



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Colorado 6-5 in Phoenix...Jarrod Parker allowed two runs in the first and one in the second but the A's came back with a run in the bottom of the second and three more in the fourth, highlighted by a Jeremy Barfield home run and a Derek Norris RBI single...Parker allowed a run in the fifth to tie the game and had a no decision (4.1 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 1 so)...Hideki Okajima allowed a run in 0.2 innings to give the Rockies a 5-4 lead but he picked up the win after Nate Freiman had a two-run double in the bottom of the fifth...Ryan Cook and Sean Doolittle tossed a scoreless inning of relief each and Mike Ekstrom blanked the Rockies over the final two innings for his third save..

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (15-12-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (15-13-4)
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

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A's vs. GIANTS

This is the third of five meetings between the A's and Giants this spring...the A's lost the first game in Phoenix March 1 by a score of 13-9 but won in Scottsdale 12-5 on March 23...meet again tomorrow night in San Francisco and Saturday afternoon in Oakland...the A's lost three of four games last spring, going 0-1 in Scottsdale and Oakland and 1-1 in San Francisco.

IN CAMP

After placing Adam Rosales on the disabled list Tuesday, the A's now have 35 players in camp, including Bartolo Colón, who will open the season on the suspended list...that includes 32 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 18 pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders and five outfielders.

SEATTLE PROBABLES

Monday, April 1 at 7:05 (CSNCA)
LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Felix Hernandez

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:05 (CSNCA)
RHP Jarrod Parker vs. RHP Hisashi Iwakuma

Wednesday, April 3 at 7:05 (KOFY)
LHP Tommy Milone vs. LHP Joe Saunders

Thursday, April 4 at 12:35 (CSNCA)
RHP A.J. Griffin vs. RHP Brandon Maurer

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...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 that telecast.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton is 2 for 25 (.080) with nine walks and three hit by pitches (.378 on-base percentage) over his last 13 games...overall, is batting .206 with a .438 on-base percentage...is tied for second in the Cactus League in walks (11)...**Yoenis Céspedes** is 9 for 22 (.409) with four home runs and eight RBI over his last eight games after hitting .179 over his first 11 contests...had his first multiple hit game last Saturday at San Francisco (3 for 5)...**Coco Crisp** is 7 for 19 (.368) over his last six games after going 1 for 10 over his previous four contests...had back-to-back two-steal games last Saturday and Tuesday and is tied for seventh in the CL in steals (4)...**Conner Crumbliss (minors)** joins the A's from the minor league camp for the three games in the Bay Area...is 0 for 2 in four spring training games with the A's...**Josh Donaldson** had his streak of seven consecutive hits snapped in the sixth inning Tuesday at Cleveland...is now 13 for 24 (.542) with three home runs, 10 RBI and five multiple hit games over his last eight games after going 3 for 27 (.111) with no RBI over his first 11 contests...went 4 for 4 Monday against Milwaukee...has three home runs, 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 3 for 12 (.250) with a hit by pitch in four games with the A's (three at first base, one at designated hitter)...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 (15 games)...**John Jaso** is 3 for 11 (.273) with two triples over his last three 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 11 for 35 (.314) with three doubles, three home runs and 11 RBI over his last 13 games after going 3 for 11 (.182) with two RBI over his first five contests...has appeared in 10 games at shortstop, four at second base and four at third base...**Luke Montz (NR)** is 4 for 12 (.333) with three RBI over his last nine games after starting the spring 0 for 13...has appeared in 16 games at catcher and five at first base...**Scott Moore (minors)** joins the A's for these three games...was originally a non-roster invitee and hit .200 in 17 games before he was reassigned to minor league camp March 17...**Brandon Moss** is 16 for 42 (.381) over his last 16 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** snapped a 0 for 22 streak with his 10th inning single Tuesday at Cleveland before leaving the game with a strained left hamstring...hit .300 over his first eight games...**Derek Norris** is 9 for 17 (.529) with two doubles, three home runs, eight RBI, seven runs, four walks and three multiple hit games over his last seven games...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (5) and tied for seventh in runs (14)...the home runs are the most by an Athletic during the spring since Nick Swisher had five in 2007...**Andy Parrino** is 2 for 4 (.500) over his last three games after being out of action from March 19 to 24...has appeared in eight games in left field, eight games at third base, six at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Josh Reddick** is 1 for 8 with a triple and two walks over his last three games after leaving the game after two innings last 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...**Scott Sizemore** is 8 for 24 (.333) over his last nine games after batting .125 over his first 11 contests...is tied for fourth in the CL in walks (10)...went 4 for 4 Monday against Milwaukee...has appeared exclusively at second base on defense...**Seth Smith** is 4 for 11 (.364) with three RBI over his last three games after going 1 for 15 over his previous five contests...has appeared in seven games in left field, seven at designated hitter and three in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 17 for 28 (.607) with seven doubles, a home run and four walks (.656 on-base percentage) over his last 12 games...is tied for the CL lead with eight doubles, which matches the most spring doubles by an Athletic over the last 12 years (last with nine is Jose Ortiz in 2001)...is also tied for eighth in the CL in hits (23)...has one four-hit game, one three-hit game and two two-hit games...has appeared in nine games at second base, eight at shortstop, seven at third base and one at designated hitter...**Chris Young** had a grand slam Monday against Milwaukee and is 4 for 12 (.333) with five runs and four walks over his last five games...has appeared in 12 games in center field, four in right field, four 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

