



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

Oakland Athletics Baseball Company • 7000 Coliseum Way • Oakland, CA 94621
510-638-4900 • Public Relations Facsimile 510-562-1633 • www.oaklandathletics.com

YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Seattle in Phoenix, 7-3...Tommy Milone started for the A's and tossed 3.0 shutout innings for the win (3 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...Hideki Okajima and Pedro Figueroa followed with a scoreless inning of relief each and Andrew Werner closed out the game with 2.0 scoreless innings...Yoenis Céspedes drove in the A's first run with a RBI single in the third and Oakland scored two more in the fourth, highlighted by RBI singles by Derek Norris and Josh Reddick...Jed Lowrie hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning and Andy Parrino added a solo shot in the sixth to complete the A's scoring.

A's vs. MARINERS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Mariners this spring...the A's won the first game yesterday in Phoenix 7-3...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 (6-6) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (11-3)
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013 – PEORIA STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have won four of the last five games after starting the spring 2-5...lead the majors in on-base percentage (.393), rank second in batting (.316), are tied for third in doubles (33) and rank fourth in walks (53)...the pitching has issued just 36 walks, which is tied for third fewest in the Cactus League...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.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC: Arnold Leon is the A's lone representative in the World Baseball Classic as he was named to Mexico's roster yesterday...Leon did not pitch in Mexico's 6-5 loss to Italy yesterday...Mexico plays the United States tonight at 7:00 and Canada tomorrow at 12:30, with both games at Chase Field.

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 six games...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 2 for 6 (.333) over his last two games after going 0 for 11 with four walks over his first five games...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in walks (5)...had two hits and two RBI in the exhibition game against Italy Tuesday...**Michael Choice** is tied for fourth in the CL in hits (12), ranks fifth in batting (.444), tied for sixth in RBI (8), seventh in slugging (.704), ninth in on-base percentage (.448) and tied for 10th in total bases (19)...**Coco Crisp** has two multiple hit games in five 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 his six games and is 6 for 10 (.600) with a double and home run...**Grant Green** is 6 for 9 (.667) with three doubles over his last four games after going 2 for 8 (.250) 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** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday against Seattle...has appeared in three games at shortstop, two at second base and two at third base...**Brandon Moss** is 4 for 12 (.333) over his last four games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** had his first multiple hit game of the spring yesterday against Seattle...is now 4 for 9 (.444) over his last three games after going 2 for 11 (.182) over his first five contests...**Andy Parrino** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday against Seattle...is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in six 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 13 hits, which is tied for the Major League lead...is also tied for the ML lead in doubles (5)...ranks third in the CL in slugging (.793) and total bases (23) and fourth in batting (.448) and on-base percentage (.467)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 12 games...**Josh Reddick** is 4 for 7 (.571) with a double, home run and five RBI over his last three games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** leads the CL with seven walks...has appeared in four games at shortstop, two at second base, one at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 2 for 12 (.167) over his last six games, with both hits coming last Sunday at Colorado...**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 not played since March 1 against San Francisco...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, one in left 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

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, media guide and more at <http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com>

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

#64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (1-0, 1.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...picked up the win in his last start Sunday at Colorado (3.0 ip, 1 r) after tossing 2.0 scoreless innings in his first start...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, a 2.82 ERA and .211 opponents batting average in 17 games, all starts, with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento.

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
3/3	at COL	W	3.0	3	1	1	0	1	1	12
Totals			5.0	4	1	1	0	4	1	18

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 10.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his last outing Monday against the Angels (1 h) after allowing three runs in 0.2 innings in his first outing March 1...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 (20-for-110) against left-handed hitters compared to .219 (25-for-114) against right-handers...issued 18 of his 25 walks to righties...held lefties to a .248 on-base percentage...opponents hit .160 with runners on base.

#60 JESSE CHAVEZ RHP (0-1, 1.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (3.0 ip), both in relief...including his last appearance Monday against the Angels (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...allowed a run in 2.0 innings in his first outing February 23, a start...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...combined to go 8-5 with two saves, a 3.77 ERA and .243 opponents batting average in 21 games, 18 starts, with Las Vegas and Sacramento.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE 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 outings, including his last appearance Monday against the Angels when he struck out the side in the fourth inning...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...allowed a .227 opponents batting average, including .195 against righties and .286 against lefties.

#56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (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 (2.2 ip), including his last outing Monday against the Angels when he struck out the only two batters he faced...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, including .237 against left-handed hitters compared to .302 against right-handers...held the opposition to a .226 average with runners in scoring position, including .146 with RISP and two outs.

#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 official appearance last Saturday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...faced Italy in the exhibition game Tuesday (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 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.

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						
March 7	Seattle	W, 7-3	6-6	Milone	Maurer	4,213	23,685
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Ian Kennedy				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 (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