



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS

## Game Information

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### YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Giants in San Francisco, 3-1...Derek Norris had a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning to give the A's a 1-0 lead but that would be the only run the A's would score...A.J. Griffin blanked the Giants over the first four innings before allowing two runs in the fifth on a Blanco RBI triple and a Noonan RBI single...Griffin allows two runs on five hits and a walk while striking out six in 5.0 innings and takes the loss...Chris Resop (1.0 ip), Sean Doolittle (0.2 ip) and Ryan Cook (0.1 ip) follow Griffin with scoreless relief before Grant Balfour allows a run in the eighth inning...the A's are held to four hits, including two each by Yoenis Céspedes and Chris Young.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (16-13-3) VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (16-14-4)  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013 – O.CO COLISEUM – 1:05 P.M.

### ABOUT THE A'S

**ABOUT THE A'S:** Had their six-game winning streak snapped last night and are now 7-1-1 over the last nine games...are 16-13-3 (.547) overall, which is the third best record in the Cactus League behind Kansas City (25-7-2) 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 84 batters, which is the fewest in the majors...however, have yielded 346 hits, which is fifth most...have the third highest ERA (5.56)...the offense is tied for the Major League lead in the majors in walks (132), ranks second in on-base percentage (.369) and sixth in batting (.290)...have hit 23 home runs over the last 14 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 6-9-1 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 fifth and final meeting between the A's and Giants this spring...the two clubs have split the first four games...the A's lost in Phoenix March 1 by a score of 13-9 but won in Scottsdale 12-5 on March 23...won in San Francisco Thursday night, 7-3 but lost last night 3-1...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

**Yoenis Céspedes** is 12 for 29 (.414) with five home runs and 10 RBI over his last 10 games after hitting .179 over his first 11 contests...is tied for sixth in the Cactus League 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 18 (.111) over his last five 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 eighth 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...went 0 for 1 last night and is 0 for 3 in five spring games with the A's...**Josh Donaldson** is 14 for 30 (.467) with four doubles, three home runs, 10 RBI and five multiple hit games over his last 10 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 a week ago today and is 3 for 16 (.188) with a hit by pitch in five games with the A's (four 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 (16 games)...**John Jaso** is 5 for 17 (.294) with two triples over his last five games after going 1 for 10 over his previous six contests...now has three triples overall, which is tied for fourth in the CL...**Jed Lowrie** is 3 for 16 (.188) over his last six games after going 9 for 25 (.360) with nine RBI over his previous nine contests...has appeared in 12 games at shortstop (including six of his last seven), four at second base and four at third base...**Luke Montz (NR)** is 4 for 13 (.308) with three RBI over his last 10 games after starting the spring 0 for 13...has appeared in 16 games at catcher, five at first base and two at designated hitter...**Scott Moore (minors)** joins the A's for these three games...is 0 for 2 in two 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 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 19 (.474) with two doubles, three home runs, nine RBI, seven runs and five walks over his last eight games...is tied for sixth in the CL in home runs (5)...the home runs are the most by an Athletic during the spring since Nick Swisher had five in 2007...**Andy Parrino** is 2 for 6 (.333) over his last five games after being out of action from March 19 to 24...has appeared in nine games in left field, eight at third base, seven at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Josh Reddick** is 3 for 13 (.231) with a home run and three RBI over his last five games after going 10 for 27 (.370) with three home runs 10 RBI over his previous 10 contests...**Scott Sizemore** is 8 for 27 (.296) over his last 10 games after batting .125 over his first 11 contests...is tied for eighth 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 29 (.172) over his last 10 games after hitting .400 over his first nine contests...has appeared in eight games at designated hitter, seven in left field and three in right field...**Eric Sogard** is 18 for 33 (.545) with seven doubles, a home run and four walks over his last 14 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 ninth 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, nine at shortstop, seven at third base and one at designated hitter...**Chris Young** had his third multiple hit game yesterday and is 6 for 15 (.400) with six runs and six walks over his last seven games...connected for a grand slam Monday against Milwaukee...has appeared in 13 games in center field, five in right field, four in left field and one at designated hitter.

