



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Cubs, 5-3 in Mesa...Brett Anderson started and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings...he was relieved by Bartolo Colón, who allowed three runs in 2.0 innings for the loss...Michael Choice had a RBI triple in the third inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead and Derek Norris homered in the fourth to make the score 2-1...Colón then allowed two runs in the bottom of the fourth to give the Cubs the lead for good...Scott Moore had a RBI single in the ninth to complete the A's scoring...Evan Scribner and Hideki Okajima tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

A's vs. GIANTS

This is the first of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...also play in Scottsdale March 23 before squaring off three times in the Bay Area in San Francisco (March 28-29) and Oakland (March 30)...the A's lost three of four games last spring, going 0-1 in Scottsdale and Oakland and 1-1 in San Francisco.

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 (2-4) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (1-2-3)
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost four of the first six games...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 (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 1st round), Grant Green (2009, 1st round), A.J. Griffin (2010, 13th round), Dan Straily (2009, 24th round) and Jemile Weeks (2008, 1st round).

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)...**Yoenis Céspedes** has reached base safely via walk in each of his three games but is 0 for 5...**Michael Choice** has hit safely in four of his five games with three multiple hit games...is tied for second in the Cactus League in hits (7) and ranks third in total bases (14)...**David Freitas** has hit safely in each of his three plate appearances...**Derek Norris** has homered in each of his last two games and is tied for third in the CL in home runs (2)...**Darwin Perez** has hit safely in each of his three games (3 for 8, .375)...**Shane Peterson** is the only player to appear in each of the A's first six games...has doubled in four of those contests and is tied for the CL lead in doubles (4)...is also tied for fourth in total bases (13)...**Adam Rosales** is tied for third in the CL in walks (4)...**Addison Russell** has reached base safely in each of his three games (3 for 6, one walk)...**Seth Smith** hit his first home run Wednesday 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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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

#11 JARROD PARKER RHP (13-8, 3.47 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...went 13-8 with a 3.47 ERA in 29 starts with the A's last year...tied with fellow rookie Tommy Milone for the team lead in wins as they both set an Oakland record for wins by a rookie...led the A's with 140 strikeouts, which was the third best mark by a rookie in Oakland history and the fourth best in Athletics history...his 29 starts were 10th most by an Oakland rookie...tied for second among AL rookies in wins, ranked fourth in strikeouts and innings pitched (181.1) and tied for fourth in starts...his ERA was the lowest among AL rookies with 130 or more innings, his .619 winning percentage was second best and his .248 opponents batting average was third best.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...started in his first outing last Sunday at the Angels (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 so)...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 in pickoffs (7).

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (5-1, 2.48 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...completed his sixth season in an Oakland uniform last year, but it was just his second full season (2010)...was 5-1 with a save, a 2.48 ERA and a .201 opponents batting average in 63 relief appearances...the ERA and opponents batting average were the lowest marks of his career...had career-highs in wins, innings pitched (65.1) and strikeouts (54) and matched his best in games pitched...his .201 opponents batting average broke down to .182 against left-handed hitters compared to .219 against right-handers.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (6-2, 14 saves, 2.09 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was the A's lone representative to the American League All-Star team last year as a 25-year-old rookie...went 6-2 with 14 saves, a 2.09 ERA and .166 opponents batting average in 71 appearances...tied the Oakland rookie record for games pitched (Aaron Small, 1997) and had the third best save total...his ERA was fifth best among Oakland rookies with 50 or more innings...ranked second among AL rookies in saves and games pitched...his save percentage of 66.7% was the lowest in the majors.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (2-1, 3.04 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...was converted to pitcher late in 2011 and had just one professional appearance on the mound entering the 2012 season...appeared in six games at Single-A Stockton, eight at Double-A Midland and two at Triple-A Sacramento before he was promoted to Oakland June 4...spent the rest of the season with the A's, posting a 2-1 record with a save and a 3.04 ERA in 44 appearances in his Major League debut...struck out 60 batters in just 47.1 innings, an average of 11.41 per nine innings.

#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...finished the season with an eight-game winning streak..

#55 KYLER NEWBY RHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...his first outing was last Sunday at the Angels (1.2 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...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 saves overall (95.2%).

#53 GARRETT OLSON LHP (4-7, 4.63 ERA with Buffalo 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 October 24, 2012...began the 2012 season at Triple-A Buffalo before he was selected by New York (NL) Aug. 7...made one relief appearance with the Mets Aug. 8 against Miami (0.1 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 0 so)...was designated for assignment Aug. 11 and outrighted Aug. 14...spent the rest of the season with the Bisons...was 4-7 with a 4.63 ERA in 34 games, including 21 starts, with Buffalo...allowed a .277 opponents batting average.

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 |
| February 28 | at Chicago (NL) | L, 3-5 | 2-4 | Wood | Colón | 4,037 | |
| DATE | OPPONENT | PROBABLES | | TIME | RADIO/TV | | |
| March 1 | San Francisco | RHP Jarrod Parker vs. LHP Madison Bumgarner | | 1:05 | | | |
| March 2 | Colorado | LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Jhoulys Chacin | | 1:05 | 95.7 FM The Game | | |
| March 3 | at Colorado | RHP A.J. Griffin vs. LHP Jorge De La Rosa | | 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 | | |