



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Diamondbacks in Scottsdale, 9-4...Derek Norris homered in the third inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead and starter A.J. Griffin tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 3 so)...Mike Ekstrom then allowed two runs in the fourth inning for the loss...the A's scored their final three runs in the ninth inning highlighted by a RBI double by Jeffry Marte and a RBI single by Addison Russell...Russell has two of the A's nine hits...James Simmons tosses a scoreless ninth inning of relief.

A's vs. PADRES

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Padres this spring...meet again in Peoria March 11...the two clubs did not face each other last spring...split their two meetings in 2011 with the A's losing at Peoria 7-6 on March 6 and winning in Phoenix 6-2 on March 8...the A's have won seven of their last nine spring games against the Padres.

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...remaining games can be heard in the Bay Area on the A's flagship station, 95.7 FM The Game, with the exception of 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...the A's also have two remaining games on MLB Network: March 11 at SD (1:00 pm PT) and March 22 vs. CWS (9:00 pm PT)...in addition, A's vs. Giants games will be televised by CSNBA on March 23 and 28 and KTVU on March 29...all games from Arizona not aired on the A's Radio Network can be heard live via the A's website at oaklandathletics.com.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-3) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (3-2) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two straight and three of the first four games...this is the first time the A's have started the spring 1-3 since 2006 (lost six of the first seven games that year)...this is the A's 45th Spring Training in Arizona, including their 32nd 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 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 Jeffry 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 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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 4, .750)...**Michael Choice** went 0 for 3 yesterday after hitting safely in each of his first three games (5 for 7, .714)...is one of two players to appear in each of the A's first four games (Peterson)...**Jeffry Marte** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 4, .750)...**Darwin Perez** has hit safely in each of his two games (2 for 4, .500)...**Shane Peterson** is one of two players to appear in each of the A's first four games (Choice)...has doubled in three of those contests and is tied for second in the Cactus League in doubles (3)...**Addison Russell** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 5, .600)...**Jemile Weeks** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 6, two doubles).

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

#67 DAN STRAILY RHP (2-1, 3.89 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...began the 2012 season having never pitched above Single-A but finished the season in the starting rotation in Oakland...led all of Minor League Baseball with a career-high 190 strikeouts...also went 2-1 with a 3.89 ERA in seven starts over two stints with the A's...struck out 32 batters in 39.1 innings, giving him a combined 222 strikeouts in 191.1 innings in the majors and minors (10.44 per nine innings)...allowed a .237 opponents batting average, including .215 (20-for-93) against right-handed hitters compared to .271 (16-for-59) against left-handers...was named A's Minor League Co-Pitcher of the Year along with A.J. Griffin after combining for a 9-7 record and a 2.78 ERA in 25 starts with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...his 190 strikeouts are fourth most by a minor leaguer in Oakland history...allowed a .202 opponents batting average, which ranked 11th among full season minor leaguers...was tabbed by *Baseball America* as the A's sixth best prospect following the season.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#44 BRUCE BILLINGS RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched a scoreless fifth and sixth inning at Milwaukee last Saturday (2.0 ip, 1 h)...spent nearly the entire 2012 season with Triple-A Sacramento where he went 7-6 with a 3.98 ERA in 25 games, all starts...ranked fourth in the Pacific Coast League in opponents batting average (.250) and seventh in ERA...began the year at Double-A Midland, tallying a 3.18 ERA and two wins in two relief appearances...was 9-6 with a 3.95 ERA in 27 games overall...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins, ranked seventh in innings pitched (139.0) and strikeouts (120) and 10th in ERA...allowed a .248 opponents average, including .247 against righties and 248 against lefties...pitched for Estrellas in the Dominican Winter League following the season, going 2-2 with a 4.29 ERA in six starts.

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (0-1, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...started and lost the A's Cactus League opener last Saturday at Milwaukee (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...was acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays Aug. 24, 2012 for cash considerations and was sent to Sacramento before he was recalled by the A's Sept. 10...allowed seven runs in 3.1 innings in four relief appearances with Oakland for an 18.90 ERA and .474 opponents batting average...was also 1-1 with an 8.44 ERA and .281 opponents average in nine games, two starts, with Toronto...combined for a 9.85 ERA in 13 appearances overall...struck out 30 in 24.2 innings, an average of 10.95 per nine innings...allowed a .315 opponents average...combined to go 8-5 with two saves, a 3.77 ERA and .243 opponents batting average in 21 games, 18 starts, with Triple-A Las Vegas and Triple-A Sacramento.

#47 PAT NESHEK RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...picked up the win in his first outing last Sunday at the Angels with a scoreless sixth inning (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...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...opponents were 1-for-15 (.067) with RISP...first batters faced were 3-for-18 (.167) with three walks and a hit by pitch.

#56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fifth inning in his first outing last Sunday at the Angels (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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.

#45 JUSTIN THOMAS LHP (0-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...his first outing was last Saturday at Milwaukee (1.1 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 4 bb, 2 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract November 15, 2012...saw action in the majors with Boston and New York (AL) last year but spent most of the season with the Triple-A affiliates of the two organizations...was on Boston's Opening Day roster and logged a 7.71 ERA in seven relief appearances...claimed off waivers by the Yankees May 12 and compiled a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances during a September call-up...combined for an 8.22 ERA in 11 big league appearances overall...allowed a .375 opponents batting average...went 2-1 with a save and a 3.45 ERA in 34 games, including six starts with Pawtucket and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

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	
February 25	Cleveland	L, 10-14	1-2	Masterson	Werner	2,026	2,026
February 26	at Arizona	L, 4-9	1-3	Bell	Ekstrom	5,682	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
February 27	San Diego	RHP Dan Straily vs. LHP Eric Stults		1:05			
February 28	at Chicago (NL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Scott Feldman		1:05			
March 1	San Francisco	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. LHP Madison Bumgarner		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		