



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the San Francisco Giants at Scottsdale, 12-5...Yoenis Céspedes opened the scoring with a two-run home run in the first and Eric Sogard added a RBI single in the second...Seth Smith's RBI single highlighted the A's three-run fourth inning and Sogard hit a solo home run in the fifth to make the score 7-2...the A's scored their final five runs in the eighth inning highlighted by a two-run home run by Adam Rosales and a RBI single by Josh Donaldson...Tommy Milone started for the A's and picked up the win (5.1 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...Ryan Cook (0.2 ip) and Jordan Norberto (1.0 ip) tossed scoreless relief...the A's collected 17 hits, including three each by Céspedes, Smith and Sogard and two from Donaldson and John Jaso.

A's vs. DODGERS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Dodgers this spring...the A's lost the first game at Camelback Ranch last Tuesday, 7-1...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.

IN CAMP

The A's have 38 players remaining in camp, not including Fernando Rodriguez, who was placed on the DL today...that includes 35 players on the 40-man roster and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, three catchers, 11 infielders and six outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE EXTRAS

D'Arby Myers, OF Travis Banwart, RHP
Nick Rickles, C Frank Gailey, LHP
Paul Smith, RHP

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 today's contest...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: today against Los Angeles (NL) and Saturday, March 30 against San Francisco...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...in addition, A's vs. Giants games will be televised by CSNBA on March 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 (11-12-3) VS. LOS ANGELES DODGERS (11-15-3)
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 2-0-1 over the last three games after going 1-4-2 over the previous seven contests...have three ties this spring, which matches the most by an A's team since moving to Arizona in 1969 (also 2010)...all three ties have come over the last nine games and all have lasted nine innings...are 4-8-1 on the road compared to 7-4-2 at Phoenix Muni...A's pitchers have walked just 71 batters, which is second fewest in the majors (Cleveland, 68)...however, have yielded 290 hits, which is fifth most...have the second highest ERA (5.81) to the Angels (7.04)...the offense ranks second in the majors in walks (110) and on-base percentage (.374), fourth in batting (.293), tied for fifth in doubles (60) and sixth in hit by pitches (13)...have hit 15 home runs over the last eight 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).

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton snapped a 0 for 17 streak with a two-run double in the eighth inning Thursday against the Reds...is now 1 for 21 (.047) with nine walks and three hit by pitches (.394 on-base percentage) over his last 11 games...overall, is batting .200 with a .455 on-base percentage...is tied for second in the Cactus League in walks (11)...**Yoenis Céspedes** had his first multiple hit game yesterday at San Francisco, going 3 for 5 with his third home run...is 6 for 16 (.375) with a double, three home runs and six RBI over his last five games after hitting .179 over his first 11 contests...**Coco Crisp** stole his first two bases of the spring yesterday against San Francisco...is 5 for 13 (.385) over his last four games after going 1 for 10 over his previous four contests...**Josh Donaldson** is 8 for 18 (.444) with two home runs, eight RBI and three multiple hit games over his last six games after going 2 for 25 (.080) with no RBI over his first 10 contests...has two home runs this spring, which does not include a two-homer game in the rainout March 8 at Seattle...**Nate Freiman** was claimed off waivers from Houston yesterday...hit .278 (10 for 36) with a home run and seven RBI in 19 games this spring with the Astros...appeared exclusively at first base on defense (12 games)...**John Jaso** had his first multiple hit game of the spring yesterday (2 for 5) after going 1 for 10 over his previous six games...had his second triple yesterday against the Giants, which is tied for sixth in the CL...**Jed Lowrie** is 9 for 28 (.321) with three doubles, two home runs and nine RBI over his last 10 games after going 3 for 11 (.182) with two RBI over his first five contests...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, four at second base and three at third base...**Luke Montz** is 2 for 8 (.250) over his last six games after starting the spring 0 for 13...has appeared in 13 games at catcher and five at first base...**Brandon Moss** is 13 for 35 (.371) over his last 13 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** is 0 for 17 with two walks and a hit by pitch over his last seven games after going 6 for 16 (.375) over his previous six contests...**Derek Norris** is 7 for 12 (.583) with two doubles, two home runs, five RBI and three multiple hit games over his last four games...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (4) and tied for eighth in runs (12)...**Andy Parrino** has not played since March 18...is 7 for 15 (.467) over his last 10 games...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 2 for 12 (.167) over his last eight games after hitting .472 over his first 17 contests...is tied for fifth in the Cactus League in doubles (6)...is the only Athletic to appear in all possible games...has appeared in 14 games in right field, 11 in left field, seven in center field and one at first base...**Josh Reddick** left the game after two innings Friday against the White Sox with a sprained left ankle...is 10 for 28 (.357) with three doubles, three home runs and 10 RBI over his last 11 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first four contests...**Adam Rosales** hit his third home run of the spring yesterday at San Francisco and is now 7 for 16 (.438) with five runs, a double, three home runs, seven RBI and two hit by pitches over his last seven games after going 1 for 10 over his previous seven contests...hit his first two home runs a week ago today against the Cubs...is tied for seventh in the CL in walks (8) and tied for eighth in runs (12)...has appeared in eight games at shortstop, six at second base, five at third base and two in left field...**Scott Sizemore** is 4 for 15 (.267) with a double and triple over his last five games after going 2 for 22 (.091) over his previous 10 contests...has appeared exclusively at second base on defense...**Seth Smith** had his first three hit game yesterday at the Giants after going 1 for 15 over his previous five contests...has appeared in seven games in left field, six at designated hitter and two in right field...**Eric Sogard** went 3 for 3 yesterday at the Giants after going 4 for 4 a week ago today against the Cubs...is 15 for 21 (.714) with six doubles, a home run and four walks (.760 on-base percentage) over his last nine games...is tied for the CL lead in doubles (7) and is tied for eighth in hits (21)...has appeared in eight games at second base, seven at shortstop, five at third base and one at designated hitter...**Jemile Weeks** is 4 for 16 (.250) with three walks over his last seven 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 .368 (39 for 106) hitter in 45 spring games over the last three years...**Chris Young** is 6 for 34 (.176) over his last 12 games...hit his first home run a week ago today against the Cubs...has appeared in 11 games in center field, four in right field, two 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
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
March 23 Nate Freiman claimed off waivers from the Houston Astros; Fernando Rodriguez placed on the 60-day disabled list with a sprained right elbow.

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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 (1-1, 5.23 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game March 13 (4.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so) and 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 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
3/18	SEA	L	5.3	6	5	5	2	3	1	23
Totals			10.3	10	6	6	2	7	2	41

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the side in order in the sixth inning in his first appearance Thursday at Cincinnati (1 so)...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.

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his first outing but has not allowed an earned run in his last four (4.1 ip), including his last outing last Tuesday at the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 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.

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 1 SV, 1.64 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last six outings (8.1 ip), including his last appearance Thursday against the Reds (0.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...opponents are 6 for 39 (.154)...has tossed more than one inning in four of his eighth 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 a week ago today 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...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						
March 21	at Cincinnati	W, 10-9	10-12-2	Anderson	Cueto	4,694	
March 22	Chicago (AL)	T, 4-4	10-12-3			7,363	69,910
March 23	at San Francisco	W, 12-5	11-12-3	Milone	Lincecum	12,224*	
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)	RHP A.J. Griffin vs. RHP Josh Beckett	1:05	CSNCA/A's Radio Network			
March 25	Milwaukee	RHP Bartolo Colón vs. LHP Chris Narveson	1:05				
March 26	at Cleveland	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Zach McAllister	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			