



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's and Mariners game in Peoria was cancelled because of rain with the A's leading 12-1 in the top of the fourth inning...Oakland had 10 hits and nine of those were for extra bases, including five home runs...the A's scored five times in the first inning, highlighted by a two-run home run by Seth Smith and a solo home run by Josh Donaldson...Donaldson added a two-run home run in the second inning, Shane Peterson hit a solo home run in the A's three-run third and Michael Choice belted a two-run home run in the fourth...Peterson followed Choice with a double and Andy Parrino walked before the game was halted...A.J. Griffin was the only pitcher to see action for the A's (3.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 4 so).

### A's vs. RANGERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Rangers this spring...meet again in Phoenix March 14...last spring, the A's won the only game, 11-7 at Surprise on March 15.

### 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 tomorrow 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 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 (6-6) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (4-7-2)  
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013 – SURPRISE 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) and rank second in batting (.316)...the pitching has issued just 36 walks, which is tied for third fewest in the Cactus League...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...with yesterday's rainout, the A's are now scheduled to play 33 games this spring, not including Tuesday's exhibition game against Italy's WBC team...the schedule includes 30 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 Thursday...he has not pitched in the first two games...Mexico (1-1) concludes first round play today at 12:30 against Canada at Chase Field.

**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).

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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...however, went 2 for 3 with a pair of home runs yesterday at Seattle before the game was cancelled in the fourth inning because of rain...**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 Thursday 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 Thursday 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 Thursday 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 CL lead...is also tied for the lead in doubles (5), ranks third 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...also homered and double yesterday against Seattle before the game was cancelled...**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

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (1-0, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has allowed two runs in each of his first two starts...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...his 190 strikeouts are fourth most by a minor leaguer in Oakland history...allowed a .202 opponents average, which ranked 11th among full season minor leaguers...was tabbed by *Baseball America* as the A's sixth best prospect following the season.

#### 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
3/4	LAA	-	2.3	4	2	2	0	2	0	12
Totals			3.7	6	4	4	1	3	0	20

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

### #48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his last outing Monday against the Angels (1.0 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 1 so) after tossing a scoreless fourth inning in his first outing March 1...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...however, had seven blown saves, which tied for second most among all AL pitchers...ranked third among AL relievers in opponents batting average, fourth in slugging percentage (.261) and fifth in ERA.

### #47 PAT NESHEK RHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip), including his last appearance Sunday at Colorado when he tossed a scoreless fourth inning (1.0 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 1 for 9 (.111)...was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles organization Aug. 3, 2012 for cash considerations after going 3-2 with 11 saves and a 2.66 ERA in 35 appearances at Triple-A Norfolk...then went 2-1 with a 1.37 ERA and .147 opponents batting average in 24 appearances with the A's...the ERA and opponents batting average were the lowest marks of his career...as was his .221 opponents on-base percentage and .309 slugging percentage...allowed a .094 (5-for-53) batting average against right-handed hitters compared to .333 (5-for-15) against left-handers.

### #56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a 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 a week ago today 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.

### #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday at Kansas City (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 so)...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 against right-handed hitters compared to .278 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.

## 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 5	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
March 8	at Seattle	Cancelled, Rain					
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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. LHP Tyler Skaggs	1:05	95.7 FM The Game			
March 11	at San Diego	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. TBA	1:05				
March 12	Kansas City	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP James Shields	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 16	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			