



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's had a loss and a tie in a split squad...tied the Angels in Phoenix, 13-13...hit four home runs, including a three-run shot by Josh Reddick in the first, two-run home runs by Luke Montz and Yoenis Céspedes in the second and a solo blast by Scott Moore to lead off the ninth...Travis Blackley started for the A's (3.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...the A's also lost to the White Sox at Glendale, 11-5...Michael Taylor had a three-run double in the second but Jarrod Parker allowed three runs in the bottom of the second and four more in the third for the loss (3.0 ip, 9 h, 7 r, 5 er, 2 bb, 3 so)...Chris Resop tossed 2.0 scoreless innings of relief.

A's vs. CUBS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Cubs this spring...the A's lost the first game at Mesa on February 28, 5-3...the A's went 3-0-1 against Chicago last spring, winning in Mesa March 4 (12-10) and 5 (8-7) and Phoenix March 17 (4-3)...the tie was a 5-5 decision in 10 innings March 20 in Phoenix.

IN CAMP

After releasing Garrett Olson yesterday, the A's now have 45 players remaining in camp...that includes 37 players on the 40-man roster and eight non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 20 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 tomorrow.

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 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 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 (8-10-2) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (10-12)
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have two losses and two ties over the last three days...are 6-3-1 at Phoenix Muni compared to 2-7-1 on the road...A's pitchers have walked just 54 batters, which is tied for second fewest in the majors...the offense has walked 83 times, which is third most in the majors, and has a .370 on-base percentage, which ranks fourth...are fifth in batting (.290)...hit five home runs in the two games yesterday after tallying just four over the previous nine games...the A's allowed 24 runs on 35 hits in the two games yesterday...now have the third highest ERA in the majors (5.72) and have yielded the fourth most hits (220) ...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.

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 is 0 for 12 with five walks over his last seven games after going 5 for 9 (.556) over his first four contests...**Yoenis Céspedes** hit his first home run yesterday and is 6 for 20 (.300) over his last seven games after going 0 for 11 over his first five contests...**Michael Choice** is 2 for 21 (.095) over his last 10 games after starting the spring 11 for 20 (.550)...**Coco Crisp** is 1 for 10 (.100) with three walks over his last four games after going 6 for 15 (.400) over his first six contests...**Josh Donaldson** is 3 for 9 (.333) with a home run over his last four 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** is 8 for 15 (.533) with a double and home run...**Grant Green** is 1 for 6 (.167) over his last six games after three straight multiple hit games (6 for 8, .750)...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League 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 7 for 19 (.368) with two doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over his last seven games after going 3 for 11 (.182) with two RBI over his first five contests...has appeared in six games at shortstop, four at second base and two at third base...**Luke Montz** snapped a spring-opening 0 for 13 streak with a two-run home run in the second inning yesterday against Los Angeles (AL)...**Scott Moore** hit his first home run yesterday against the Angels and is 2 for 6 (.333) over his last five games after going 2 for 12 (.167) over his first 11 contests...**Brandon Moss** is 9 for 25 (.360) over his last nine games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** is 0 for 8 with two walks and a hit by pitch over his last four games after going 6 for 16 (.375) over his previous six contests...**Derek Norris** had his first two-hit game yesterday against Chicago (AL) after going 2 for 12 (.167) over his previous six games...**Andy Parrino** had his third multiple hit game yesterday against the Angels and is now 5 for 12 (.417) over his last eight games...has appeared in seven games at third base, six in left field, four at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Darwin Perez** has appeared in six games in left field, four at shortstop and two at second base...**Shane Peterson** is tied for the CL lead in doubles (6), ranks third in batting (.462), tied for third in hits (18) and slugging (.744), fourth in on-base percentage (.488) and sixth in total bases (29)...is the only player to appear in all possible games...has appeared in 10 games in left field, 10 in right field, five in center field and one at first base...**Josh Reddick** hit his third home run of the spring yesterday against Los Angeles (AL), which is tied for ninth in the CL...is now 8 for 20 (.400) with a double, three home runs and nine RBI over his last eight games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** is 2 for 11 (.182) with two walks over his last eight games after going 4 for 9 (.444) with six walks over his first six contests...is tied for third in the CL in walks (8)...has appeared in five games at shortstop, five at second base, three at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 1 for 15 over his last six games...**Seth Smith** is 1 for 9 over his last three games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first nine contests...has appeared in six games at designated hitter, five in left field and one in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 5 for 8 (.625) with four doubles over his last three games...is tied for fifth in the CL in doubles (5)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, five at second base and four at third base...**Michael Taylor** is 3 for 5 (.600) with a double and four RBI over his last two games after being out of action from March 4 to 13...**Jemile Weeks** is 1 for 7 with two walks over his last three 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)...is a .371 (36 for 97) hitter in 41 spring games over the last three years...**Chris Young** is 3 for 23 (.130) over his last eight games...has appeared in eight 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
March 16 Garrett Olson released

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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, 3.12 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...allowed three runs in his last start after not allowing a run over his first two starts (5.0 ip)...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 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.

MILONE'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	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
3/12	KC	-	3.7	6	3	3	0	2	1	17
Totals			8.7	9	3	3	2	6	1	36

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (1-0, 2.25 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...allowed a run in the sixth inning of his last outing Thursday against Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) after not allowing a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip)...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 Major League debut...struck out 60 batters in just 47.1 innings, an average of 11.41 per nine innings...that was the third best average in Athletics history among pitchers with 40 or more innings...walked just 11 batters for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.45...allowed a .227 opponents batting average, including .195 against right-handed hitters compared to .286 against lefthanders.

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 2.08 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his six outings, including his last appearance Thursday against Texas (2.0 ip)...opponents are 4 for 30 (.133)...has tossed more than one inning in three of his six appearances...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 a career-high tying 15 relief appearances...opponents batted .328 against him with the Rockies, including .233 by right-handed hitters compared to .524 by left-handers...all 15 of his appearances came in losses...was 3-1 with a save and a 2.53 ERA in 43 relief appearances with Colorado Springs...did not allow a home run in 57.0 innings...yielded a .224 opponents batting average, including .189 against left-handed hitters compared to .250 by right-handers.

#39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (0-0, 1 SV, 4.26 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first four outings (4.0 ip), but has surrendered at least one in each of his last two appearances, including his last outing Thursday against Texas (1.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...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...went 17-8 with six saves and a 3.11 ERA in 261 relief appearances in five seasons with the Red Sox from 2007-11...spent most of his last season in the United States, 2011, at Triple-A Pawtucket where he was 8-1 with a 2.29 ERA in 34 games...also went 1-0 with a 4.32 ERA in seven games with Boston.

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*	
March 16	Los Angeles (AL)	T, 13-13	8-9-2			8,739*	49,058
	at Chicago (AL)	L, 5-11	8-10-2	Sale	Parker	5,547	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES			TIME	RADIO/TV	
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)	RHP Dan Straily vs. TBA			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	