



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Giants, 13-9 in Phoenix...Jarrod Parker started for the A's and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 2 so)...Jemile Weeks had a RBI single in the second to give the A's the lead but Jerry Blevins allowed three runs in the third, retiring just one batter...the A's came back with three in the bottom of the third to take the lead, scoring twice on an error and once on a Daric Barton RBI single...Travis Blackley then allowed seven runs in the sixth inning for the loss (0.1 ip, 5 h, 7 r, 7 er, 2 bb)...Andy Parrino has a RBI double in the sixth, the A's score three in the seventh and Michael Choice completes the A's scoring with a RBI single in the ninth..

A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Rockies this spring...face off again tomorrow in Scottsdale and return to Phoenix March 27...the A's won the only meeting last year, 6-4 at Scottsdale.

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 (2-5) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (5-2)
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two straight and four of the last five games...are 2-5, which is the A's worst spring record after seven games since they went 1-6 in 2006 (won game 8)...are tied for the Major League lead with 25 doubles...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.

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 four games (5 for 9, .556)...**Yoenis Céspedes** has reached base safely via walk in each of his four games but is 0 for 8...**Michael Choice** has four multiple hit games in his last five contests and has hit safely in five of six games overall...leads the majors in hits (9) and tops the Cactus League in batting (.563)...also ranks second in the CL in slugging (1.000) and on-base percentage (.563), tied for second in total bases (16) and tied for third in RBI (6)...**Jed Lowrie** has appeared in two games at shortstop, one at second base and one at third base...**Derek Norris** has hit safely in each of his last three games (3 for 5, .600) after going 0 for 3 in his first contests...is tied for fifth in the CL in home runs (5)...**Andy Parrino** had his second multiple hit game yesterday and has four hits this spring, all doubles...is tied for second in the CL in doubles...**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 seven games...has doubled in five of those contests and leads the majors with five doubles...is tied for third in the CL in slugging (.833) and tied for fourth in total bases (15)...**Adam Rosales** is tied for fifth in the CL in walks (4)...has appeared in three games at shortstop, one at second base and one at third base...**Addison Russell** has reached base safely in each of his three games (3 for 6, one walk)...**Seth Smith** has hit safely in each of his last four games (5 for 9, .556) after going 0 for 1 with a walk in his first contest...has appeared in two games in left field, two at designated hitter and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in three games at second base, three at shortstop and one at third base...**Jemile Weeks** has hit safely in each of his four games (6 for 11, .545), including two two-hit games...has driven in at least one run in each of his last three games (five RBI total)...**Chris Young** has appeared in two games in center field and one in right field.

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

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (13-10, 3.74 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...went 13-10 with a 3.74 ERA in a team-leading 31 starts for Oakland in 2012...also led the A's in innings pitched (190.0), had the only complete game and tied for the team-lead in wins...fellow rookie Jarrod Parker also won 13 games, both setting an Oakland record for wins by a rookie...struck out 137, which was the fourth best rookie total in Oakland history and the sixth best in Athletics history...also tied for the fifth most games started by an Oakland rookie (31) and was sixth in innings pitched (190.0)...tied for the lead among Major League rookies in complete games...tied for second among American League rookies in wins and games started, ranked third in innings pitched and was fifth in strikeouts...his ERA ranked third among AL rookies with 130 or more innings...averaged 1.71 walks per nine innings, which was second lowest in the AL and fifth lowest in Oakland history...had a strikeout to walk ratio of 3.81, which ranked seventh in the AL and fourth in Athletics history.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Tuesday at Arizona (L, 1.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 so) after tossing a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing February 23...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract October 25, 2012...spent most of last season at Triple-A Colorado Springs where he appeared in 43 games...also had a one-month stint with Colorado following the All-Star Break, logging a 6.32 ERA in a career-high tying 15 relief appearances...opponents batted .328 against him with the Rockies, including .233 (10-for-43) by right-handed hitters compared to .524 (11-for-24) by left-handers...was 3-1 with a save and a 2.53 ERA in 43 relief appearances with Colorado Springs...did not allow a home run in 57.0 innings...yielded a .224 opponents batting average.

#22 SONNY GRAY RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...his first outing was last Monday against Cleveland (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb)...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...ranked third in the Texas League 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...ranked third in the A's farm system 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...was named the A's fifth best prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.

#68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Tuesday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb) after tossing a scoreless eighth inning in his first appearance February 23...pitched at three different levels in the A's farm system last year, combining for a 4-1 record, one save and a 2.70 ERA in 44 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton, Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...had career-highs in wins, appearances and strikeouts (74)...allowed a .271 opponents batting average, including .259 (36-for-139) by right-handed hitters compared to .284 (33-for-116) against left-handers...surrendered five home runs, all solo shots...pitched for Culiacan in the Mexican Pacific Winter League following the season...was 1-0 with a 0.79 ERA and .179 opponents batting average in 12 relief appearances.

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 16.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the sixth inning of his last outing Tuesday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er) after retiring the only two batters he faced in his first outing February 23 at Milwaukee...was acquired from Houston February 4 with Jed Lowrie for Chris Carter, Brad Peacock and minor leaguer Max Stassi...spent the entire 2012 season in Houston's bullpen and was 2-10 with a 5.37 ERA in 71 games...ranked second on the club in appearances and led all Astros relievers in strikeouts (78)...set career-highs in innings pitched (70.1), strikeouts and appearances...allowed a .252 opponents batting average, including .226 (21-for-93) against left-handed hitters compared to .266 (47-for-177) against right-handers...held first batters faced to a .203 batting average...allowed 14 of 56 (25.0%) inherited runners to score.

#31 ANDREW WERNER LHP (0-1, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...was the losing pitcher in his first outing, a start last Monday against Cleveland when he allowed an unearned run in the first inning (2.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...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...combined for a 5-10 record, a 3.70 ERA and .271 opponents batting average in 22 starts with Double-A San Antonio and Triple-A Tucson...surrendered just seven home runs in 126.1 innings (0.50 per nine innings).

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	
March 1	San Francisco	L, 9-13	2-5	Casilla	Blackley	7,243	11,136
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
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)	RHP Dan Straily vs. LHP Jason Vargas		1:05			
March 5	at Kansas City			1:05			
March 5	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		
March 16	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		