



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's had the day off...on Tuesday, they lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers at Glendale, 7-1...Dan Straily started for the A's and took the loss after allowing three runs in the first inning on a pair of home runs...those were the only runs he would allow in 4.0 innings (5 h, 3 bb, 4 so)...Jordan Norberto allowed two runs, one earned, in 1.2 innings of relief and Evan Scribner followed him by allowing two runs in 1.1 innings...Jerry Blevins then retired the side in order in the eighth inning...the A's scored their only run in the fifth when Yoenis Céspedes led off the inning with a home run...the A's were held to six hits, including two each by Coco Crisp and Adam Rosales.

A's vs. REDS

This is the only meeting between the A's and Reds this spring...the two clubs also met just one time last spring, with the A's winning 6-3 in Phoenix on March 10.

IN CAMP

The A's made seven roster moves following the game last 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.

MINOR LEAGUE TRADES

The A's announced yesterday that LHP Ian Krol was sent to the Washington Nationals as the player to be named later in the John Jaso trade...the A's also acquired RHP Darren Byrd from the Milwaukee Brewers for IF Stephen Parker.

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 (9-12-2) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (8-14-2)
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 1-4-2 over the last seven games and are three games under .500 for the first time this spring...are 0-5-1 over the last six road games...are 2-8-1 on the road overall compared to 7-4-1 at Phoenix Muni...A's pitchers have walked just 62 batters, which is tied for second fewest in the majors...however, have yielded 254 hits, which is tied for fifth most...have the second highest ERA (5.79) to the Angels (6.94)...the offense ranks second in the majors in on-base percentage (.371), tied for third in walks (92), fifth in batting (.291) and tied for fifth in hit by pitches (12)...have hit 11 home runs over the last five games after tallying just four round trippers over the previous nine contests...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 month...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 six walks and three hit by pitches (.391 on-base percentage) over his last nine games after going 5 for 9 (.556) over his first four contests...is tied for fourth in the Cactus League in walks (8)...**Yoenis Céspedes** hit his second home run of the spring Tuesday at the Dodgers and is 7 for 25 (.280) over his last nine games after going 0 for 11 over his first five contests...**Coco Crisp** has back-to-back multiple hit games (4 for 7, .571) after going 1 for 10 over his previous four contests...**Josh Donaldson** is 5 for 15 (.333) with two home runs and five RBI over his last six games after going 1 for 20 (.050) with no RBI over his first eight contests...homed in back-to-back games last Saturday and Sunday, his first two home runs of the spring...that does not include a two-homer game in the rainout March 8 at Seattle...**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 last Saturday against Los Angeles (AL)...**Brandon Moss** had his fourth multiple hit game last Sunday against the Cubs and is now 11 for 31 (.355) over his last 11 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiroyuki Nakajima** is 0 for 14 with two walks and a hit by pitch over his last six games after going 6 for 16 (.375) over his previous six contests...**Derek Norris** hit his third home run of the spring Monday against Seattle...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 ninth 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** is tied for third in the Cactus League in doubles (6), ranks sixth in batting (.419), seventh in on-base percentage (.479), ninth in slugging (.675) and tied for ninth in hits (18)...is the only Athletic to appear in all possible games...has appeared in 12 games in right field, 11 in left field, six in center field and one at first base...**Josh Reddick** hit his third home run of the spring last 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 6 for 8 (.750) with four runs, a double, two home runs, five RBI and two hit by pitches over his last four games after going 1 for 10 over his previous seven contests...hit his first two home runs of the spring last Sunday against the Cubs...also drove in four runs after tallying just two over his first 14 contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in walks (8) and tied for eighth in runs (11)...has appeared in six games at shortstop, six at second base, four at third base and two in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 3 for 12 (.250) with a double and triple over his last four 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** is 7 for 7 with a walk over his last eight plate appearances...is 11 for 14 (.786) with six doubles over his last six games...had his streak of five consecutive games with a double end Tuesday...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (7)...has struck out just once in 35 plate appearances...went 4 for 4 last Sunday against the Cubs...has appeared in seven games at second base, six at shortstop 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 last Sunday against the Cubs...is 4 for 30 (.133) over his last 10 games...has appeared in nine games in center field, four 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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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

#49 BRETT ANDERSON LHP (0-0, 4.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his third start of the spring...faced just two batters in his last official start March 10 against Arizona before leaving the game with a strained right trapezius...pitched in a minor league game against the Cubs March 16 (5.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 bb, 3 so)...also started and won in the exhibition game against Italy's WBC team March 5 (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...completed his rehab from "Tommy John" surgery in late August last year and made six starts before his regular season ended when he strained his right oblique Sept. 19...went 4-2 with a 2.57 ERA and .225

ANDERSON'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at CHI	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
3/10	ARI	-	0.0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2
Totals			2.0	2	2	1	0	1	0	9

opponents batting average...returned to start and win Game 3 of the ALDS against Detroit in Oakland...combined with Cook, Doolittle and Balfour on a four-hit shutout in the A's 2-0 win (6.0 ip, 2 h, 2 bb, 6 so)...during the regular season, allowed just one home run in 35.0 innings...his opponents batting average included a .219 (7-for-32) mark against left-handed hitters compared to .227 (22-for-97) against right-handers...had 22 of his 25 strikeouts against righties...allowed a .148 average with runners in scoring position...opponents were 0-for-10 with RISP and two outs..

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (3-2, 24 saves, 2.53 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first appearance of the spring...had arthroscopic surgery February 14 to perform a lateral meniscectomy of his right knee...had two stints as the A's closer in 2012 and saved a team-leading 24 games in a team-high 75 appearances while posting a 2.53 ERA...was charged with just two blown saves, all during his first stint as closer, and his save percentage of 92.3 ranked fourth in the American League...it tied for fourth best in Oakland history...was 10th in saves...also ranked second among AL relievers in opponents batting average (.160), third in slugging percentage (.253), fourth in on-base percentage (.242), fifth in games (75) and tied for fifth in innings (74.2)...the batting average tied for third lowest in Oakland history among relievers and the slugging percentage was sixth best...had career highs in saves, games and innings pitched...his .160 opponents batting average included a .157 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .163 against right-handers.

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (0-1, 16.43 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least three runs in three of his five outings...including his last appearance, a start last Saturday against the Angels (3.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 3 so)...has not allowed a run in his other two outings...opponents are 18 for 38 (.474)...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.

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 1 SV, 1.69 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last five outings (8.0 ip), including his last appearance Sunday against the Cubs when he picked up the save (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 1 so)...opponents are 5 for 37 (.135)...has tossed two innings in each of his last three 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.

#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.

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
March 18	Seattle	L, 5-6	9-11-2	Iwakuma	Griffin	6,305	62,547
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)	L, 1-7	9-12-2	Capuano	Straily	7,320	
March 20	OFF DAY						
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 21	at Cincinnati	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Johnny Cueto	1:05				
March 22	Chicago (AL)	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. LHP Jose Quintana	7:05				
March 23	at San Francisco	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Tim Lincecum	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			