



# 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 2.1 innings before John Jaso drilled a bases loaded triple in the fourth to give the A's a 3-2 lead...Ryan Cook allowed three 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. WBC

This is the third time the A's have played an exhibition game against a World Baseball Classic team...the previous two came against South Africa...won both of those contests: 13-1 on March 4, 2006 and 6-1 on March 5, 2009.

### 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 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 (5-5) VS. ITALY  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL 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 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...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.

**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 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 run)...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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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...had a no decision in his first start last Thursday at the Cubs (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...completed his rehab from "Tommy John" surgery in late August last year and made six starts before his regular season ended when he strained his right oblique Sept. 19...went 4-2 with a 2.57 ERA and .225 opponents batting average...returned to start and win Game 3 of the ALDS against Detroit in Oakland...combined with Cook, Doolittle and Balfour on a four-hit shutout in the A's 2-0 win (6.0 ip, 2 h, 2 bb, 6 so)...during the regular season, allowed just one home run in 35.0 innings...his opponents batting average included a .219 (7-for-32) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .227 (22-for-97) against right-handers...had 22 of his 25 strikeouts against righties...allowed a .148 average with runners in scoring position...opponents were 0-for-10 with RISP and two outs...had a .194 opponents batting average the first two times through the lineup, .323 with his only home run after that...walked just one batter to lead off an inning.

#### ANDERSON'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at CHI	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Totals			2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

### #26 BRIAN GORDON RHP (0-0, 2.45 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed 1.2 scoreless innings in his last outing Friday against San Francisco after allowing four runs in 2.0 innings in his first appearance February 24 at the Angels...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...went 3-3 with a 3.86 ERA over his first 10 starts through June 9...finished the season by going 8-0 with a 4.00 ERA over his final 15 games, including 14 starts...was originally drafted by Arizona in the seventh round of the June, 1997 draft and spent the first 10 seasons of his professional career as an outfielder...was converted to pitcher following the 2006 season and is 1-1 with a 4.40 ERA in five career Major League appearances.

### #68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 6.00 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 against Colorado when he tossed a scoreless ninth for the save (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...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...opponents hit .295 with the bases empty, .246 with runners on...allowed 8 of 18 (44.4%) inherited runners to score...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.

### #55 KYLER NEWBY RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...retired the only batter he faced in his last outing Friday against San Francisco after allowing one run in 1.2 inning his first outing February 24...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 save opportunities overall (95.2%)...the 20 saves were a career high and the most in the Baltimore farm system...combined at both stops for a 2.40 ERA...surrendered just one home run in 56.1 innings...struck out 74 for an average of 11.82 per nine innings...held the opposition to a .192 batting average, which included a .179 mark by right-handed hitters compared to .217 by left-handers.

### #33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 10.13 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 against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...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...ranked third in the National League with 56 inherited runners...allowed 14 of those to score (25.0%)...allowed just one of his first 18 inherited runners to score.

## 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
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>			<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>	
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	