



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to Texas in Surprise, 4-3...Dan Straily started for the A's and allowed two runs in the second inning (3.0 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...Jed Lowrie had a RBI single in the third inning to make the score 2-1 and Shane Peterson had a two-run single in the seventh to give the A's a 3-2 lead...Ryan Cook then allowed two runs in the bottom of the seventh for the loss (0.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb)...Garrett Olson (0.2 ip), Chris Resop (1.1 ip), Evan Scribner (1.0 ip) and Pat Neshek (1.1 ip) all tossed scoreless relief...Peterson and Brandon Moss had two hits each.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the second of three meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's lost the first game in Scottsdale on February 26, 9-4...return to Scottsdale March 15...the A's won both games last spring, 11-2 at Scottsdale March 18 and 6-5 in Phoenix the next day.

IN CAMP

Following yesterday's roster moves, the A's have 56 players remaining in camp...that includes 41 players on the 40-man roster (Bartolo Colón does not count against the 40-man limit) and 15 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 26 pitchers, six catchers, 16 infielders and eight outfielders

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park...position players report today with the first full squad workout scheduled for tomorrow.

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 (6-7) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (6-7-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two of the last three games after winning three straight...are 4-2 in Phoenix Muni and 2-5 on the road...lead the majors in on-base percentage (.392) and rank second in batting (.313)...the pitching staff has issued just 39 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...with Friday'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.

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** is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last three games after going 0 for 11 with four walks over his first five games...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...had two hits and two RBI in the exhibition game against Italy Tuesday...**Michael Choice** is 1 for 9 (.111) over his last four games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...ranks seventh in the CL in batting (.414), tied for seventh in hits (12) and ninth in slugging (.655)...**Coco Crisp** is 4 for 9 (.444) over his last three games, 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 Friday at Seattle before the game was cancelled in the fourth inning because of rain...**David Freitas** has hit safely in six of his seven games and is 7 for 11 (.636) 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 second in the CL 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 reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last seven games (6 for 16, five walks)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, two at second base and two at third base...**Brandon Moss** is 6 for 15 (.400) over his last five 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** is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last seven games after starting the spring 2 for 8 (.250)...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, one at shortstop and one at second base...**Shane Peterson** had his fourth multiple hit game yesterday at Texas and is now batting .484, which leads the CL and ranks second in the majors (Robinson, STL .520)...is tied for the CL lead in hits (15), tied for second in doubles (5) and total bases (25), ranks third in on-base percentage (.500) and fifth in slugging (.806)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 13 games...also homered and doubled Friday at 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** is tied for the CL lead in walks (7)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, two at second base, two at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last seven games, with both hits coming a week ago today 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, four 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, two 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
March 9	Bruce Billings, Sonny Gray and Justin Thomas 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

#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 February 28 at the Cubs (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...also started and won in the exhibition game against Italy's WBC team last Tuesday (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 3 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

#40 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (0-2, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has taken the loss in each of his two outings, including a start last Tuesday at Kansas City (2.0 ip, 7 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 so)...allowed three runs in 2.0 innings of relief in his first outing February 28 at the Cubs...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.

#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 (2.0 ip), 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...that was the third best average in Athletics history among pitchers with 40 or more innings...walked just 11 batters for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.45...allowed a .227 opponents batting average, including .195 against right-handed hitters compared to .286 against lefthanders.

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in three of his four outings, including his last appearance Thursday against Seattle (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...his opponents batting average included a .179 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .239 against right-handers...allowed a .120 average with runners in scoring position...allowed 2-of-12 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...was also 0-2 with a save, a 2.62 ERA and .212 opponents batting average in 32 relief appearances with Sacramento in his Triple-A debut...surrendered just one home run in 44.2 innings.

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

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first four appearances (4.0 ip), including his last outing Thursday against Seattle (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 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...spent 12 seasons in Japan with Yomiuri (1995-2005) and Nippon-Ham (2006) before signing with Boston prior to the 2007 season...went 17-8 with six saves and a 3.11 ERA in 261 relief appearances in five seasons with the Red Sox from 2007-11...spent most of his last season in the United States, 2011, at Triple-A Pawtucket where he was 8-1 with a 2.29 ERA in 34 games...also went 1-0 with a 4.32 ERA in seven games with Boston.

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	
	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					
March 9	at Texas	L, 3-4	6-7	Balester	Cook	7,305	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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. RHP Tyson Ross	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			
	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			