### IN CAMP

After yesterday's roster moves, the A's now have 32 players in camp, including Bartolo Colón, who will open the season on the suspended list...that includes 29 players on the 40-man roster, which is full, and three non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 16 pitchers, three catchers, eight 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: today 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)

March 29 Danny Otero claimed off waivers from New York (AL); Josh Stinson claimed off waivers from Milwaukee; Daric Barton and Travis Blackley designated for assignment; Jordan Norberto optioned to Sacramento

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## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

### #67 DAN STRAILY RHP (1-2, 7.56 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance and sixth start of the spring...his lone relief appearance came in his last outing Monday against Milwaukee...opponents are batting .347 (25 for 72)...began the 2012 season having never pitched above Single-A but finished the season in the starting rotation in Oakland...led all of Minor League Baseball with a career-high 190 strikeouts...also went 2-1 with a 3.89 ERA in seven starts over two stints with the A's...struck out 32 batters in 39.1 innings, giving him a combined 222 strikeouts in 191.1 innings in the majors and minors (10.44 per nine innings)...allowed a .237 opponents batting average, including .215 (20-for-93) against right-handed hitters compared to .271 (16-for-59) against left-handers...was named A's Minor League Co-Pitcher of the Year along with A.J. Griffin after combining for a 9-7 record and a 2.78 ERA in 25 starts with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...his 190 strikeouts are fourth most by a minor leaguer in Oakland history...allowed a .202 opponents batting average, which ranked 11th among full season minor leaguers.

#### STRAILY'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/27	SD	W	1.3	2	2	2	1	1	0	8
3/4	LAA	-	2.3	4	2	2	0	2	0	12
3/9	at TEX	-	3.0	3	2	1	1	3	0	13
3/14	TEX	L	3.0	3	4	2	1	3	0	15
3/19	at LAD	L	4.0	5	3	3	3	4	2	20
3/25	MIL	-	3.0	8	4	4	1	2	0	17
<b>Totals</b>			<b>16.7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>85</b>

## ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

### #40 BARTOLO COLÓN RHP (1-2, 6.75 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his sixth appearance of the spring...three of those outings have been starts (March 5, 15 and 25)...also started in a minor league game against the Angels March 20 (5.0 ip, 10 h, 5 r, 2 bb, 3 so)...opponents are hitting .373 (28 for 75) but he has walked just one while striking out 16...was 10-9 with a 3.43 ERA in 24 starts last year when he was suspended for 50 games Aug. 22 after testing positive for Testosterone, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program...had five games remaining on the suspension at the end of the playoffs...won 10 games for the ninth time in his career, but it was his first 10-win season since 2005...at the age of 39, he became just the third pitcher in Oakland history to win 10 games in a season at age 36 or older...issued just 23 walks in 152.1 innings for an average of 1.36 per nine innings, which was the lowest mark of his career.

#### COLÓN'S SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
2/28	at CHI	L	2.0	5	3	1	0	4	0	12
3/5	at KC	L	2.0	7	5	5	0	2	1	12
3/10	ARI	-	3.0	4	1	1	1	4	0	13
3/15	at ARI	-	4.0	6	2	2	0	3	0	18
3/25	MIL	W	5.0	6	3	3	0	3	0	22
<b>Totals</b>			<b>16.0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>77</b>

### #21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 3 SV, 1.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 11<sup>th</sup> appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last eight outings (12.1 ip), including his last appearance Wednesday against Colorado when he picked up the save (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...is tied for second in the Cactus League in saves (3)...opponents are 9 for 53 (.170)...has tossed two or more innings in five of his 10 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 and .328 opponents batting average in a career-high tying 15 relief appearances...was 3-1 with a save and a 2.53 ERA in 43 appearances with Colorado Springs...did not allow a home run in 57.0 innings.

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

Is scheduled to make his 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### #39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (1-0, 1 SV, 5.79 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10<sup>th</sup> appearance of the spring...has allowed at least one run in four of his last five outings (6 er in 5.1 ip, 10.13 ERA), including his last appearance Wednesday against Colorado when he picked up the win (0.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 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.

## 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	
March 29	San Francisco (at S.F.)	L, 1-3	16-13-3	Zito	Griffin	42,808	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>PROBABLES</b>				<b>TIME</b>	<b>RADIO/TV</b>
March 30	San Francisco (at Oak.)	RHP Dan Straily vs. RHP Ryan Vogelsong				1:05	CSNCA/95.7 FM The Game