



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Angels in Tempe, 7-5...the A's scored three runs in the first inning...Coco Crisp led off with a single, then Chris Young and Seth Smith delivered back-to-back RBI doubles...Scott Sizemore drove in the third run of the inning with a sacrifice fly...Smith recorded his second RBI with a sacrifice fly in the fourth...Darwin Perez delivered a two-run double in the seventh to break a 4-4 tie, then Michael Choice singled home Addison Russell in the eighth...A's starter Travis Blackley tossed a scoreless inning, but did not factor in the decision...Pat Neshek earned the win in his first appearance of the spring...Crisp, Choice and Daric Barton each had two hits.

### A's vs. INDIANS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Indians this spring...the clubs meet again in Goodyear March 26...the two clubs did not face each other last spring...last met in 2011 when Oakland and Cleveland split two games...the A's won the first contest in Phoenix on March 2 by a score of 4-3 and the Indians won in Goodyear on March 14, 9-8.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (8<sup>th</sup>) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (1-1) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (4-0)  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** The A's have split the first two games of the spring for the fourth consecutive season...lost the opener to Milwaukee 2-1 in Maryvale on Saturday but then defeated the Angels 7-5 in Tempe yesterday...this is the A's 45<sup>th</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, their 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive spring in Phoenix...trained in Mesa from 1969-78, moved to Scottsdale in 1979 and have been in Phoenix since 1982...the A's opener on February 23 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 (Blackley, 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 1<sup>st</sup> round), Grant Green (2009, 1<sup>st</sup> round), A.J. Griffin (2010, 13<sup>th</sup> round), Dan Straily (2009, 24<sup>th</sup> round) and Jemile Weeks (2008, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 following team stretch...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout after 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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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #31 ANDREW WERNER LHP (2-3, 5.58 ERA with San Diego in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was acquired from San Diego November 16 with Andy Parrino for Tyson Ross and minor leaguer A.J. Kirby-Jones...made his Major League debut with the Padres last year, posting a 2-3 record and a 5.58 ERA in eight starts...allowed a .285 opponents batting average, which broke down to .205 (9-for-44) against left-handed hitters compared to .316 (36-for-114) against right-handers...surrendered all five of his home runs to right-handers for a .526 slugging percentage...lefties slugged .318...combined for a 5-10 record and a 3.70 ERA in 22 starts with Double-A San Antonio and Triple-A Tucson...surrendered just seven home runs in 126.1 innings, an average of 0.50 per nine innings...allowed a .271 opponents batting average, including .263 (26-for-99) against left-handed hitters compared to .274 (107-for-391) against right-handers.

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

### #22 SONNY GRAY RHP (6-9, 4.26 ERA with Midland and Sacramento in 2012)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...spent the 2012 season at Double-A Midland, with the exception of one start with Triple-A Sacramento in September...was 6-9 with a 4.14 ERA in 26 games, all starts, with the RockHounds...tied for the Texas League lead in shutouts (1), tied for second in complete games (1), ranked third in innings pitched (148.0) and tied for fourth in games started...had a no decision in his one regular season start with Sacramento, allowing four runs in 4.0 innings (9.00 ERA)...combined for a 4.26 ERA in 27 starts overall...tied for second in the A's farm system in complete games (1) and ranked third in innings pitched (152.0 ip)...surrendered just eight home runs in 152.0 innings (0.47 per nine innings)...allowed a .271 opponents batting average, including .250 (90-for-360) against right-handed hitters compared to .306 (68-for-222) against left-handers...was named the A's fifth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (2-0, 2.55 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...split the 2012 season between Oakland and Sacramento...was 2-0 with a save and a 2.55 ERA in 30 relief appearances over three stints with the A's...posted a 3-0 record, eight saves and a 3.03 ERA in 26 games with the River Cats...allowed a .221 opponents batting average with the A's, including .183 (15-for-82) against right-handed hitters compared to .278 (15-for-54) against left-handers...first batters faced were 4-for-28 (.143) with two walks (.200 on-base percentage)...with Sacramento, was a perfect 8-for-8 in save opportunities and led the River Cats in saves...struck out 38 batters in 35.2 innings (9.59 per nine innings)...allowed a .203 opponents batting average, which included a .147 (11-for-75) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 (15-for-53) against left-handers...opponents hit .138 when leading off an inning and .154 with runners in scoring position.

### #39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (0-2, 0.94 ERA with Soft Bank 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 February 12, 2013...returns to the United States after pitching for Soft Bank in Japan in 2012...was 0-2 with nine saves and a 0.94 ERA in 56 relief appearances for the Hawks...walked just six batters and yielded one home run in 47.2 innings...spent 12 seasons in Japan with Yomiuri (1995-2005) and Nippon-Ham (2006) before signing with Boston prior to the 2007 season...went 17-8 with six saves and a 3.11 ERA in 261 relief appearances in five seasons with the Red Sox from 2007-11...signed a minor league contract with the Yankees last January but was released in February before returning to Japan...spent most of his last season in the United States, 2011, at Triple-A Pawtucket where he was 8-1 with a 2.29 ERA in 34 games...also went 1-0 with a 4.32 ERA in seven games with Boston.

### #77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (4-1, 2.77 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...went 4-1 with a save and a 2.77 ERA in 39 games in a season shortened by two stints on the disabled list with injuries to his left shoulder...missed 18 games in June and the final 44 games of the regular season after going on the DL Aug. 18...had a 3.91 ERA in 21 appearances before going on the DL the first time...then compiled a 1.69 ERA in 18 games following his return...held the opposition to a .200 batting average, including .184 (21-for-114) against right-handed hitters compared to .225 (16-for-71) against left-handers...allowed just 4-of-24 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 6-for-37 (.162) with two walks (.205 on-base percentage)...opponents hit .191 with runners in scoring position, including .115 with RISP and two outs...walked 22 batters in 52.0 innings after issuing 29 free passes in 26.2 innings over his first two seasons.

## 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	
February 24	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-5	1-1	Neshek	Taylor	5,213	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>		<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>		
February 25	Cleveland	LHP Andrew Werner vs. RHP Justin Masterson		1:05			
February 26	at Arizona	RHP A.J. Griffin vs. RHP Josh Collmenter		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		