



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's lost to the Indians in Phoenix, 14-10...starting pitcher Andrew Werner allowed an unearned run in 2.0 innings and was the losing pitcher...Cleveland built a 5-0 lead before the A's scored their first runs in the sixth inning on a two-run home run by Shane Peterson...Michael Choice added a two-run homer in the A's four-run seventh to make the score 8-6 but the Indians scored six times in the eighth off Carlos Fisher and Drew Granier...the A's added two more runs in the eighth and Eric Sogard had a two-run single in the ninth...Hideki Okajima and Carlos Hernandez tossed a scoreless inning of relief each.

A's vs. DIAMONDBACKS

This is the first of three meetings between the A's and Diamondbacks this spring...meet at Phoenix March 10 and return to Scottsdale March 15...the A's won both games last spring, 11-2 at Scottsdale March 18 and 6-5 in Phoenix the next day.

IN CAMP

The A's have 60 players in camp this spring...that includes 41 players on the 40-man roster (Bartolo Colón does not count against the 40-man limit) and 19 non-roster invitees...the breakdown includes 30 pitchers, six catchers, 16 infielders and eight outfielders

MINOR LEAGUE DATES

Minor League pitchers and catchers report to Papago Park March 4 (first workout March 5), while positions players report March 10 (first workout, March 11).

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 March 24...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: Sunday, March 24 against Los Angeles (NL) and Saturday, March 30 against San Francisco...Glen Kuiper joins Fosse in the broadcast booth for those telecasts...the A's also have two remaining games on MLB Network: March 11 at SD (1:00 pm PT) and March 22 vs. CWS (9:00 pm PT)...in addition, A's vs. Giants games will be televised by CSNBA on March 23 and 28 and KTVU 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 (1-2) VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (1-2) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013 – SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost two of the first three spring games for the second time in the last three years (also 2011)...have not started the spring 1-3 since 2006...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...are scheduled to play 34 games this spring in addition to an exhibition game against Italy's WBC team March 5...the schedule includes 31 games in Arizona and three in the Bay Area against San Francisco (March 28-30)...the A's went 15-7-2 last spring, their first spring with a winning record since 2008 (18-8)...it was the best record among Cactus League teams and third best in the majors behind Toronto (24-7-1) and Detroit (20-8-5)...the 15 wins were three more than the A's total from each of the previous two springs (12-21-1 in 2011, 12-17-3 in 2010), despite playing just 24 games.

COACHING STAFF: Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his second full season with the A's, welcomes back five returning members of last year's coaching staff in pitching coach Curt Young (8th season), first base coach Tye Waller (7th season), third base coach Mike Gallego (5th season), bench coach Chip Hale (2nd season) and hitting coach Chili Davis (2nd)...the only new member of the staff is Darren Bush, who replaces Rick Rodriguez as bullpen coach... Bush has managed in the A's farm system the last six years, including back-to-back division titles with Triple-A Sacramento the past two seasons.

OFF SEASON MOVES: Although 20 of the 25 players on the A's American League Division Series roster return this year, including all 12 pitchers, the A's did make several off season acquisitions...the first came just nine days after the ALDS ended when Chris Young was acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks October 20...Andy Parrino and Andrew Werner were acquired from San Diego November 16, Chris Resop came from Pittsburgh in a November 30 deal, John Jaso was acquired from Seattle in a three-team, five-player trade January 16 and Jed Lowrie and Fernando Rodriguez came from Houston in a five-player trade February 4...the A's re-signed free agent Bartolo Colón November 3 and inked Hiroyuki Nakajima to a two-year deal with a club option December 18...the five players from the ALDS roster who are gone are Chris Carter (Lowrie trade), Stephen Drew (free agent, Boston), Jonny Gomes (free agent, Boston), George Kottaras (waivers, Kansas City) and Cliff Pennington (Young trade)...free agents Brandon Inge and Brandon McCarthy also will not return.

HOW THE A'S WERE BUILT: Of the 41 players on the A's 40-man roster, 26 were acquired via trade and two off waivers (Blackely, Scribner)...four were signed as free agents (Balfour, Colón, Crisp and Moss) and four were non-drafted free agents (Céspedes, Figueroa, Nakajima and Ynoa)...the five players on the 40-man roster that were drafted by the A's are Sean Doolittle (2007, compensation pick following the 1st round), Grant Green (2009, 1st round), A.J. Griffin (2010, 13th round), Dan Straily (2009, 24th round) and Jemile Weeks (2008, 1st round).

CONTRACT STATUS: The A's have signed or agreed to terms with all their players on the 40-man roster...two of those players are under contract beyond the 2013 season...Hiroyuki Nakajima is signed through 2014 with a club option for 2015 and Yoenis Céspedes is signed through 2015...Brett Anderson has club options for 2014 and 2015 and Coco Crisp and Chris Young have club options for 2014.

A's TOP PROSPECTS: Six of the A's top 10 prospects according to *Baseball America* are in major league camp this spring...the list includes two players already on the A's 40-man roster in Dan Straily (#6) and Grant Green (#8) and four non-roster invitees, including Addison Russell (#1), Michael Choice (#2), Sonny Gray (#5) and Miles Head (#7)...two of the top 10 were traded as #3 A.J. Cole was dealt to Washington in the John Jaso trade and #4 Brad Peacock was sent to Houston in the Jed Lowrie deal...the other two are Daniel Robertson (#9) and Matt Olson (#10)...MLB.com's top four A's prospects are in camp (Russell, Straily, Choice and Green)...also on the list are Gray (#6), Head (#9), Michael Taylor (#12), Arnold Leon (#16) and Jefry Marte (#20).

