



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Texas Rangers in Phoenix, 6-2...Dan Straily started for the A's and took the loss (3.0 ip, 3 h, 4 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...he was relieved by Mike Ekstrom, who retired all six batters he faced in 2.0 scoreless innings...Sean Doolittle allowed a run in the sixth inning and Hideki Okajima yielded a run in the seventh before Pedro Figueroa closed out the game with 2.0 scoreless innings...the A's were trailing 4-0 when Josh Reddick hit a solo home run in the fifth inning, his second round tripper of the spring...Michael Taylor added a RBI single in the ninth inning to complete the A's scoring...the A's collected seven hits from seven different players.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...the A's lost the first game 9-4 in Scottsdale on February 26 and then won in Phoenix on March 10 by a score of 7-5...the A's won both games last spring, 11-2 at Scottsdale March 18 and 6-5 in Phoenix the next day.

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 (8-9) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (8-10-1)
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their five-game home winning streak snapped yesterday and are now 6-3 at Phoenix Muni...have lost three straight road games and are 2-6 on the road...the pitching staff has issued just 46 walks, which is tied with Cleveland for the fewest in the majors...rank second in the majors in on-base percentage (.375) and fourth in batting (.295)...have struck out just 116 times, which is sixth fewest in the majors...have hit 13 home runs, which is 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 the rainout a week ago today, the A's are now scheduled to play 33 games this spring, not including the exhibition game win against Italy's WBC team earlier this spring...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).

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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton has reached base safely via hit or walk in eight of his nine games...**Yoenis Céspedes** is tied for seventh in the Cactus League in walks (6)...**Michael Choice** is 2 for 17 (.118) over his last eight games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...**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** is 2 for 7 (.286) over his last three games after going 1 for 20 (.050) over his first eight games...that does not include a two-homer game a week ago today at Seattle before the game was cancelled in the fourth inning because of rain...**David Freitas** has hit safely in seven of his nine games and is 8 for 14 (.571) with a double and home run...**Grant Green** is 7 for 12 (.583) with three doubles over his last seven games after going 2 for 8 (.250) over his first five contests...is tied for third 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...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 against Kansas City and is now 8 for 22 (.364) over his last eight games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Andy Parrino** is 3 for 8 (.375) with three RBI over his last six games...is tied for ninth in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in seven games at third base, six in left field, two at second base, two at shortstop and one in right field...**Shane Peterson** ranks second in the CL in batting (.472), tied for second in hits (17), tied for third in doubles (5), fourth in slugging (.750), tied for fourth in total bases (27) and sixth in on-base percentage (.486)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 17 games...has appeared in nine games in left field, eight in right field, five in center field and one at first base...also homered and doubled a week ago today at Seattle before the game was cancelled because of rain...**Josh Reddick** hit his second home run of the spring yesterday and is now 6 for 16 (.375) with a double, two home runs and six RBI over his last six games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** is tied for third in the CL in walks (7)...has appeared in five games at shortstop, four at second base, two at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 3 for 24 (.125) but has walked six times, which is tied for seventh in the CL...**Seth Smith** had his eight-game hitting streak snapped yesterday...went 9 for 17 (.529) during the streak...has appeared in five 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...**Michael Taylor** was 1 for 2 with a single yesterday in his first action since March 3...**Jemile Weeks** went 0 for 2 yesterday as a pinch hitter/designated hitter in his first action in a major league game since March 1 against San Francisco...has hit safely in each of his first four games (6 for 11, .545)...**Chris Young** has appeared in seven 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

#40 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (0-2, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance and second start of the spring...his other start was March 5 at Kansas City...opponents are hitting .444 (16 for 36) but he has walked just one while striking out 10...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.

COLÓN'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at CHI	L	2.0	5	3	1	0	4	0	12
3/5	at KC	L	2.0	7	5	5	0	2	1	12
3/10	ARI	-	3.0	4	1	1	1	4	0	13
Totals			7.0	16	9	7	1	10	1	37

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-1, 12.27 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless sixth inning in his last outing Tuesday against Kansas City (1 h) after allowing at least two runs in each of his previous two outings...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...his save percentage of 66.7% was the lowest in the majors and tied for second lowest in Oakland history...ranked third among AL relievers in opponents batting average, fourth in slugging percentage (.261) and fifth in ERA.

#47 PAT NESHEK RHP (2-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first five outings (5.1 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Kansas City when he picked up the win (1.0 ip, 1 so)...opponents are 2 for 16 (.125)...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...opponents were 1-for-15 (.067) with RISP, including 0-for-8 with RISP and two outs...first batters faced were 3-for-18 (.167) with three walks and a hit by pitch.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 9.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...allowed at least one run in each of his first two outings but has not allowed a run in his last two contests (2.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Kansas City (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...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 (21-for-114) against right-handed hitters compared to .225 (16-for-71) against left-handers...allowed just 4-of-24 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...first batters faced were 6-for-37 (.162) with two walks (.205 on-base percentage)...opponents hit .191 with runners in scoring position, including .115 with RISP and two outs.

#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, including .274 against left-handed hitters compared to .278 against right-handers...compiled a 3-7 record, a 4.88 ERA and .286 opponents batting average in his 21 starts...was 1-0 with a 3.43 ERA and .228 opponents average in 13 relief appearances.

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
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	L, 2-6	8-9	Wells	Straily	6,434	40,319
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 15	at Arizona	RHP Bartolo Colón vs. RHP Brandon McCarthy				1:05	
March 16	Los Angeles (AL)	LHP Travis Blackley vs. RHP Jered Weaver				1:05	95.7 FM The Game
	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	RHP A.J. Griffin vs. RHP Hisashi Iwakuma				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