



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Colorado, 7-2 in Scottsdale...the A's scored their first four runs on a hit by pitch or walk...Michael Choice was hit by a pitch in the first inning and the A's added three more in the third when Daric Barton was hit by a pitch, Adam Rosales walked and Scott Sizemore was hit by a pitch...A.J. Griffin started and picked up the win, allowing a run on three hits in 3.0 innings...Pat Neshek, Pedro Figueroa, Hideki Okajima and Bruce Billings added a scoreless inning of relief each...Chris Young had a RBI single in the sixth, David Freitas a solo home run in the seventh and Addison Russell a RBI single in the ninth to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's won the first contest in Tempe February 24, 7-5...meet again in Phoenix March 16...the A's lost the only game last spring, 9-1 in Phoenix on March 5.

IN CAMP

The A's have 59 players remaining in camp...that includes 41 players on the 40-man roster (Bartolo Colón does not count against the 40-man limit) and 18 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 29 pitchers, six catchers, 16 infielders and eight outfielders

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers report to Papago Park today with the first workout scheduled for tomorrow...position 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 (4-5) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (1-7-2)
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won back-to-back games for the first time this spring...A.J. Griffin allowed one run in three innings yesterday and A's starting pitchers have a 2.19 ERA over the last six games (12.1 ip, 8 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 8 so)...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 tomorrow...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.

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 Hiroiyuki 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).

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...Hiroiyuki 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.

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 reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his five games...**Michael Choice** is tied for the Major League lead in hits (11)...leads the Cactus League in slugging (.900), ranks second in batting (.550) and total bases (18), fourth in on-base percentage (.545) and tied for fourth in RBI (8)...has hit safely in seven of eight games, including four multiple hit contests...**David Freitas** hit his first home run yesterday and has four hits in six plate appearances this spring...**Jed Lowrie** has appeared in two games at shortstop, two at second base and one at third base...**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, four in left field and one at second base...**Shane Peterson** is the only player to appear in each of the A's first nine games...has doubled in five of those contests and leads the majors with five doubles...is tied for third in the CL in total bases (17) and tied for fourth in hits (9)...**Josh Reddick** went 2 for 2 with his first home run and three RBI Saturday against Colorado after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** had his second two-walk game yesterday and is tied for the Major League lead with six walks...is tied for the third in the CL in runs (6)...has appeared in three games at shortstop, one at second base, one at third base and one in left field...**Addison Russell** has reached base safely in each of his four games (4 for 11, one walk)...**Scott Sizemore** went 2 for 2 with a hit by pitch yesterday after going 1 for 10 over his first five games...**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...has appeared in three games in left field, two at designated hitter and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in four games at shortstop, three at second base 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 hit safely in each of his last three games (4 for 8, .500) after going 0 for 2 in his first contest...has appeared in three 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
March 3 Andrew Carignan reassigned to minor league camp

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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 (1-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...was the winning pitcher in his first start last Wednesday against San Diego...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.

STRAILY'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	SD	W	1.3	2	2	2	1	1	0	8
Totals			1.3	2	2	2	1	1	0	8

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 27.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in the second inning in his first outing last Friday against San Francisco (0.2 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 so)...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.

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (0-1, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief last Wednesday against San Diego (2 so) after starting and losing the A's Cactus League opener February 23 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.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (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 Friday against San Francisco (1 bb)...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...ranked third among AL relievers in opponents batting average, fourth in slugging percentage (.261) and fifth in ERA.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (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 Friday against San Francisco (1 h)...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...walked just 11 batters for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.45.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 21.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his two outings, including his last appearance Thursday at the Cubs (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 so)...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.

#56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (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 Wednesday against San Diego when he tossed a scoreless fifth inning (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.

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	Fjers	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	Gray	Chacin	4,585	15,721
March 3	at Colorado	W, 7-2	4-5	Griffin	Chatwood	8,315	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Brandon Maurer				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