

# Oakland Athletics

# Game Information

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#### **YESTERDAY**

The A's lost to the Seattle Mariners in Phoenix, 6-5...A.J. Griffin started for the A's and did not allow a run over the first four innings...Derek Norris hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth to give the A's a 2-0 lead but Griffin allowed three runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth for the loss...he allowed five runs on six hits and two walks in 5.1 innings and struck out three...Ryan Cook retired the final and two batters in the sixth inning and Pedro Figueroa allowed one run in 1.0 inning...Pat Neshek and Carlos Hernandez tossed a scoreless inning of relief each...Scott Sizemore had a sacrifice fly in the fifth, Adam Rosales a RBI single in the sixth and Jemile Weeks a fly in the sacrifice eighth complete the A's scoring...the A's collected nine hits, including two each by Coco Crisp and Norris

#### A's vs. DODGERS

This is the first of two meetings between the A's and Dodgers this spring...meet again on Sunday in Phoenix...last year, the A's played to a 3-3 tie in Phoenix March 7 and then lost in Glendale the next day 7-2...the A's are now 4-1-3 against Los Angeles since the Dodgers moved to Arizona in 2009.

#### **IN CAMP**

The A's made seven roster moves following the game Sunday 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

A's radio The 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 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 18<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (8th) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 28<sup>th</sup> season in the booth...in addition, Comcast SportsNet California will 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 (9-11-2) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (8-13-3) TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 – THE BALLPARK AT CAMELBACK RANCH – 1:05 P.M.

# **ABOUT THE A's**

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 0-4-1 over the last five road games...are 2-7-1 on the road for the spring compared to 7-4-1 at Phoenix Muni...A's pitchers have walked just 59 batters, which is tied with Cleveland and the Mets for the fewest in the majors...however, have yielded 241 hits, which is tied for fourth most...have the third highest ERA (5.75)...the offense ranks second in the majors in on-base percentage (.374), fourth in batting (.295) and walks (90), tied for fourth in doubles (53), tied for fifth in hit by pitches (12) and sixth in runs (135)...have hit 10 home runs in four games over the last three days after tallying just four round trippers over the previous nine contests...this is the A's 45<sup>th</sup> Spring Training in Arizona, including their 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES**

Daric Barton is 0 for 14 with five walks and three hit by pitches (.364 on-base percentage) over his last eight games after going 5 for 9 (.556) over his first four contests...is tied for seventh 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 had his third multiple hit game of the spring yesterday against the Mariners after going 1 for 10 over his previous four 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 21 (.333) with two doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over his last eight 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 three 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 Sunday 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** hit his third home run of the spring yesterday...has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 6, two doubles, one home run) after going 2 for 12 (.167) over his previous six games...**Andy Parrino** is 7 for 15 (.467) over his last 10 games...is tied for sixth in the CL in doubles (5)...has appeared in seven games at third base, seven in left field, five at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Shane Peterson** ranks third in the CL in batting (.429), tied for third in doubles (6), tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.489), sixth in slugging (.690) and tied for eighth in hits (18) and total bases (29)...is the only Athletic to appear in all possible games...has appeared in 11 games in left field, 11 in right field, six 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 9 for 23 (.391) with two doubles, three home runs and nine RBI over his last nine games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...Adam Rosales is 4 for 5 with four runs, a double, two home runs, five RBI and two hit by pitches over his last three games after going 1 for 10 over his previous seven contests...hit his first two home runs of the spring Sunday against the Cubs...also drove in four runs after tallying just two over his first 14 contests...is tied for third in the CL in walks (8) and tied for fourth in runs (11)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, five at second base, four at third base and one in left field...Scott Sizemore is 3 for 9 (.333) with a double and triple over his last three 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 11 over his last four games after going 9 for 18 (.500) over his first nine contests...has appeared in six games at designated hitter, six in left field and one in right field...Eric Sogard has three singles, three doubles and a walk over his last seven plate appearances and is 10 for 13 (.769) with six doubles over his last five games...has double in each of his last five games and has seven for the spring, which is tied for the Major League lead...is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the CL in hits (16)...has struck out just once in 34 plate appearances...went 4 for 4 Sunday against the Cubs...has appeared in six games at shortstop, six at second base and five at third base...**Jemile Weeks** is 3 for 11 (.273) with two walks over his last five 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 .376 (38 for 101) hitter in 43 spring games over the last three years...**Chris Young** hit his first home run of the spring Sunday 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.

