



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Chicago Cubs here in Phoenix, 12-6...the A's hit four home runs for the second consecutive day...Chris Young hit a three-run home run in the first and Josh Donaldson added a three-run shot in the third...Adam Rosales added a pair of two-run home runs in the seventh and eighth innings...Scott Sizemore had a RBI double and Andy Parrino a RBI single in the eighth inning to complete the A's scoring...Tommy Milone started for the A's and had a no decision (4.2 ip, 8 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 so)...Hideki Okajima followed by allowing two runs in 1.1 innings...Sean Doolittle then pitched a scoreless seventh inning for the win (1 h, 1 so)...Mike Ekstrom blanked the Cubs over the final two innings for the save (1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...Eric Sogard was 4 for 4 and Brandon Moss, Parrino, Donaldson and Rosales added two hits each.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (9-10-2) VS. SEATTLE MARINERS (15-7)
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

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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).

A's vs. MARINERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Mariners this spring...the A's won the first game March 7 in Phoenix 7-3...had a game rained out in Peoria March 8 with the A's leading 12-1 in the fourth...the A's won two of three last spring, splitting two games in Phoenix and winning the only contest in Peoria.

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...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League in walks (7)...**Yoenis Céspedes** hit his first home run Saturday against the Angels and is 6 for 22 (.273) over his last eight games after going 0 for 11 over his first five contests...**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** has homered in back-to-back games, his first two home runs of the spring...that does not include a two-homer game in the rainout March 8 at Seattle...is now 5 for 12 (.417) with five RBI over his last five games after going 1 for 20 (.050) with no RBI over his first eight contests...**John Jaso** has five hits this spring but has six RBI...**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 Saturday against Los Angeles (AL)...**Brandon Moss** had his fourth multiple hit game yesterday against the Cubs and is now 11 for 28 (.393) over his last 10 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** is 0 for 11 with two walks and a hit by pitch over his last five games after going 6 for 16 (.375) over his previous six contests...**Derek Norris** had his first two-hit game Saturday against Chicago (AL) after going 2 for 12 (.167) over his previous six games...**Andy Parrino** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 6) and is now 7 for 14 (.500) over his last nine contests...is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (5)...has appeared in seven games at third base, six in left field, five at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Shane Peterson** is tied for second in the CL in doubles (6), ranks fourth in batting (.439), tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.500), tied for sixth in total bases (29) and eighth in hits (18) and slugging (.707)...is the only Athletic to appear in all possible games...has appeared in 11 games in left field, 11 in right field, five in center field and one at first base...**Josh Reddick** hit his third home run of the spring Saturday against Los Angeles (AL)...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** hit his first two home runs of the spring yesterday against the Cubs...also drove in four runs after tallying just two over his first 14 contests...has two home runs, a double and a hit by pitch over his last four plate appearances after going 1 for 10 over his previous seven contests...is tied for third in the CL in walks (8) and tied for eighth in runs (10)...has appeared in five games at shortstop, five at second base, four at third base and one in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 2 for 5 with a double and triple over his last two games after going 2 for 22 (.091) over his previous 10 contests...has appeared exclusively at second base on defense...**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** went 4 for 4 yesterday against the Cubs and is now 9 for 12 (.750) with five doubles over his last four games...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (6)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, six at second base and four at third base...**Jemile Weeks** is 2 for 8 (.250) with two walks over his last four 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 .378 (37 for 98) hitter in 42 spring games over the last three years...**Chris Young** hit his first home run of the spring yesterday against the Cubs...is 4 for 27 (.148) over his last nine games...has appeared in nine games in center field, three in right field, one in left field and one at designated hitter.

IN CAMP

The A's made seven roster moves following the game yesterday and now have 38 players remaining in camp...that includes 35 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 19 pitchers, three catchers, 10 infielders and six outfielders.

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.

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
- March 17 Grant Green and Michael Taylor optioned to Sacramento; Michael Choice, David Freitas, Brian Gordon, Scott Moore and Darwin Perez reassigned to minor league camp

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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

#64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (1-0, 1.80 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...pitched in a minor league game last Wednesday (4.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...also started at Seattle March 8 in the game that was cancelled in the top of the fourth because of rain (3.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 4 so)...began 2012 at Double-A Midland but finished the season in the starting rotation for Oakland...went 7-1 with a 3.06 ERA in 15 starts in his Major League debut with the A's...his .875 winning percentage was the best in Oakland history and third best in Athletics history among pitchers with 15 or more starts...it was the second best mark by any ML pitcher over the last 17 years and second best by a rookie in ML history (since 1900) among pitchers with 15 or more starts...allowed a .236 opponents batting average, which included a .225 mark against right-handed hitters compared to .245 against left-handers...was named the A's Minor League Co-Pitcher of the Year with Dan Straily after combining for a 7-3 record, a 2.82 ERA and .211 opponents batting average in 17 games, all starts, with Midland and Triple-A Sacramento.

GRIFFIN'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/26	at ARI	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	6
3/3	at COL	W	3.0	3	1	1	0	1	1	12
Totals			5.0	4	1	1	0	4	1	18

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-1, 9.64 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last two outings, including his last appearance Friday at Arizona (1.0 ip, 2 so), 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.

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 1.17 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last four outings (5.2 ip), including his last appearance last Thursday against Texas (2.0 ip, 1 h, 2 so)...has not issued a walk in 7.2 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...his opponents batting average included a .179 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .239 against right-handers...allowed a .120 average with runners in scoring position...allowed 2-of-12 (16.7%) inherited runners to score...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...surrendered just one home run in 44.2 innings.

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

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first six outings (6.0 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Arizona (0.2 ip, 2 h)...opponents are 4 for 20 (.200)...has not allowed a run in 16 games over the last two springs (15.0 ip)...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.

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	
March 17	Chicago (NL)	W, 12-6	9-10-2	Doolittle	Berken	7,184	56,242
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
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	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Johnny Cueto	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			