



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Los Angeles Angels in Phoenix, 13-5...Dan Straily allowed two runs in the fifth but picked up the win when the A's scored three times in the bottom of the fifth on a RBI double by Josh Reddick and RBI singles by Jed Lowrie and Brandon Moss...the A's scored another run in the sixth on an Andy Parrino RBI single and added six runs in the eighth, highlighted by a Michael Choice RBI triple...Sean Doolittle, Jerry Blevins, Jordan Norberto, Travis Banwart and Jesse Chavez tossed one scoreless inning of relief each...

A's vs. ROYALS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Royals this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 12...split two games last spring with the A's winning 10-8 in Phoenix on March 11 and losing in Surprise, 8-3 on March 21.

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 reported to Papago Park yesterday with the first workout scheduled for today...position players report Sunday with the first workout scheduled for Monday.

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 (5-5) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (9-0-1)
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 – SURPRISE STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won each of the last three games after starting the spring 2-5...lead the majors in on-base percentage (.401), rank second in batting (.320) and fourth in slugging (.500)...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...will train again in Phoenix next year before moving to a renovated Hohokam Stadium in Mesa in 2015...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring in addition to an exhibition game against Italy's WBC team today...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 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.

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.

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).

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).

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his five games...**Yoenis Céspedes** singled in the fourth inning yesterday against Los Angeles (AL) after starting the spring 0 for 12...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (5)...**Michael Choice** is tied for the Major League lead in hits (11)...is tied for second in the CL in batting (.500), tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.500) and RBI (8) and ranks fifth in slugging (.818)...has four multiple hit contests...**David Freitas** has five hits in eight at bats this spring...**Grant Green** has back-to-back two-hit games (4 for 4) after going 2 for 8 (.2560) over his first five contests...**Jed Lowrie** has appeared in three games at shortstop, two at second base and one at third base...**Brandon Moss** has hit safely in each of his last three games (4 for 9, .444) after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Andy Parrino** has five hits this spring, including four doubles...is tied for second in the CL in doubles...has appeared in four games at third base, four in left field one in right field and one at second base...**Shane Peterson** is the only player to appear in each of the A's first 10 games...seven of his 10 hits are for extra bases (five doubles, one triple, one home runs)...leads the majors in doubles...is tied for third in the CL in total bases (20), ranks fourth in slugging (.870) and tied for fourth in hits...**Josh Reddick** is 3 for 5 (.600) with a double, home run and four RBI over his last two games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** leads the majors with seven walks...is tied for fifth in the CL in runs (6)...has appeared in three games at shortstop, two 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 Sunday at Colorado after going 1 for 10 over his first five games...**Seth Smith** has hit safely in each of his last six games (7 for 13, .538) after going 0 for 1 with a walk in his first contest...has appeared in three games in left field, three 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 appeared in three games in center field, one in right field and one at designated hitter.

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

#40 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance and first start of the spring...was the losing pitcher in his first appearance last Thursday at the Cubs, a relief outing (2.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 1 er, 4 so)...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...struck out 91 for a strikeout to walk ratio of 3.96, which was also a career-best...was 6-7 with a 4.22 ERA in 15 starts when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 23 retroactive to June 18 with a strained right oblique...was reinstated July 3 and went 4-2 with a 2.30 ERA over his final nine starts.

COLÓN'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at CHI	L	2.0	5	3	1	0	4	0	12
Totals			2.0	5	3	1	0	4	0	12

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (0-1, 47.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed seven runs in his last outing Friday against San Francisco for the loss (0.1 ip, 5 h, 7 r, 7 er, 2 bb)...started and tossed one scoreless inning in his first outing February 24 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) and balks (3)...opponents were successful in just 2 of 6 (33.3%) stolen base attempts...allowed a .243 opponents batting average, which included a .241 (28-for-116) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .244 (70-for-287) against right-handers.

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-0, 4.91 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Saturday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 bb)...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...all 15 of his appearances came in losses...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, including .189 (17-for-90) against left-handed hitters compared to .250 (30-for-120) by right-handers.

#53 GARRETT OLSON LHP (0-0, 18.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in the eighth inning in his first outing last Friday against San Francisco (1.0 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so)...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, including .274 (40-for-146) against left-handed hitters compared to .278 (93-for-335) against right-handers...compiled a 3-7 record, a 4.88 ERA and .286 opponents batting average in his 21 starts...was 1-0 with a 3.43 ERA and .228 opponents average in 13 relief appearances.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his last outing Thursday at the Cubs (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so) after allowing two runs in his first appearance February 25...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)...with Sacramento, was a perfect 8-for-8 in save opportunities and led the River Cats in saves...struck out 38 batters in 35.2 innings (9.59 per nine innings)...allowed a .203 opponents batting average, which included a .147 (11-for-75) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 (15-for-53) against left-handers.

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	Gray	Chacin	4,585	15,721
March 3	at Colorado	W, 7-2	4-5	Griffin	Chatwood	8,315	
March 4	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 13-5	5-5	Cook	Carpenter	3,751	19,472
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
March 5	at Kansas City	RHP Bartolo Colón vs. LHP Bruce Chen			1:05		
	Italy (exhib.)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP John Mariotti			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