



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Padres in Phoenix, 11-6...San Diego scored twice in the first off Dan Straily but the A's came back with four in the bottom of the first to get Straily the win...Jemile Weeks led off the inning with a home run, Jed Lowrie added a two-run single and John Jaso had a sacrifice fly...Seth Smith hit a two-run home run in the A's three-run second and Weeks had a sacrifice fly in the third...Weeks, Smith, Lowrie, Adam Rosales and David Freitas all had two hits each...Pat Neshek (1.0 ip), Chris Resop (1.0 ip) and Jesse Chavez (2.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief.

### A's vs. CUBS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Cubs this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 17...the A's went 3-0-1 against Chicago last spring, winning in Mesa March 4 (12-10) and 5 (8-7) and Phoenix March 17 (4-3)...the tie was a 5-5 decision in 10 innings March 20 in Phoenix.

### 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 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...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 (2-3) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (3-2)  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013 – HOHOKAM STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Won their first home game yesterday and are now 2-3 over the first five games...this is the A's 45<sup>th</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, including 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...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 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 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 three games (4 for 7, .571)...**David Freitas** has hit safely in each of his three plate appearances...**Darwin Perez** has hit safely in each of his two games (2 for 4, .500)...**Shane Peterson** is the only player to appear in each of the A's first five games...has doubled in four of those contests...**Seth Smith** hit his first home run yesterday against San Diego...has now hit safely in each of his last three games (4 for 7, .571) after going 0 for 1 with a walk in his first contest...**Jemile Weeks** has hit safely in each of his three games, including two two-hit games...is 5 for 8 (.625) with two doubles, a home run and four RBI.

### 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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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (4-2, 2.57 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...completed his rehab from "Tommy John" surgery in late August last year and made six starts before his regular season ended when he strained his right oblique Sept. 19...went 4-2 with a 2.57 ERA and .225 opponents batting average...returned to start and win Game 3 of the ALDS against Detroit in Oakland...combined with Cook, Doolittle and Balfour on a four-hit shutout in the A's 2-0 win (6.0 ip, 2 h, 2 bb, 6 so)...during the regular season, allowed just one home run in 35.0 innings...his opponents batting average included a .219 (7-for-32) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .227 (22-for-97) against right-handers...had 22 of his 25 strikeouts against righties...allowed a .148 average with runners in scoring position...opponents were 0-for-10 with RISP and two outs.

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

### #40 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (10-9, 3.43 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...was 10-9 with a 3.43 ERA in 24 starts last year when he was suspended for 50 games Aug. 22 after testing positive for Testosterone, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program...had five games remaining on the suspension at the end of the playoffs...won 10 games for the ninth time in his career, but it was his first 10-win season since 2005...at the age of 39, he became just the third pitcher in Oakland history to win 10 games in a season at age 36 or older...issued just 23 walks in 152.1 innings for an average of 1.36 per nine innings, which was the lowest mark of his career.

### #65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing last Sunday at the Angels (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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...was also 0-2 with a save and a 2.62 ERA in 32 relief appearances with Sacramento in his Triple-A debut...surrendered just one home run in 44.2 innings...allowed a .212 opponents batting average.

### #26 BRIAN GORDON RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...pitched the second and third inning in his first outing last Sunday at the Angels (2.0 ip, 2 h, 4 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...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.

### #77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 40.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...his first outing was last Monday against Cleveland (0.2 ip, 3 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb)...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.

### #39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing last Monday against Cleveland (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...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...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.

### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the third inning in his first outing last Monday against Cleveland (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...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).

## 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	
February 27	San Diego	W, 11-6	2-3	Straily	Stults	1,867	3,893
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>			<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>	
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	