



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Arizona in Phoenix, 7-5...Michael Choice had a RBI single in the A's two-run second inning and Jed Lowrie hit a two-run home run in the third to give the A's a 4-2 lead...Lowrie added a RBI double in the fifth and the A's scored two more in the eighth on a Seth Smith RBI single and a wild pitch...Mike Ekstrom relieved Brett Anderson after he faced just two batters and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings...Sean Doolittle pitched a scoreless third inning for the win.

A's vs. PADRES

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Padres this spring...the A's won the first game 11-6 in Phoenix on February 27...the two clubs did not face each other last spring...split their two meetings in 2011 with the A's losing at Peoria 7-6 on March 6 and winning in Phoenix 6-2 on March 8...the A's have won eight of their last 10 spring games against the Padres.

IN CAMP

After optioning Arnold Leon to Sacramento today, the A's have 46 players remaining in camp...that includes 37 players on the 40-man roster and nine non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 21 pitchers, four catchers, 13 infielders and eight outfielders

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers have reported to Papago Park...position players reported yesterday with the first full squad workout and Triple-A and Double-A games scheduled for today.

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: today 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 (7-7) VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES (7-9) MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 – PEORIA STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 5-2 in Phoenix Muni compared to 2-5 on the road...rank second in the majors in batting (.308) and on-base percentage (.391) and tied for fourth in walks (64)...have struck out just 93 times, which is second fewest in the Cactus League...the pitching staff has issued just 41 walks, which is tied for second fewest in the majors...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 last Tuesday's exhibition game win 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.

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.

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 seven 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 last Tuesday...**Michael Choice** is 2 for 13 (.154) over his last five games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...is tied for sixth in the CL in hits (13) and tied for 10th in RBI (9)...**Coco Crisp** is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last four games, not including a 3-for-3 performance with a walk in the exhibition game against Italy last Tuesday...**Josh Donaldson** snapped a 0 for 15 streak with a RBI single in the second inning yesterday against Arizona...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 3 for 7 (.429) with four RBI over his last three 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 eight games (8 for 19, five walks)...is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (9)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, three 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** is 4 for 12 (.333) over his last four games after going 2 for 11 (.182) over his first five contests...**Andy Parrino** is 5 for 11 (.455) over his last eight 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, five in left field, one in right field, one at shortstop and one at second base...**Shane Peterson** had his fourth multiple hit game Saturday at Texas and is batting .469, which ranks third in the CL...is tied for second in the CL in hits (15), doubles (5) and total bases (25), ranks fourth in slugging (.781) and fifth in on-base percentage (.485)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 14 games...has appeared in seven games in left field, six in right field, five in center field and one at first base...also homered and doubled Friday at Seattle before the game was cancelled...**Josh Reddick** is 4 for 10 (.400) with a double, home run and five RBI over his last four 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 3 for 18 (.167) but has walked six times, which is tied for fourth in the CL...**Seth Smith** has hit safely in each of his last seven games (8 for 15, .533) after going 0 for 1 with a walk in his first contest...has appeared in four games at designated hitter, three in left field and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** has appeared in five 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
- March 10 Jesse Chavez and Andrew Werner optioned to Sacramento; Michael Ynoa optioned to Beloit; Miles Head, Jefry Marte, Kyler Newby, Ryan Ortiz, Addison Russell and Beau Taylor reassigned to minor league camp
- March 11 Arnold Leon optioned to Sacramento

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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

#11 JARROD PARKER RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second start of the spring...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in his first start March 1 against San Francisco...pitched in the A's minor league camp on the A's off day last Wednesday...went 13-8 with a 3.47 ERA in 29 starts with the A's last year...tied with fellow rookie Tommy Milone for the team lead in wins as they both set an Oakland record for wins by a rookie...led the A's with 140 strikeouts, which was the third best mark by a rookie in Oakland history and the fourth best in Athletics history...his 29 starts were 10th most by an Oakland rookie...tied for second among American League rookies in wins, ranked fourth in strikeouts and innings pitched (181.1) and tied for fourth in starts...his ERA was the lowest among AL rookies with 130 or more innings, his .619 winning percentage was second best and his .248 opponents batting average was third best...his winning percentage was 10th best among all AL pitchers...allowed just 11 home runs in 181.1 innings, an average of 0.55 per nine innings...that was the second lowest mark in the AL and third lowest in the majors.

PARKER'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	SF	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	6
Totals			2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	6

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (0-1, 18.90 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...retired all six batters he faced in his last outing last Tuesday at Kansas City (2.0 ip, 1 so) after allowing seven runs in 0.1 innings March 1 against San Francisco for the loss...was claimed off waivers from San Francisco May 15, 2012 and went 6-4 with a 3.86 ERA in 24 games, 15 starts, with Oakland...posted a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances with the Giants for a 4.10 ERA overall...was 5-4 with a 4.54 ERA and .252 opponents batting average in his 15 starting assignments compared to 1-0 with a 2.86 ERA and .219 opponents average in 13 relief appearances...ranked second in the American League in pickoffs (7) and balks (3)...opponents were successful in just 2 of 6 (33.3%) stolen base attempts...allowed a .243 opponents batting average, which included a .241 (28-for-116) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .244 (70-for-287) against right-handers.

#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 official outing March 1 against San Francisco...faced Italy in the exhibition game last Tuesday (2.0 ip)...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.

#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 March 2 against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 2 so)...faced Italy in the exhibition game last 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...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.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (3.0 ip), including his last appearance Saturday at Texas (1.0 ip, 1 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 (15-for-82) against right-handed hitters compared to .278 (15-for-54) 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, which included a .147 (11-for-75) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .283 (15-for-53) against left-handers.

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	
March 10	Arizona	W, 7-5	7-7	Doolittle	Skaggs	5,411	29,096
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
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	RHP Dan Straily vs. RHP Randy Wells				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