March 23 Nate Freiman claimed off waivers from the Houston Astros; Fernando Rodriguez placed on the 60-day disabled list (sprained right elbow)

March 24 Shane Peterson and Jemile Weeks optioned to Sacramento

March 26 Adam Rosales placed on the 15-day disabled list (strained left intercostal)

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#57 TOMMY MILONE LHP (2-0, 4.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth start of the spring...has walked one batter or fewer in each of his five starts and has issued just three walks in 18.2 innings...went 13-10 with a 3.74 ERA in a team-leading 31 starts for Oakland in 2012...also led the A's in innings pitched (190.0), had the only complete game and tied for the team-lead in wins...fellow rookie Jarrod Parker also won 13 games, both setting an Oakland record for wins by a rookie...struck out 137, which was the fourth best rookie total in Oakland history and the sixth best in Athletics history...also tied for the fifth most games started by an Oakland rookie (31) and was sixth in innings pitched (190.0)...tied for the lead among Major League rookies in complete games...tied for second among American League rookies in wins and games started, ranked third in innings pitched and was fifth in strikeouts...his ERA ranked third among AL rookies with 130 or more innings.

MILONE'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/2	COL	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7
3/7	SEA	W	3.0	3	0	0	1	3	0	12
3/12	KC	-	3.7	6	3	3	0	2	1	17
3/17	CHI	-	4.7	8	4	4	0	2	1	20
3/23	at SF	W	5.3	6	3	3	1	4	1	23
Totals			18.7	23	10	10	3	12	3	79

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#13 JERRY BLEVINS LHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...allowed three runs in his first outing but has not allowed an earned run in his last five (4.2 ip), including his last outing Sunday against the Dodgers (0.1 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.

#65 PEDRO FIGUEROA LHP (0-0, 3.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...his last outing was Monday against Milwaukee when he picked up his first save (1.0 ip, 1 so)...has allowed three runs in his last three outings (3.0 ip, 9.00 ERA) after posting a 1.17 ERA over his first six contests...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...was also 0-2 with a save, a 2.62 ERA and .212 opponents batting average in 32 relief appearances with Sacramento.

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

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first eight outings (8.0 ip), including his last appearance last Friday night against the White Sox (1.0 ip, 2 h)...has not allowed a run in 18 games over the last two springs (17.0 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.

#77 JORDAN NORBERTO LHP (0-0, 4.82 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his last six outings, including his last appearance Tuesday at Cleveland (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so)...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).

#58 EVAN SCRIBNER RHP (0-0, 1 SV, 6.30 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing Tuesday at Cleveland (0.2 ip) after allowing at least one run in each of his previous three appearances (5 er in 4.1 ip, 10.38 ERA)...has walked just one batter in 10.0 innings but opponents are hitting .349 (15 for 43)...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...with Sacramento, was a perfect 8-for-8 in save opportunities and led the River Cats in saves.

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	
March 6	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
March 17	at Chicago (AL)	L, 5-11	8-10-2	Sale	Parker	5,547	
March 18	Chicago (NL)	W, 12-6	9-10-2	Doolittle	Berken	7,184	56,242
March 19	Seattle	L, 5-6	9-11-2	Iwakuma	Griffin	6,305	62,547
March 20	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
March 26	at Cleveland	W, 7-6 (10)	14-12-3	Blackley	Flores	3,512	
March 27	Colorado	W, 6-5	15-12-3	Okajima	Chacin	4,795	88,202
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	LHP Tommy Milone vs. RHP Tim Lincecum				7:15	95.7 FM The Game
March 29	San Francisco (at S.F.)	RHP A.J. Griffin vs. LHP Barry Zito				7:15	95.7 FM The Game
March 30	San Francisco (at Oak.)	RHP Dan Straily vs. RHP Ryan Vogelsong				1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game