andrew Werner vs. RHP Justin Masterson				1:05	
February 26	at Arizona					1:05	
February 27	San Diego					1:05	
February 28	at Chicago (NL)					1:05	
March 1	San Francisco					1:05	
March 2	Colorado					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 3	at Colorado					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 4	Los Angeles (AL)					1:05	
March 5	at Kansas City					1:05	
	Italy (exhib.)					1:05	
March 6	OFF DAY						
March 7	Seattle					1:05	
March 8	at Seattle					1:05	
March 9	at Texas					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 10	Arizona					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 11	at San Diego					1:05	
March 12	Kansas City					1:05	
March 13	OFF DAY						
March 14	Texas					1:05	
March 15	at Arizona					1:05	
March 16	Los Angeles (AL)					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
	at Chicago (AL)					1:05	
March 17	Chicago (NL)					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 18	Seattle					1:05	
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)					1:05	
March 20	OFF DAY						
March 21	at Cincinnati					1:05	
March 22	Chicago (AL)					7:05	
March 23	at San Francisco					1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)					1:05	CSNCA/A's Radio Network
March 25	Milwaukee					1:05	
March 26	at Cleveland					1:05	
March 27	Colorado					1:05	
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)					7:15	95.7 FM The Game
March 29	San Francisco (at S.F.)					7:15	95.7 FM The Game
March 30	San Francisco (at Oak.)					1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game