



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Colorado, 6-3 in Phoenix...Tommy Milone started and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 bb, 1 so) and Sonny Gray followed with 2.0 scoreless innings for the win (1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...Josh Reddick opened the scoring with a three-run home run in the third inning to give the A's the lead for good...Eric Sogard added a RBI single in the fourth and Brandon Moss hit his first home run of the spring in the fifth to make the score 5-0.....the A's scored their final run in the sixth inning on a Michael Choice sacrifice fly...Mike Ekstrom, Fernando Rodriguez and Arnold Leon tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

### A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Rockies this spring...the A's won the first game yesterday in Phoenix, 6-3...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 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 (3-5) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (5-3)  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2013 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Snapped their two-game losing streak yesterday and are 3-5 for the spring...Tommy Milone tossed 2.0 scoreless innings yesterday and A's starting pitchers have a 1.92 ERA over the last five games (9.1 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 7 so)...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.

**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).

**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.

**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).

### ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

**Daric Barton** has hit safely in each of his four games (5 for 9, .556)...**Michael Choice** is tied for the Major League lead in hits (10) and slugging (1.000) and leads the Cactus League in batting (.588)...also ranks tied for second in the CL in total bases (17), third in on-base percentage (.556) and tied for fifth in RBI (7)...has four multiple hit games in his last six contests and has hit safely in six of seven games overall...**Jed Lowrie** has appeared in two games at shortstop, two 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...**Andy Parrino** had his second multiple hit game Friday against San Francisco and has four hits this spring, all doubles...is tied for second in the CL in doubles...has appeared in four games at third base, three in left field and one at second base...**Shane Peterson** is the only player to appear in each of the A's first eight games...has doubled in five of those contests and leads the majors with five doubles...is tied for second in the CL in total bases (17) and tied for third in hits (9)...**Josh Reddick** went 2 for 2 with his first home run and three RBI yesterday against Colorado after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**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 five games (6 for 11, .545) after going 0 for 1 with a walk in his first contest...is tied for the CL lead in slugging (1.000), ranks second in on-base percentage (.563) and tied for third in batting (.500)...has appeared in three 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 two 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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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...had a no decision in his first start last Tuesday at Arizona, tossing 2.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 3 so)...began 2012 at Double-A Midland but finished the season in the starting rotation for Oakland...went 7-1 with a 3.06 ERA in 15 starts in his Major League debut with the A's...his .875 winning percentage was the best in Oakland history and third best in Athletics history among pitchers with 15 or more starts...it was the second best mark by any ML pitcher over the last 17 years and second best by a rookie in ML history (since 1900) among pitchers with 15 or more starts...ranked 10th among American League rookies in wins...allowed a .236 opponents batting average, which included a .225 (34-for-151) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .245 (40-for-163) against left-handers...was named the A's Minor League Co-Pitcher of the Year with Dan Straily after combining for a 7-3 record and a 2.82 ERA in 17 games, all starts, with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...struck out 91, walked just 18 and yielded seven home runs in 102.0 innings...allowed a .211 opponents batting average.

#### GRIFFIN'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/26	at ARI	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

### #44 BRUCE BILLINGS RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Wednesday against San Diego (1.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 so) after pitching two scoreless innings in his first outing February 23 against Milwaukee...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 and .248 opponents batting average in 27 games overall...pitched for Estrellas in the Dominican Winter League following the season, going 2-2 with a 4.29 ERA in six starts.

### #65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the eighth inning of his last outing Thursday at the Cubs (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er) after tossing a scoreless inning in his first outing February 28 at the Angels...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...his opponents batting average included a .179 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .239 against right-handers...was also 0-2 with a save, a 2.62 ERA and .212 opponents average in 32 relief appearances with Sacramento...surrendered just one home run in 44.2 innings.

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two outings, including his last appearance Wednesday against San Diego when he tossed a scoreless fourth inning (1.0 ip)...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 batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .333 against left-handers...opponents were 1-for-15 (.067) with RISP, including 0-for-8 with RISP and two outs.

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two appearances, including his last outing Thursday at the Cubs (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...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.

### #45 JUSTIN THOMAS LHP (0-0, 8.10 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his first two outings, including his last appearance Wednesday against San Diego (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 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...was 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	
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
March 2	Colorado	W, 6-3	3-5	Milone	Chacin	4,585	15,721
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	RHP Bartolo Colón vs. LHP Bruce Chen	1:05				
	Italy (exhib.)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. TBA	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			