

OAKLAND ATHLETICS Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to San Diego at Peoria, 10-0...it marked the first time the A's were shutout in a spring training game since March 30, 2010 at Chicago (AL)...Jarrod Parker started for the A's and took the loss (4.0 ip, 6 h, 5 r, 5 er, 2 so)...he was relieved by Travis Blackley, who allowed four runs in 1.1 innings (5 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...Brian Gordon allowed a run in 1.2 innings (2 h, 1 bb) before Garrett Olson pitched a scoreless eighth inning (1 so)...the A's were held to four hits, all singles, by Chris Young, Josh Reddick, Seth Smith and Shane Peterson.

A's vs. ROYALS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Royals this spring...the A's lost the first game March 5 at Surprise, 8-2...split two games last spring with the A's winning 10-8 in Phoenix on March 11 and losing in Surprise, 8-3 on March 21.

IN CAMP

The A's have 46 players remaining in camp...that includes 37 players on the 40-man roster and nine nonroster invitees...the breakdown includes 21 pitchers, four catchers, 13 infielders and eight outfielders

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League camp is underway and Triple-A and Double-A games began yesterday...Single-A games start 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 schedule includes Arizona all games...remaining weekend 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 games: Sunday, televise two 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 one remaining game on MLB Network: 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 (7-8) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (13-1-1) TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Lost their third straight road game yesterday and are now 2-6 on the road...have won four straight home games and are 5-2 at Phoenix Muni...rank second in the majors in on-base percentage (.379) and fifth in batting (.298) and walks (66)...have struck out just 100 times, which is third fewest in the Cactus League...the pitching staff has issued just 44 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 the 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...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.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have signed all their players on the 40-man roster...two of those players are under contract beyond the 2013 season...Hiroyuki Nakajima is signed through 2014 with a club option for 2015 and Yoenis Céspedes is signed through 2015...Brett Anderson has club options for 2014 and 2015 and Coco Crisp and Chris Young have club options for 2014.

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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton went 0 for 1 yesterday after reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of his first 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 sixth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...had two hits and two RBI in the exhibition game against Italy a week ago today...Michael Choice is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last six games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...is tied for seventh 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 a week ago today...**Josh Donaldson** snapped a 0 for 15 streak with a RBI single in the second inning Sunday 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 eight games and is 7 for 12 (.583) with a double and home run...Grant Green is 6 for 10 (.600) with three doubles over his last five games after going 2 for 8 (.250) over his first five contests...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (5)...John Jaso is 3 for 10 (.300) with four RBI over his last four games after going 1 for 9 (.111) 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 (.353) over his last six games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...Hiro Nakajima is 4 for 13 (.308) over his last five games after going 2 for 11 (.182) over his first five contests...Andy Parrino is tied for seventh in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in six games at third base, six in left field, two at second base, one in right field and one at shortstop...Shane Peterson had his fourth multiple hit game last Saturday at Texas and is batting .471, which ranks third in the CL...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (5), ranks second in total bases (26), tied for second in hits (16), fifth in on-base percentage (.486) and sixth in slugging (.765)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 15 games...has appeared in seven games in left field, seven in right field, five in center field and one at first base...also homered and doubled last Friday at Seattle before the game was cancelled because of rain...Josh Reddick is 5 for 13 (.385) with a double, home run and five RBI over his last five games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...has not struck out in 25 plate appearances this spring...Adam Rosales is tied for second in the CL in walks (7)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, three 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 eight games (9 for 17, .529) after going 0 for 1 with a walk in his first contest...has appeared in four games at designated hitter, four in left field and one in right field...Eric Sogard has appeared in six 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 five 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

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first two starts (5.0 ip)...opponents are 3 for 17 (.176)...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 the lead among Major League rookies in complete games...tied for second among American League rookies in wins and games started, ranked third in innings

MILONE'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS										
Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	н	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	COL	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7
3/7	SEA	W	3.0	3	0	0	1	3	0	12
Totals			5.0	3	0	0	2	4	0	19

pitched and was fifth in strikeouts...his ERA ranked third among AL rookies with 130 or more innings...averaged 1.71 walks per nine innings, which was second lowest in the AL and fifth lowest in Oakland history...had a strikeout to walk ratio of 3.81, which ranked seventh in the AL.

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 March 4 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 against left-handed hitters compared to .219 against right-handers.

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-1, 16.88 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his last two appearances, including his last outing Saturday at Texas when he took the loss (0.2 ip, 3 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb)...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.

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

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first four outings (4.1 ip), including his last appearance Saturday at Texas (1.1 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...opponents are 2 for 14 (.143)...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.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 13.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless seventh inning in his last outing March 4 against the Angels (1 h) after allowing at least one run in each of his first two outings...went 4-1 with a save and a 2.77 ERA in 39 games in a season shortened by two stints on the disabled list with injuries to his left shoulder ... missed 18 games in June and the final 44 games of the regular season after going on the DL Aug. 18...had a 3.91 ERA in 21 appearances before going on the DL the first time...then compiled a 1.69 ERA in 18 games following his return...held the opposition to a .200 batting average, including .184 against right-handed hitters compared to .225 against left-handers.

#56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (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 Saturday at Texas (1.1 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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 (27-for-114) against left-handed hitters compared to .302 (54-for-179) against right-handers.

#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 lefthanders...first batters faced were 4-for-28 (.143) with two walks (.200 on-base percentage).

2013 OAKLAND ATHLETICS SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE					
		SCORE	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTENI	D. HOME CUM.
February 23	at Milwaukee	L, 1-2	0-1	Fiers	Chavez	6,13	
February 24	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-5	1-1	Neshek	Taylor	5,21	
February 25	Cleveland	L, 10-14	1-2	Masterson	Werner	2,02	26 2,026
February 26	at Arizona	L, 4-9	1-3	Bell	Ekstrom	5,68	32
February 27	San Diego	W, 11-6	2-3	Straily	Stults	1,86	3,893
February 28	at Chicago (NL)	L, 3-5	2-4	Wood	Colón	4,03	37
March 1	San Francisco	L, 9-13	2-5	Casilla	Blackley	7,24	11,136
March 2	Colorado	W, 6-3	3-5	Gray	Chacin	4,58	35 15,721
March 3	at Colorado	W, 7-2	4-5	Griffin	Chatwood	8,31	5
March 4	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 13-5	5-5	Cook	Carpenter	3,75	51 19,472
March 5	at Kansas City	L, 2-8	5-6	Chen	Colón	2,64	17
	Italy (exhib.)	W, 4-3		Anderson	Mariotti	2,02	26
March 6	OFF DAY						
March 7	Seattle	W, 7-3	6-6	Milone	Maurer	4,21	3 23,685
March 8	at Seattle	Cancelled, Rain					
March 9	at Texas	L, 3-4	6-7	Balester	Cook	7,30)5
March 10	Arizona	W, 7-5	7-7	Doolittle	Skaggs	5,41	1 29,096
March 11	at San Diego	L, 0-10	7-8	Ross	Parker	4,36	69
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBAB	LES			TIME RA	DIO/TV
March 12	Kansas City	LHP Tom	my Milone vs. RH	IP James Shields		1:05	
March 13	OFF DAY						
March 14	Texas	RHP Dan	Straily vs. RHP I	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 CS	NCA/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 FM The Game
March 29	San Francisco (at S.F.)						7 FM The Game
March 30	San Francisco (at Oak.)						NCA/95.7 FM The Game