MEDIA INFORMATION: The A's clubhouse will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning at 8:00 am...the clubhouse may be closed at certain times for team meetings, etc...please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area...once the game begins, the clubhouse is open only to those media who need access to players who have completed their work for the day...A's manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning in the first base dugout following team stretch...Melvin will also be available in front of the dugout following the game...members of the media will be allowed in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play...at that point, all media members must leave the field...the A's dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time...still photographers and television camera crews with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times...no roving is permitted...still photographers or television camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room...lunch is available for \$8 to members of the media with proper credentials in the patio area in the right field corner...complimentary parking is available in the main lot at Phoenix Muni at the corner of Van Buren and Priest by presenting your credential to the attendant.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Daric Barton has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 4, .750)...**Michael Choice** has hit safely in all three games and is 5 for 7 (.714) with a double, home run and four RBI...is tied for second in the Cactus League in hits...is one of three players to appear in each of the A's first three games (Peterson, Taylor)...**Shane Peterson** was 3 for 3 against Cleveland yesterday with a double and home run...is one of three players to appear in each of the A's first three games (Choice, Taylor)...**Eric Sogard** has hit safely in each of his two games (2 for 4, .500)...**Michael Taylor** is one of three players to appear in each of the A's first three games (Choice, Peterson)...**Jemile Weeks** has hit safely in each of his two games (3 for 6, two doubles).

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

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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 (7-1, 3.06 ERA with Oakland in 2012)

Is scheduled to make his first start of the spring...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...ranked 10th among American League rookies in wins...allowed a .236 opponents batting average, which included a .225 (34-for-151) mark against right-handed hitters compared to .245 (40-for-163) 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 and a 2.82 ERA in 17 games, all starts, with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...struck out 91, walked just 18 and yielded seven home runs in 102.0 innings...allowed a .211 opponents batting average.

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless seventh inning in his first outing at Milwaukee last Saturday (1.0 ip)...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 (10-for-43) by right-handed hitters compared to .524 (11-for-24) 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...struck out 57 and walked 18 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.17...yielded a .224 opponents batting average, including .189 (17-for-90) against left-handed hitters compared to .250 (30-for-120) by right-handers.

#68 ARNOLD LEON RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his first appearance last Saturday at Milwaukee (1.0 ip, 1 bb)...pitched at three different levels in the A's farm system last year, combining for a 4-1 record, one save and a 2.70 ERA in 44 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton, Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...had career-highs in wins, appearances and strikeouts (74)...allowed a .271 opponents batting average, including .259 (36-for-139) by right-handed hitters compared to .284 (33-for-116) against left-handers...surrendered five home runs, all solo shots...opponents hit .295 with the bases empty, .246 with runners on...allowed 8 of 18 (44.4%) inherited runners to score...converted 1 of 2 (50.0%) save opportunities...pitched for Culiacan in the Mexican Pacific Winter League following the season...was 1-0 with a 0.79 ERA and .179 opponents batting average in 12 relief appearances.

#33 FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ RHP (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring...retired the only two batters he faced in his first outing last Saturday at Milwaukee (0.2 ip, 1 so)...was acquired from Houston February 4 with Jed Lowrie for Chris Carter, Brad Peacock and minor leaguer Max Stassi...spent the entire 2012 season in Houston's bullpen and was 2-10 with a 5.37 ERA in 71 games...ranked second on the club in appearances and led all Astros relievers in strikeouts (78)...set career-highs in innings pitched (70.1), strikeouts and appearances...allowed a .252 opponents batting average, including .226 (21-for-93) against left-handed hitters compared to .266 (47-for-177) against right-handers...held first batters faced to a .203 batting average...ranked third in the National League with 56 inherited runners...allowed 14 of those to score (25.0%)...from the beginning of the season until July 2, had allowed just one of his 18 inherited runners to score in 33 games, and led the NL in inherited runners scored percentage (5.6%).

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
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES		TIME	RADIO/TV		
February 26	at Arizona	RHP A.J. Griffin vs. RHP Josh Collmenter		1:05			
February 27	San Diego	RHP Dan Straily vs. RHP Sean O'Sullivan		1:05			
February 28	at Chicago (NL)	LHP Brett Anderson vs. RHP Scott Feldman		1:05			
March 1	San Francisco			1:05			
March 2	Colorado			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 3	at Colorado			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 4	Los Angeles (AL)			1:05			
March 5	at Kansas City			1:05			
	Italy (exhib.)			1:05			
March 6	OFF DAY						
March 7	Seattle			1:05			
March 8	at Seattle			1:05			
March 9	at Texas			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 10	Arizona			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 11	at San Diego			1:05			
March 12	Kansas City			1:05			
March 13	OFF DAY						
March 14	Texas			1:05			
March 15	at Arizona			1:05			
March 16	Los Angeles (AL)			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
	at Chicago (AL)			1:05			
March 17	Chicago (NL)			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 18	Seattle			1:05			
March 19	at Los Angeles (NL)			1:05			
March 20	OFF DAY						
March 21	at Cincinnati			1:05			
March 22	Chicago (AL)			7:05			
March 23	at San Francisco			1:05	95.7 FM The Game		
March 24	Los Angeles (NL)			1:05	CSNCA/A's Radio Network		
March 25	Milwaukee			1:05			
March 26	at Cleveland			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		