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WASHINGTON NATIONALS (6-8-1) VS. NEW YORK METS (7-8-1)

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CLOVER PARK • PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

RHP CADE CAVALLI (0-0, 2.08) VS. LHP DAVID PETERSON (0-0, 0.00)

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YESTERDAY: The Mets defeated the Marlins, 9-3, in Jupiter...RHP Tylor Megill threw 4.0 scoreless innings in his third outing, second start of the spring...RHP David Robertson made his 2023 Grapefruit League debut and tossed a 1-2-3 inning out of the bullpen...C Tomás Nido went 2-3 with a double and a three-run homer in the fifth...CF Tim Lincecum went 1-2 with an RBI triple in the third...RF Lorenzo Cedrola went 2-3 with an RBI single in the third and an RBI double in the fifth.

VS. WASHINGTON: The Mets will play their fourth of six Grapefruit League games against the Nationals today and their first in West Palm Beach...New York defeated Washington, 6-3, on February 26 and lost to the Nationals, 11-6, on March 3 and , 10-7, on March 11...Last season, the Mets went 14-4 against Washington, their most victories against the Nationals in a single season since the team relocated from Montreal...The Mets first regular season series against Washington will take place from April 25-April 27 at Citi Field.

ON THE WORLD STAGE: INF Francisco Lindor is batting .455 (5-11) with a triple, four RBI and four runs in three games for Team Puerto Rico...RHP Edwin Díaz threw a scoreless inning as part of Team Puerto Rico's eight inning perfect game yesterday against Team Israel...INF Pete Alonso went 0-4 in his WBC debut for Team USA in Sunday's loss to Team Mexico...INF/OF Jeff McNeil went 1-4 on Sunday for Team USA...RHP Adam Ottavino tossed a scoreless inning for USA in relief against Team Mexico...INF Jonathan Araúz went 4-15 with a .421 OBP and three RBI in four WBC games for Team Panama...Minor league RHP Humberto Mejía has tossed 4.0 scoreless innings in two outings (one start) for Team Panama...Baseball Hall of Famer & Mets Hall of Famer Mike Piazza has led Team Italy to the WBC quarterfinals... They will take on Team Japan on Thursday at 6:00 AM in Tokyo.

GET OUT THE TAPE MEASURE: INF Ronny Mauricio has belted four home runs this spring, two of which have traveled 450+ feet...Mauricio's four homers this spring have traveled an average distance of 432 feet.

AMAZIN' DAY: The New York Mets are taking over New York City with the club's first-ever Amazin' Day, an all-day, citywide extravaganza for Mets fans taking place on Saturday, March 25...Fans who wear a Mets hat or any Mets gear will be granted access to several events at iconic NYC institutions, community-focused events, and giveaways throughout the day...With the Mets focused on creating the best fan experience in sports, fans can sign up for the chance to win exclusive ticketed events on Amazin' Day and enter the Amazin' Day Sweepstakes to win the ultimate grand prize starting today...For information and updates on Amazin' Day, please visit Mets.com/AmazinDay or follow the Mets on social media.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: Several of the Mets top prospects are among the major league leaderboard in several offensive categories this spring...Ronny Mauricio is tied for the major league-lead with four home runs...Brett Baty leads the majors in OBP (.516) and is fourth among qualifiers in average (.423) and OPS (1.039)...Baty also ranks 13th in SLG with a .577 mark...Both Baty and Mark Vientos are tied for 11th in the majors this spring with 11 hits...Vientos is tied for 10th in the majors with nine RBI.

T-LO: Tim Lincecum has had an excellent spring and is tied for second in the majors with five doubles and tied for second in runs with nine...Lincecum is fourth in the majors with a .471 OBP, tied for fourth in stolen bases with five, sixth in average with a .379 clip and sixth in OPS with a 1.092 mark.

THE BUCK STARTS HERE: In his first season as Mets skipper, Buck Showalter took home the NL Manager of the Year Award...He led the club to 101 wins and its first playoff berth since 2016...Showalter was also named Manager of the Year in 1994 with the Yankees, 2004 with the Rangers and 2014 with the Orioles...His four Manager of the Year Awards are tied for the most in the award's history with Bobby Cox and Tony La Russa...Showalter ranks 18th all-time and third among active managers with 1,652 managerial wins...Showalter is the first Mets manager to record 100 or more victories in his first season with the club...He joins Yogi Berra as the only managers to guide both the Mets and Yankees into the playoffs.

POLAR POWER: Last season, INF Pete Alonso tied for the major league lead with 131 RBI, the most ever by a Met in a single season...Alonso finished third in the majors with 40 home runs in 2022 and became the first Met ever with multiple seasons of 40 or more home runs...His 146 career home runs are the fourth most by a major leaguer through his first four major league seasons trailing Ralph Kiner (168), Albert Pujols (160) and Eddie Mathews (153)...Alonso ranks seventh in franchise history in home runs...He is three home runs behind Carlos Beltrán and trails Dave Kingman by eight long balls.

