



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Tuesday, the A's lost to Kansas City at Surprise 8-2 and defeated Italy's WBC team in an exhibition game in Phoenix 4-3...Bartolo Colón started against the Royals and took the loss (2.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 so)...Travis Blackley retired all six batters he faced in 2.0 scoreless innings of relief...Grant Green and Shane Peterson had two hits each...Brett Anderson started and picked up the win against Italy, tossing 3.0 scoreless innings (1 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...Coco Crisp was 3 for 3 with a walk and stolen base...Yoenis Céspedes was 2 for 2 with a sacrifice fly and RBI single...Jed Lowrie also had two hits, including a RBI double.

A's vs. MARINERS

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...meet again tomorrow in Peoria and return to Phoenix March 18...the A's won two of three last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and winning the only contest in Peoria.

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 have reported to Papago Park...position players report Sunday with the first full squad 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 (5-6) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (10-2)
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their three-game winning streak snapped by Kansas City Tuesday...rank second in the majors in batting average (.315), on-base percentage (.392) and doubles (33)...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, not including Tuesday's exhibition game against Italy's WBC team...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.

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).

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 six games...**Yoenis Céspedes** had two hits and two RBI in the exhibition game against Italy Tuesday...singled in the fourth inning Monday 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 second in the CL in hits (12), ranks fourth in batting (.462), tied for fourth in RBI (8), fifth in slugging (.731), tied for sixth in on-base percentage (.464) and tied for seventh in total bases (19)...has four multiple hit games...**Coco Crisp** has two multiple hit games in four games this spring, not including a 3-for-3 performance with a walk in the exhibition game against Italy Tuesday...**Josh Donaldson** is 0 for his last 15 with four walks and 1 for 20 overall...**David Freitas** has hit safely in five of six games and is 6 for 10 (.600) with a double and home run...**Grant Green** has three straight two-hit games (6 for 8, three doubles) after going 2 for 8 (.2560) over his first five contests...is tied for the Major League lead in doubles (5)...**John Jaso** is 2 for 4 (.500) with four RBI over his last two games after going 1 for 9 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** is 1 for 6 (.167) over his last four games after going 4 for 10 (.400) with four doubles over his first six contests...is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles...has appeared in five games at third base, four in left field one in right field and one at second base...**Shane Peterson** had his third multiple hit game Tuesday against Kansas City and now has 12 hits, which is tied for second in the CL...is also tied for the CL lead in doubles (5), ranks second in total bases (22), third in slugging (.815), fifth in batting (.444), tied for sixth in on-base percentage (.464) and tied for seventh in runs (6)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 11 games...**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** is tied for the ML lead with seven walks...is tied for seventh 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...**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 four 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

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in his first start last Saturday against Colorado...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 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.

MILONE'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	COL	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7
Totals			2.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#44 BRUCE BILLINGS RHP (0-0, 1.93 ERA)

The non-roster invitee 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 Sunday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h)...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 in 27 games overall...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins...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, 3.00 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 Sunday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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...was also 0-2 with a save, a 2.62 ERA and .212 opponents batting average in 32 relief appearances with Sacramento.

#22 SONNY GRAY RHP (1-0, 4.50 ERA)

The non-roster invitee is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings for the win in his last outing Saturday against Colorado (1 h, 1 bb, 2 so) after allowing two runs in his first outing February 25 against Cleveland...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.

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three appearances, including his last outing Sunday at Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 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.

#53 GARRETT OLSON LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless seventh inning Tuesday at Kansas City (1 so) after allowed two runs in one inning in his first outing March 1 against San Francisco...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.

#31 ANDREW WERNER LHP (0-1, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...his last outing was Saturday against Colorado (2.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er)...was the losing pitcher in his first outing, a start February 25 against Cleveland when he allowed an unearned run in 2.0 innings...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 against left-handed hitters compared to .316 against right-handers...combined for a 5-10 record and a 3.70 ERA in 22 starts with San Antonio and Tucson.

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
March 5	at Kansas City	L, 2-8	5-6	Chen	Colón	2,647	
March 6	Italy (exhib.)	W, 4-3		Anderson	Mariotti	2,026	
March 6	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 7	Seattle	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Brandon Maurer	1:05				
March 8	at Seattle	RHP A.J. Griffin vs. RHP Hector Noesi	1:05				
March 9	at Texas	RHP Dan Straily vs. RHP Nick Tepesch	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 17	at Chicago (NL)		1:05				
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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			