



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Tuesday they defeated Kansas City in Phoenix, 6-3...Tommy Milone started for the A's (3.2 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 so) and left trailing 3-0...the A's tied the game with three runs in the bottom of the fourth on a Yoenis Céspedes RBI double and a two-run single from Brandon Moss...Pat Neshek pitched a scoreless fifth inning and picked up the win after Eric Sogard had a RBI double in the bottom of the fifth...Ryan Cook, Jordan Norberto and Chris Resop followed with a scoreless inning of relief each and Evan Scribner retired the side in order in the ninth inning for the save...Andy Parrino added a two-run single in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...the A's collected 10 hits, including two each from Moss and Sogard.

A's vs. RANGERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Rangers this spring...the A's lost the first game at Surprise last Saturday, 4-3...last spring, the A's won the only game, 11-7 at Surprise on March 15.

IN CAMP

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 camp is underway and Triple-A and Double-A games began Monday...Single-A games start next 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 16 vs. LAA (1:00 pm) 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 KNTV 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 (8-8) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (8-8-2)
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Extended their home winning streak to five games Tuesday and are 6-2 at Phoenix Muni...have lost three straight road games and are 2-6 on the road...rank second in the majors in on-base percentage (.377), fourth in batting (.299) and tied for fifth in walks (67)...have struck out just 110 times, which is fifth fewest in the majors...the pitching staff has issued just 45 walks, which is tied with Cleveland for the 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 last 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 has reached base safely via hit or walk in eight of his nine games...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 4 for 11 (.364) over his last four games after going 0 for 11 with four walks over his first five games...is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in walks (6)...**Michael Choice** is 2 for 16 (.125) over his last seven games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (9)...**Coco Crisp** is 5 for 14 (.357) over his last five games, not including a 3-for-3 performance with a walk in the exhibition game against Italy March 5...**Josh Donaldson** snapped a 0 for 15 streak with a RBI single in the second inning last Sunday against Arizona...however, went 2 for 3 with a pair of home runs last 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 11 (.545) with three doubles over his last six games after going 2 for 8 (.250) over his first five contests...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (5)...**Jed Lowrie** has reached base safely via hit or walk in each of his last nine games and is 9 for 22 (.409) with five walks over that span...is tied for 10th in the CL in RBI (9)...has appeared in five games at shortstop, three at second base and two at third base...**Brandon Moss** had his third multiple hit game Tuesday and is now 8 for 20 (.400) over his last seven 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 3 for 7 (.429) with three RBI over his last five games...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, two at shortstop and one in right field...**Shane Peterson** is tied for second in the CL in doubles (5), ranks third in batting (.457), tied for third in hits (16) and total bases (26), fifth in on-base percentage (.472) and sixth in slugging (.743)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 16 games...has appeared in eight games in left field, eight 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 third in the CL in walks (7)...has appeared in four games at shortstop, four at second base, two at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 3 for 21 (.143) but has walked six times, which is tied for seventh 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** went 2 for 3 against Kansas City Tuesday, his first multiple hit game of the spring, and is 6 for 14 (.429) over his last eight games...has appeared in six games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Jemile Weeks** has not played in a major league game 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 six games in center field, three 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

#67 DAN STRAILY RHP (1-0, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...has allowed two runs in each of his first three 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 batting average, which ranked 11th among full season minor leaguers.

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
3/9	at TEX	-	3.0	3	2	1	1	3	0	13
Totals			6.7	9	6	5	2	6	0	33

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in either of his first three outings (3.0 ip), including his last appearance Sunday against Arizona when he tossed a scoreless third inning for the win (1 so)...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 ML debut...struck out 60 batters in just 47.1 innings, an average of 11.41 per nine innings.

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 2.70 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his five outings, including his last appearance Sunday against Arizona (2.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...opponents are 4 for 24 (.167)...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract October 25, 2012...spent most of last season at Triple-A Colorado Springs where he appeared in 43 games...also had a one-month stint with Colorado following the All-Star Break, logging a 6.32 ERA in 15 relief appearances...opponents batted .328 against him with the Rockies, including .233 by right-handers compared to .524 by left-handers...was 3-1 with a save and a 2.53 ERA in 43 relief appearances with Colorado Springs.

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 1.59 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his five outings, including his last appearance Sunday against Arizona (1.2 ip, 2 h, 2 so)...has not issued a walk in 5.2 innings...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...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.

#26 BRIAN GORDON RHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in two of his three outings, including his last appearance Monday at San Diego (1.2 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...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.

#39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (0-0, 1 SV, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...recorded the save in his last outing Sunday against Arizona (1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so) after not allowing a run over his first four outings (4.0 ip)...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.

#53 GARRETT OLSON LHP (0-0, 4.91 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (2.2 ip), including his last appearance Monday at San Diego (1.0 ip, 1 so)...the non-roster invitee was signed as a free agent to a minor league contract October 24, 2012...began the 2012 season at Triple-A Buffalo before he was selected by New York (NL) Aug. 7...made one relief appearance with the Mets Aug. 8 against Miami (0.1 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 0 so)...was designated for assignment Aug. 11 and outrighted Aug. 14...spent the rest of the season with the Bisons...was 4-7 with a 4.63 ERA in 34 games, including 21 starts, with Buffalo...allowed a .277 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					
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
March 11	at San Diego	L, 0-10	7-8	Ross	Parker	4,369	
March 12	Kansas City	W, 6-3	8-8	Neshek	Shields	4,789	33,885
March 13	OFF DAY						
March 14	Texas	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 15	at Arizona	RHP Dan Straily vs. RHP Randy Wells				1:05	
March 16	Los Angeles (AL)	RHP Bartolo Colón vs. RHP Brandon McCarthy				1:05	
March 16	at Chicago (AL)	LHP Travis Blackley vs. RHP Jered Weaver				1:05	95.7 FM The Game
March 16	at Chicago (AL)	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. LHP Chris Sale				1:05	
March 17	Chicago (NL)	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Scott Baker				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