



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

Oakland Athletics Baseball Company • 7000 Coliseum Way • Oakland, CA 94621
510-638-4900 • Public Relations Facsimile 510-562-1633 • www.oaklandathletics.com

YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Milwaukee in Phoenix, 9-7...Scott Sizemore had a RBI single in the second and Josh Donaldson added a RBI double in the third to give the A's a 2-0 lead...Bartolo Colón allowed three runs in the fourth but Chris Young hit a grand slam in the bottom of the fourth to give the A's the lead for good...Colón picked up the win (5.0 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 so)...he was relieved by Dan Straily (3.0 ip, 8 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 2 so) and Pedro Figueroa (1.0 ip, 1 so), who recorded the save...Sizemore added a RBI single in the fifth and Donaldson homered in the sixth to highlight the rest of the A's scoring...Sizemore and Donaldson had four hits each.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (13-12-3) VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS (16-12-2)
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 – GOODYEAR BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 4-0-1 over the last five games and are above .500 for the first time this spring at 13-12-3...went 15-7-2 last spring, which was the A's first spring with a winning record since 2008 (18-8)...A's pitchers have walked just 73 batters, which is the fewest in the majors ahead of Cleveland (74)...however, have yielded 311 hits, which is sixth most...have the third highest ERA (5.79)...the offense ranks second in the majors in walks (121) and on-base percentage (.376), tied for fourth in batting (.294) and tied for sixth in hit by pitches (13)...have hit 19 home runs over the last 10 games after tallying just four round trippers over the previous nine contests...the A's have three ties, which match the most by an A's team since moving to Arizona in 1969 (also 2010)...all three ties have lasted nine innings...are 9-4-2 at Phoenix Muni compared to 4-8-1 on the road...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.

OPENING DAY: Opening Day is next Monday when the A's host the Seattle Mariners at 7:05 pm...Brett Anderson is scheduled to start for the A's against Felix Hernandez...Anderson will be the A's eighth different Opening Day starter in the last eight years...the A's will open against the Mariners for the fourth consecutive season, which are the most consecutive openers against one team in Athletics history.

A's vs. INDIANS

This is the second and final meeting between the A's and Indians this spring...the A's lost the first game in Phoenix 14-10 on February 25...the two clubs did not face each other last spring...last met in 2011 when Oakland and Cleveland split two games...the A's won the first contest in Phoenix on March 2 by a score of 4-3 and the Indians won in Goodyear on March 14, 9-8.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton is 1 for 23 with nine walks and three hit by pitches (.371 on-base percentage) over his last 12 games...overall, is batting .188 with a .435 on-base percentage...is tied for second in the Cactus League in walks (11)...snapped a 0 for 17 streak with a two-run double in the eighth inning last Thursday against the Reds...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 7 for 19 (.368) with a double, three home runs and six RBI over his last six games after hitting .179 over his first 11 contests...had his first multiple hit game Saturday at San Francisco, going 3 for 5 with his third home run...**Coco Crisp** has back-to-back two-steal games and is tied for seventh in the CL in steals (4)...is 7 for 18 (.389) over his last five games after going 1 for 10 over his previous four contests...**Josh Donaldson** went 4 for 4 yesterday against Milwaukee...is now 11 for 20 (.550) with three home runs, 10 RBI and four multiple hit games over his last six games after going 3 for 27 (.111) with no RBI over his first 11 contests...has three 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 Saturday and is 1 for 8 (.125) in two games with the A's (one at designated hitter and one at first base)...hit .278 (10 for 36) with a home run and seven RBI in 19 games this spring with the Astros...has appeared exclusively at first base on defense (13 games)...**John Jaso** is 3 for 9 (.333) with two triples over his last two games after going 1 for 10 over his previous six games...now has three triples overall, which is tied for second in the CL...**Jed Lowrie** is 10 for 31 (.323) with three doubles, three home runs and 11 RBI over his last 11 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 four at third base...**Luke Montz** is 2 for 8 (.250) over his last seven games after starting the spring 0 for 13...has appeared in 15 games at catcher and five at first base...**Brandon Moss** is 14 for 38 (.368) over his last 14 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** is 0 for his last 21 with three walks and a hit by pitch...hit .300 over his first eight games...**Derek Norris** is 8 for 15 (.533) with two doubles, three home runs, seven RBI, seven runs, four walks and three multiple hit games over his last six games...is tied for fifth in the CL in home runs (5) and tied for sixth in runs (14)...the home runs are the most by an Athletic during the spring since Nick Swisher had five in 2007...**Andy Parrino** went 0 for 1 yesterday in his first action since March 18...has appeared in eight games in left field, seven games at third base, five at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Josh Reddick** went 0 for 3 with two walks yesterday against Milwaukee in his first action since leaving the game after two innings Friday with a sprained left ankle...was 10 for 28 (.357) with three doubles, three home runs and 10 RBI over his last 11 games before the injury...**Adam Rosales** hit his third home run of the spring Saturday at San Francisco and is 7 for 18 (.389) with five runs, a double, three home runs, seven RBI and two hit by pitches over his last eight games after going 1 for 10 over his previous seven contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop, six at second base, five at third base and two in left field...**Scott Sizemore** went 4 for 4 yesterday against Milwaukee after going 4 for 29 (.138) over his previous 11 games...has appeared exclusively at second base on defense...**Seth Smith** is 4 for 8 (.500) with three RBI over his last two games after going 1 for 15 over his previous five contests...has appeared in seven games in left field, six at designated hitter and three in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 16 for 25 (.640) with six doubles, a home run and four walks (.690 on-base percentage) over his last 11 games...is tied for second in the CL in doubles (7) and tied for eighth in hits (22)...has one four-hit game, one three-hit game and two two-hit games...has appeared in eight games at second base, eight at shortstop, seven at third base and one at designated hitter...**Chris Young** had a grand slam yesterday against Milwaukee and is 4 for 12 (.333) with five runs and three walks over his last four games...has appeared in 12 games in center field, four in right field, three in left field and one at designated hitter.