GLOBAL GAME: 10 players in major league camp with the Mets will compete in the 2023 World Baseball Classic...INF Pete Alonso, INF/OF Jeff McNeil, RHP Adam Ottavino will play for Team USA...INF Eduardo Escobar and C Omar Narváez will compete for Team Venezuela...RHP Edwin Díaz and INF Francisco Lindor will play for Team Puerto Rico...INF Jonathan Araúz, a non-roster invitee, will compete for Team Panama...Minor leaguers RHP Dominic Hamel (Puerto Rico), RHP Humberto Mejía (Panama), LHP Cam Opp (Great Britain) and RHP Claudio Scotti (Italy) will also participate in the 2023 World Baseball Classic...Baseball Hall of Famer & Mets Hall of Famer Mike Piazza will manage Team Italy...LHP Brooks Raley (USA) and LHP José Quintana (Colombia) were slated to play, but withdrew due to injury.

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES: The 2023 Mets enter Spring Training with several new players on the roster...These include: OF Abraham Almonte (minor league free agent), INF Jonathan Araúz (minor league free agent), RHP Jeff Brigham (trade), OF Lorenzo Cedrola (minor league free agent), RHP Sam Coonrod (waiver claim), RHP Zach Greene (Rule 5 Draft), RHP Elieser Hernández (trade), OF Tim Lincecum (minor league free agent), LHP T.J. McFarland (minor league free agent) INF Danny Mendick (free agent), LHP Zach Muckenhirn (minor league free agent), C Omar Narváez (free agent), INF José Peraza (minor league free agent), OF Tommy Pham (free agent), LHP José Quintana (free agent), LHP Brooks Raley (trade), RHP Denyi Reyes (minor league free agent), RHP Stephen Ridings (waiver claim), RHP David Robertson (free agent), RHP Kodai Senga (free agent), OF DJ Stewart (minor league free agent), RHP William Woods (minor league free agent), RHP Justin Verlander (free agent) and RHP Jimmy Yacabonis (minor league free agent).

HEY NOW, YOU'RE AN ALL-STAR: Last season, INF Pete Alonso, RHP Edwin Díaz, OF Starling Marte and INF/OF Jeff McNeil were selected to play for the National League in the 2022 All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles...The Mets four All-Star selections in 2022 were the most in a season since 2016 (Noah Syndergaard, Yoenis Céspedes, Jeurys Familia and Bartolo Colón)...McNeil started for the National League at second base and was the first Met to start an All-Star Game since David Wright and Matt Harvey both started in the 2013 All-Star Game at Citi Field...McNeil joined Ron Hunt (1964) as the only other Met to start at second base in the All-Star Game.

EXPECTED TO START

LHP DAVID PETERSON: Will appear in his third Grapefruit League game today, second start...In his third season with the Mets, Peterson started a career-high 19 games going 6-5 with a 3.86 ERA (39 ER/91.0 IP)...Also made nine relief appearances, with a 1-0 record and a 3.68 ERA (6 ER/14.2 IP) in that role...Ranked sixth among National League southpaws with a .176 opponent's batting average against lefties...Tallied 126 strikeouts over 105.2 innings, good for a 10.79 SO/9 ratio, ranking ninth in the National League and 14th among major league pitchers with at least 100.0 IP...Reached 200 career strikeouts in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Atlanta on August 6, becoming the 10th pitcher in franchise history to hit that mark in their first 43 games...Owns a career 15-13 record in 53 appearances (43 starts) with a 4.26 ERA, 235 strikeouts and 1.32 WHIP...Had a career-high-tying 10-strikeout performance against Texas on July 1 last season.

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2/27 at STL	2.0	0	0	0	1	3
3/4 at MIA	2.0	0	0	0	2	1

THE BATTING CHAMP IS HERE: Last season, INF/OF Jeff McNeil became the first Met ever to win a major league batting title and joined José Reyes (2011) as the only other Met to win a National League batting title...The two-time All-Star owns a .307 career batting average, the second-best clip by a Met through their first five big league seasons behind David Wright's .309 mark (min. 1,500 AB).

SMILE LIKE YOU MEAN IT: Last season, INF Francisco Lindor set a Mets shortstop record for most RBI in a season with a career-high 107 RBI...The 28-year-old has led all shortstops with 184 home runs since he debuted in 2015...Lindor is one of 11 players to hit 150 or more homers and swipe 100 or more bags since 2015.

METSCELLANEOUS: The Mets finished the 2022 season with a 101-61 record and finished in second place in the National League East...The club clinched their first playoff berth since 2016 and fell to the Padres in the National League Wild Card Series, 2-1.

YES, THE CLOSER: RHP Edwin Díaz won the 2022 Trevor Hoffman NL Relief Pitcher of the Year Award...The two-time All-Star joined Craig Kimbrel as the only pitchers in major league history to win Reliever of the Year in both leagues...Díaz pitched to a 1.31 ERA (9 ER/62.0 IP) and led all major league relievers with 118 strikeouts...His 50.2 strikeout rate was the third-best in major league history for a single season...The right-hander became the 12th pitcher in major league history to strike out at least 100 batters, record 30 or more saves, and sport a sub-1.50 ERA

UPCOMING PITCHING

TUESDAY

1:10 PM vs. Washington

NATIONALS: RHP Cade Cavalli, LHP Anthony Banda, RHP Paolo Espino, LHP José Ferrer, RHP Thad Ward

METS: LHP David Peterson, RHP Sam Coonrod, RHP John Curtiss, LHP Zach Muckenhirn, RHP William Woods

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