



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Game Information

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YESTERDAY

The A's defeated Cleveland in Goodyear, 7-6 in 10 innings...the A's scored twice in the first, highlighted by a RBI double by Brandon Moss, but Brett Anderson (5.1 ip, 6 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so) allowed single runs in the first, second and fourth innings...the A's then scored three times in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead...Eric Sogard tied the game with a RBI double and Yoenis Céspedes hit a two-run home run to put the A's ahead...Evan Scribner (0.2 ip), Grant Balfour (1.0 ip) and Jordan Norberto (1.0 ip) followed with scoreless relief before Travis Blackley allowed two runs in the ninth...Darc Barton had a RBI single in the 10th and Luke Montz walked with the bases loaded but Blackley allowed another run in the bottom of the 10th before closing out the game...Josh Donaldson and Michael Choice had two hits each.

A's vs. ROCKIES

This is the third and final meeting between the A's and Rockies this spring...the A's have won the first two games: 6-3 in Phoenix March 2 and 7-2 in Scottsdale March 3...the A's won the only meeting last year, 6-4 at Scottsdale.

IN CAMP

After placing Adam Rosales on the disabled list yesterday, 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.

MINOR LEAGUE EXTRAS

Jeremy Barfield, OF	Ryan Lipkin, C
Dusty Coleman, IF	D'Arby Myers, OF
Josh Horton, IF	Josh Whitaker, OF

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.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (14-12-3) VS. COLORADO ROCKIES (16-12)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013 – PHOENIX MUNICIPAL STADIUM – 1:05 P.M.

ABOUT THE A'S

ABOUT THE A'S: Are 5-0-1 over the last six games and are spring-high two games above .500 at 14-12-3...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 75 batters, which is the fewest in the majors...however, have yielded 322 hits, which is fifth most...are tied for the second highest ERA (5.74)...the offense is tied with Cleveland for the Major League lead in walks (125), ranks second in on-base percentage (.377), fifth in batting (.295) and sixth in hit by pitches (14)...have hit 20 home runs over the last 11 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 5-8-1 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.

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

Darc 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** homered for the fourth time in his last seven games yesterday at Cleveland and is 8 for 21 (.381) with eight RBI over that span after hitting .179 over his first 11 contests...had his first multiple hit game Saturday at San Francisco (3 for 5)...**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** had his streak of seven consecutive hits snapped in the sixth inning yesterday at Cleveland...is now 13 for 23 (.565) with three home runs, 10 RBI and five multiple hit games over his last seven 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 1 for 9 (.111) with a hit by pitch in three games with the A's (two 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 (14 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 34 (.324) with three doubles, three home runs and 11 RBI over his last 12 games after going 3 for 11 (.182) with two RBI over his first five contests...has appeared in nine games at shortstop, four at second base and four at third base...**Luke Montz** is 3 for 9 (.333) with three RBI over his last eight games after starting the spring 0 for 13...has appeared in 16 games at catcher and five at first base...**Brandon Moss** is 15 for 41 (.366) over his last 15 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 yesterday at Cleveland before leaving the game with a strained left hamstring...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 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 0 for 2 the last two days, his first action since March 18...has appeared in eight games in left field, eight games at third base, five at shortstop, two at second base and one in right field...**Josh Reddick** is 1 for 7 with a triple and two walks over his last two 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 23 (.348) over his last eight 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 sixth 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 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.

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

#11 JARROD PARKER RHP (0-2, 7.20 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his fifth start of the spring...retired each of the first 12 batters he faced in his last start before allowing two runs in the fifth...also pitched in the A's minor league camp on the A's off day March 6...went 13-8 with a 3.47 ERA in 29 starts with the A's last year...tied with fellow rookie Tommy Milone for the team lead in wins as they both set an Oakland record for wins by a rookie...led the A's with 140 strikeouts, which was the third best mark by a rookie in Oakland history and the fourth best in Athletics history...his 29 starts were 10th most by an Oakland rookie...tied for second among American League rookies in wins, ranked fourth in strikeouts and innings pitched (181.1) and tied for fourth in starts...his ERA was the lowest among AL rookies with 130 or more innings, his .619 winning percentage was second best and his .248 opponents batting average was third best...his winning percentage was 10th best among all AL pitchers.

PARKER'S SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
3/1	SF	-	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	6
3/11	at SD	L	4.0	6	5	5	0	2	2	18
3/16	at CWS	L	3.0	9	7	5	2	3	0	21
3/22	CWS	-	6.0	3	2	2	2	5	0	22
Totals			15.0	19	14	12	4	12	2	67

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PITCH

#48 RYAN COOK RHP (1-1, 7.50 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his eighth appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run or walked a batter in his last four outings (3.1 ip), including his last appearance Saturday at the Giants (0.2 ip, 1 h)...allowed at least two runs in each of his previous two outings...was the A's lone representative to the AL 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 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...ranked third among AL relievers in opponents batting average, fourth in slugging percentage (.261) and fifth in ERA.

#62 SEAN DOOLITTLE LHP (2-0, 3.00 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his first three outings (3.0 ip) but has yielded one in two of his last three, including his last outing Saturday at the Giants (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 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.

#21 MIKE EKSTROM RHP (0-1, 2 SV, 1.38 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his 10th appearance of the spring...has not allowed a run in his last seven outings (10.1 ip), including his last appearance Sunday against the Dodgers when he picked up his second save (2.0 ip, 1 h)...opponents are 7 for 45 (.156)...has tossed more than one inning in five of his nine 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 in a career-high tying 15 relief appearances...opponents batted .328 against him with the Rockies, including .233 by right-handed hitters compared to .524 by left-handers...was 3-1 with a save and a 2.53 ERA in 43 relief appearances with Colorado Springs.

#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.

#39 HIDEKI OKAJIMA LHP (0-0, 1 SV, 5.19 ERA)

Is scheduled to make his ninth appearance of the spring...did not allow a run in his last outing Sunday against the Dodgers (1.0 ip, 1 h) after surrendering at least one in each of his previous three appearances (5 er in 3.2 ip, 12.28 ERA)...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	
March 6	Italy (exhib.)	W, 4-3		Anderson	Mariotti	2,026	
March 7	OFF DAY						
March 8	Seattle	W, 7-3	6-6	Milone	Maurer	4,213	23,685
March 9	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 21	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	88,919
DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLES				TIME	RADIO/TV
March 27	Colorado	RHP Jarrod Parker vs. RHP Jhoulys Chacin				1:05	
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