# **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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# **TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER**

#### #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (1-1, 6.52 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...has allowed at least two runs in each of his four 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

STRAILY'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS										
Date	Opponent	Dec	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	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
3/14	TEX	L	3.0	3	4	2	1	3	0	15
Totals		9.7	12	10	7	3	9	0	48	

Sacramento...his 190 strikeouts are fourth most by a minor leaguer in Oakland history...allowed a .202 opponents batting average.

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH**

#### #13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his first outing but has not allowed an earned run in his last three games (3.1 ip), including his last outing Saturday against the Angels (2.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 1 so)...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.

# #77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 6.35 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last three outings (4.0 ip), including his last appearance Friday at Arizona (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 so), after allowing at least one run in each of his first two outings...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.

#### #39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (0-0, 1 SV, 5.87 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth 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 three appearances, including his last outing Sunday against the Cubs (1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er)...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.

## #58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 5.14 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...allowed two runs in his last outing Saturday against the Angels (2.0 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 so) after four consecutive scoreless outings (4.0 ip)...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	ATT	END.	HOME CUM.	
February 23	at Milwaukee	L, 1-2	0-1	Fiers	Chavez	6	6,132		
February 24	at Los Angeles (AL)	W, 7-5	1-1	Neshek	Taylor	5	5,213		
February 25	Cleveland	L, 10-14	1-2	Masterson	Werner	2	2,026	2,026	
February 26	at Arizona	L, 4-9	1-3	Bell	Ekstrom	5	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	1,037		
March 1	San Francisco	L, 9-13	2-5	Casilla	Blackley	7	7,243	11,136	
March 2	Colorado	W, 6-3	3-5	Gray	Chacin	4	1,585	15,721	
March 3	at Colorado	W, 7-2	4-5	Griffin	Chatwood	8	3,315		
March 4	Los Angeles (AL)	W, 13-5	5-5	Cook	Carpenter	3	3,751	19,472	
March 5	at Kansas City	L, 2-8	5-6	Chen	Colón	2	2,647		
March 6	Italy (exhib.) OFF DAY	W, 4-3		Anderson	Mariotti	2	2,026		
March 7	Seattle	W, 7-3	6-6	Milone	Maurer	,	1,213	23,685	
March 8	at Seattle	Cancelled, Rain	0-0	MINORIE	Maurei	٦	F,Z 13	23,003	
March 9	at Texas	L, 3-4	6-7	Balester	Cook	7	7,305		
March 10	Arizona	W, 7-5	7-7	Doolittle	Skaggs		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	29,096	
March 11	at San Diego	L, 0-10	7-8	Ross	Parker		1,369	20,000	
March 12	Kansas City	W, 6-3	8-8	Neshek	Shields		1,789	33,885	
March 13	OFF DAY	VV, O O	0 0	NOOHOK	Officias	_	1,700	00,000	
March 14	Texas	L, 2-6	8-9	Wells	Straily	6	6,434	40,319	
March 15	at Arizona	T, 2-2	8-9-1	***************************************	Ottally		516*	10,010	
March 16	Los Angeles (AL)	T, 13-13	8-9-2				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	
March 18	Seattle	L, 5-6	9-11-2	lwakuma	Griffin		3,305	62,547	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBA			-		RADIO/TV		
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	RHP Dan Straily vs. LHP Chris Capuano				1:05			
March 20	OFF DAY \ \ '		•	•					
March 21	at Cincinnati	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Johnny Cueto							
March 22	Chicago (AL)			. LHP Jose Quint		7:05			
March 23	at San Francisco					1:05	95.7 FM Th	ne Game	
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)					1:05	CSNCA/A's	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 Th	ne 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	5.7 FM The Game	