IN CAMP

After optioning Shane Peterson and Jemile Weeks to Sacramento Sunday, the A's now have 36 players in camp, including Bartolo Colón, who will open the season on the suspended list...that includes 33 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, three catchers, 10 infielders and five outfielders.

MINOR LEAGUE EXTRAS

Michael Choice, OF Chad Oberacker, OF
D'Arby Myers, OF Nick Rickles, C
Kyler Newby, 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...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...one more game will be televised by Comcast SportsNet California: 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.

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, Jeffrey 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
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
March 24 Shane Peterson and Jemile Weeks optioned to Sacramento

Get the latest A's notes, full stat packets, clips, press releases, roster, media guide and more at <http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com>

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 (1-0, 9.45 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the spring...also pitched in a minor league game against the Cubs March 16 (5.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 bb, 3 so) and started and won in the exhibition game against Italy's WBC team March 5 (3.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...faced just two batters March 10 against Arizona before leaving the game with a strained right trapezius...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 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 mark against left-handed hitters compared to .227 against right-handers...allowed a .148 average with runners in scoring position.

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
3/21	at CIN	W	4.7	8	6	6	2	5	2	23
Totals			6.7	10	8	7	2	6	2	32

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...has retired all six batters he has faced over his first two outings: last Thursday at Cincinnati and Sunday against the Dodgers...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.

#54 TRAVIS BLACKLEY LHP (0-1, 1 SV, 14.34 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...has allowed at least three runs in four of his six outings...including his last appearance Thursday at Cincinnati when he picked up the save (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 23 for 51 (.451)...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 mark against left-handers compared to .244 against right-handers.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in four of his last five outings, including his last appearance Saturday at the Giants (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 bb)...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.

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in each of his last three outings, including his last appearance Saturday at the Giants (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 so)...has walked just one batter in 9.1 innings but opponents are hitting .366 (15 for 41)...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.

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*	
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)	W, 7-4	12-12-3	Griffin	Beckett	8,351*	78,261
March 25	Milwaukee	W, 9-7	13-12-3	Colón	Narveson	5,146	83,407
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES	TIME	RADIO/TV			
March 26	at Cleveland	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Zach McAllister	1:05				
March 27	Colorado	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. RHP Jhoulys Chacin	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			