



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's and Diamondbacks played to a 2-2 tie in Scottsdale...Bartolo Colón started for the A's and allowed two runs, both in the first inning (4.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 0 bb, 3 so)...the A's scored their only two runs in the fourth on back-to-back RBI doubles by Seth Smith and John Jaso...Jordan Norberto pitched 2.0 scoreless innings (2 h, 1 so), Ryan Cook retired the side in order in the seventh (2 so), Pat Neshek pitched 0.2 scoreless frames (2 h) and Garrett Olson closed out the game by keeping the Diamondbacks off the board over the final 1.1 innings (1 bb, 1 so)...the A's were held to four hits, including the doubles by Smith and Jaso, a single by Yoenis Céspedes in the first and a double by Eric Sogard in the eighth.

A's vs. ANGELS

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Angels this spring...the A's have won the first two games, 7-5 in Tempe February 24 and 13-5 in Phoenix March 4...the A's lost the only game last spring, 9-1 in Phoenix on March 5.

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: today 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 (8-9-1) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (4-12-3)
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their first tie of the spring yesterday at Salt River Fields and are now 2-6-1 on the road compared to 6-3 at Phoenix Muni...A's pitchers have walked just one batter in each of the last three games and now have 47 for the spring, which is the fewest in the majors...the offense has walked 77 times, which is tied for fourth in the majors, and has a .370 on-base percentage, which is tied for third best...have hit 13 home runs, which is tied for fourth 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...the A's are 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.

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have signed or agreed to terms with 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.

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 is 0 for 10 over his last six games after going 5 for 9 (.556) over his first five contests...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 5 for 17 (.294) over his last six games after going 0 for 11 over his first five contests...is tied for eighth in the Cactus League in walks (6)...**Michael Choice** is 2 for 19 (.105) over his last nine games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...**Coco Crisp** is 1 for 8 (.125) over his last three games after going 6 for 15 (.400) over his first six contests...**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 in the rainout March 8 at Seattle...**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 0 for 5 over his last five games after three straight multiple hit games (6 for 8, .750)...is tied for fourth in the CL in doubles (5)...**John Jaso** is 4 for 13 (.308) over his last six games after going 1 for 9 (.111) over his first five contests...**Jed Lowrie** is 6 for 16 (.375) with two home runs and seven RBI over his last six games after going 3 for 11 (.182) with two RBI over his first five contests...has appeared in six games at shortstop, three at second base and two at third base...**Luke Montz** is hitless in 13 at bats over 12 games...**Scott Moore** is 1 for 11 over his last 10 games after going 2 for 5 (.400) over his first five contests...**Brandon Moss** had his third multiple hit game last 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...**Hiro Nakajima** is 0 for 5 with two walks and a hit by pitch over his last three games after going 6 for 16 (.375) over his previous six contests...**Derek Norris** is 2 for 12 (.167) over his last six games after going 3 for 8 (.375) with two home runs over his first four contests...**Andy Parrino** is 3 for 8 (.375) over his last seven games...is tied for 10th in the CL in doubles (4)...has appeared in seven games at third base, six in left field, three at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Darwin Perez** has appeared in six games in left field, three at shortstop and two at second base...**Shane Peterson** is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in batting (.459), hits (17) and doubles (5), ranks fifth in slugging (.730) and on-base percentage (.487) and tied for sixth in total bases (27)...is the only player to appear in each of the A's 18 games...has appeared in nine games in left field, nine in right field, five in center field and one at first base...**Josh Reddick** hit his second home run of the spring Thursday against Texas and is now 6 for 17 (.353) with a double, two home runs and six RBI over his last seven games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** drew his eighth walk of the spring yesterday at Arizona, which is tied for the CL lead...has appeared in five games at shortstop, four at second base, three at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 3 for 24 (.125) but has walked six times, which is tied for eighth in the CL...**Seth Smith** has hit safely in nine of his last 10 games (10 for 22, .455)...has appeared in five games at designated hitter, five in left field and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** went 2 for 3 against Kansas City last Tuesday, his first multiple hit game of the spring, and is 7 for 15 (.467) over his last nine games...has appeared in six games at shortstop, five at second base and three at third base...**Michael Taylor** was 1 for 2 with a single Thursday against Texas in his first action since March 3...**Jemile Weeks** is 0 for 4 with a walk over his last two games after he was out of action from March 2 to 13... 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, Tyler Newby, Ryan Ortiz, Addison Russell and Beau Taylor reassigned to minor league camp
March 11 Arnold Leon optioned to Sacramento

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (0-1, 21.21 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance and second start of the spring...has allowed at least four runs in two of his four outings, including his last appearance Monday at San Diego...has not allowed a run in his other two outings, including his lone start February 24 at Los Angeles (AL)...opponents are 13 for 25 (.520)...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.

BLACKLEY'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/24	at LAA	-	1.0	3	0	0	0	1	0	5
3/1	SF	L	0.3	5	7	7	2	0	1	8
3/5	at KC	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
3/11	at SD	-	1.3	5	4	4	1	2	1	10
Totals			4.7	13	11	11	3	4	2	29

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 9.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his first outing but has not allowed a run in his last two (1.1 ip), including his last outing Tuesday against Kansas City (0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...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 (20-for-110) against left-handed hitters compared to .219 (25-for-114) against right-handers...issued 18 of his 25 walks to righties...held lefties to a .248 on-base percentage...opponents hit .160 with runners on base...made three appearances against Detroit in the ALDS and tossed 3.2 scoreless innings...allowed just one hit.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Tuesday against Kansas City when he retired the side in order in the ninth inning for the save (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 mark against right-handers compared to .283 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
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
March 15	at Arizona	T, 2-2	8-9-1			12,516*	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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	