



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's defeated the Giants in San Francisco last night, 7-3...Tommy Milone allowed a run in the third but Yoenis Céspedes hit a two-run home run in the fourth to give the A's a 2-1 lead...Milone allowed the tying run to score in the bottom of the fourth but the A's scored four times in the fifth to take the lead for good...Eric Sogard had a RBI single to make the score 3-2 and Josh Reddick added a three-run home run...Josh Donaldson scored on a fielders choice in the sixth inning for the A's final run...Milone allowed two runs on five hits and two walks while striking out five in 4.2 innings for the win...Pat Neshek (0.1 ip), Jerry Blevins (2.0 ip) and Jordan Norberto (1.0 ip) pitched scoreless relief before Evan Scribner allowed a run in the ninth.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (16-12-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (15-14-4)  
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2013 – AT&T PARK – 7:15 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Have a spring best six-game winning streak and are 7-0-1 over the last eight games...are 16-12-3 overall, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Kansas City (24-7-2) and Seattle (21-11)...went 15-7-2 last spring and have posted a winning record in consecutive springs for the first time since 2007 (17-12-2) and 2008 (18-8)...A's pitchers have walked just 83 batters, which is second fewest in the majors...however, have yielded 338 hits, which is fifth most...have the third highest ERA (5.63)...the offense ranks second in the majors in walks (129) and on-base percentage (.373) and fourth in batting (.294) and slugging (.476)...have hit 23 home runs over the last 13 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...went 10-4-2 at Phoenix Muni and are 6-8-1 on the road...this was 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 month.

### A's vs. GIANTS

This is the fourth 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 and in San Francisco last night, 7-3...meet again tomorrow 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.

### 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 10 for 26 (.385) with five home runs and 10 RBI over his last nine games after hitting .179 over his first 11 contests...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (5)...those are the most home runs by an Athletic during the spring since Nick Swisher had five in 2007...**Coco Crisp** is 2 for 15 (.133) over his last four games after going 5 for 9 (.556) over his previous three 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 games with the A's...**Josh Donaldson** is 14 for 27 (.519) with four doubles, three home runs, 10 RBI and five multiple hit games over his last nine games after going 3 for 27 (.111) with no RBI over his first 11 contests...had his streak of seven consecutive hits snapped in the sixth inning Tuesday at Cleveland...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 last 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 4 for 14 (.286) with two triples over his last four 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 12 for 37 (.324) with three doubles, three home runs and 11 RBI over his last 14 games after going 3 for 11 (.182) with two RBI over his first five contests...has appeared in 11 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...went 0 for 1 last night...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 46 (.348) over his last 17 games after going 1 for 8 (.125) over his first three contests...**Hiro Nakajima** snapped a 0 for 22 streak with his 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5 (.400) over his last four games after being out of action from March 19 to 24...has appeared in eight games in left field, eight games at third base, seven at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Josh Reddick** is 3 for 12 (.250) with a triple, home runs and two walks over his last four games after leaving the game after two innings a week ago today 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 5 for 27 (.185) over his last nine games after hitting .400 over his first nine contests...has appeared in seven games in left field, seven at designated hitter and three in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 18 for 32 (.563) with seven doubles, a home run and four walks over his last 13 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 (24)...has one four-hit game, one three-hit game and two two-hit games...has appeared in 10 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 13 (.308) with five runs and four walks over his last six games...has appeared in 12 games in center field, four in right field, four in left field and one at designated hitter.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> year in the A's broadcast booth and will be joined by Vince Cotroneo (8<sup>th</sup>) and Ray Fosse, who enters his 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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

### #64 A.J. GRIFFIN RHP (2-1, 6.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...has allowed nine runs in his last two outings (10.0 ip, 8.10 ERA) after allowing just one over his first two (5.0 ip, 1.80 ERA)...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 the second best mark by any ML pitcher over the last 17 years and 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
3/24	LAD	W	4.7	5	4	4	1	8	2	21
Totals			15.0	15	10	10	3	15	4	62

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

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

Is scheduled to make his fourth appearance of the spring...has retired all nine batters he has faced over his first three outings: March 21 at Cincinnati, last Sunday against the Dodgers and Tuesday at Cleveland...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.

### #48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-1, 6.43 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last five outings (4.1 ip), including his last appearance Wednesday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 bb, 1 so)...allowed at least two runs in each of his previous two outings...was the A's lone representative to the American League All-Star team last year as a 25-year-old rookie...went 6-2 with 14 saves, a 2.09 ERA and .166 opponents batting average in 71 appearances...tied the Oakland rookie record for games pitched (Aaron Small, 1997) and had the third best save total...his ERA was fifth best among Oakland rookies with 50 or more innings...ranked second among AL rookies in saves and games pitched...however, had seven blown saves, which tied for second most among all AL pitchers...his save percentage of 66.7% was the lowest in the majors and tied for second lowest in Oakland history...ranked third among AL relievers in opponents batting average, fourth in slugging percentage (.261) and fifth in ERA.

### #62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (2-0, 2.57 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in five of his seven appearances, including his last outing Wednesday against Colorado (1.0 ip, 1 so)...was converted to pitcher late in 2011 and had just one professional appearance on the mound entering the 2012 season...appeared in six games at Single-A Stockton, eight at Double-A Midland and two at Triple-A Sacramento before he was promoted to Oakland June 4...spent the rest of the season with the A's, posting a 2-1 record with a save and a 3.04 ERA in 44 appearances in his Major League debut...struck out 60 batters in just 47.1 innings, an average of 11.41 per nine innings...that was the third best average in Athletics history among pitchers with 40 or more innings...walked just 11 batters for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 5.45...allowed a .227 opponents batting average, including .195 against right-handed hitters compared to .286 against lefthanders.

### #56 CHRIS RESOP RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his first seven appearances (8.0 ip), including his last outing a week ago tonight against the White Sox (1.0 ip, 1 h)...opponents are 5 for 27 (.185) and he has not walked a batter...was acquired from Pittsburgh November 30, 2012 for minor league pitcher Zach Thornton...spent the entire 2012 season with the Pirates, posting a 1-4 record, one save and a 3.91 ERA in 61 relief appearances...had career-highs in innings pitched (73.2), hits (81) and runs (35) and matched his high in saves and losses...tied for seventh among National League relievers in innings...allowed a .276 opponents batting average, including .237 against left-handed hitters compared to .302 against right-handers...surrendered four of his six home runs to lefties...held the opposition to a .226 average with runners in scoring position, including .146 with RISP and two outs...allowed 10 of 27 (37.0%) inherited runners to score.

## 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
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
March 28	San Francisco (at S.F.)	W, 7-3	16-12-3	Milone	Lincecum	40,630	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>		<b>TIME</b>		<b>RADIO/TV</b>	
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	