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## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (15-6-4) AT NEW YORK METS (10-14-2)

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CLOVER PARK • PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

RHP ANDRE PALLANTE (0-0, 0.00) VS. RHP TYLOR MEGILL (1-1, 3.00)

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy 68th Birthday to former Met Lee Mazilli...We wish him well today.

**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 today...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](https://mets.com/amazinday) or follow the Mets on social media.

**WELCOME:** The Mets have signed RHP Dylan Bundy to a minor league contract...He has appeared in 190 career games (162 starts) and owns a 54-65 record with a 4.74 ERA, including 285 walks and 852 strikeouts...He spent the 2022 season with the Minnesota Twins, going 8-8 with a 4.89 ERA (76 ER/140.0 IP) with 28 walks and 94 strikeouts...Bundy was selected by the Baltimore Orioles with the fourth overall pick in the 2011 First-Year Player Draft.

**YESTERDAY:** The Mets defeated the Rays, 11-2, at Tropicana Field...RHP Max Scherzer allowed two runs over 6.0 IP and struck out 11 batters in route to his second win of the spring...1B Pete Alonso went 2-3 with a three-run homer in the third and a stolen base in the first...C Omar Narváez went 2-3 with a solo home run in the sixth...SS Francisco Lindor went 2-4 with an RBI double in the first and an RBI single in the fourth...LF Mark Canha went 2-4 and plated two runs with a double in the seventh...RHP Dennis Santana and LHP Zack Muckenhirn each threw scoreless innings in relief.

**OPENING DAY MAX:** Manager Buck Showalter announced that RHP Max Scherzer will start for the Mets on Opening Day, March 30 at Miami...This will be Scherzer's seventh career Opening Day start and his first since 2021...The three-time Cy Young Award winner and eight-time All-Star is one of just five pitchers in the Modern Era to record at least three Opening Day outings of at least 10 strikeouts, joining Hall of Famers Randy Johnson (4), Pedro Martínez (3) and Bob Gibson (3), as well as Felix Hernández (3)...Scherzer is the only one to do it in three straight seasons (2018-20)...Baseball Hall of Famer and Mets Hall of FOamer Tom Seaver is the all-time leader in career Opening Day starts with 16 and teammate Justin Verlander is the active leader with 12 career Opening Day starts.

**SMILING IN THE SPRING:** INF Francisco Lindor has had a successful spring both in Grapefruit League play and the World Baseball Classic...In 11 Spring Training games, Lindor has batted .313/.389/.563 with two home runs and six RBI...In the WBC, Lindor batted .450 with six runs and five RBI in five games with Team Puerto Rico.

**POCKET ACES:** Both RHP Max Scherzer and RHP Justin Verlander are among the top of the leader board in several pitching categories this spring...Scherzer is tied for third in strikeouts (25), fifth among qualifiers in ERA with a 1.53 mark and 15th in opponent's batting average (.229)...Verlander is second among qualifiers in opponent's batting average (.145), seventh in WHIP (0.88) and 11th in ERA (2.25).

**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.

**R2B2:** INF Brett Baty has a .325/.460/.885 slashline over 23 games this spring...His .460 OBP ranks sixth in the majors among qualifiers...Baty enters the season as the number 21 prospect in baseball according to MLB Pipeline.

**LUCKY #13:** In 15 games this spring, INF Luis Guillorme has a .324 (12-37) and an .864 OPS...Guillorme has hit safely in four of his last five games, including three consecutive multi-hit efforts from March 17 - March 22...On March 17, Guillorme drove in his first three runs of the spring.

**SPEAKIN EASY:** On Tuesday, the Mets unveiled the Cadillac Club at Payson's, a new and first of its kind exclusive speakeasy membership club to Citi Field...Located inches away from the warning track in right field, The Cadillac Club at Payson's is a hideaway club that will provide fans with a trendy, intimate and up-close space for those looking for a unique ballpark experience. The members only space will feature a private bar with sightlines to the field and elevated dining options...The Cadillac Club at Payson's is a controlled climate club that also features premium lounge style seating, personal flat screen monitors, in-seat storage, personal beverage coolers, an in-stadium concierge, and unique Cadillac touches and finishes throughout...The club is named after Joan Whitney Payson, the Mets first owner and a pioneer...Payson became the first woman to purchase a majority ownership stake in a major league team.

**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.

**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.

**THAT'S MY DJ:** OF DJ Stewart is batting .385/.529/.692 in 18 games this spring...The 29-year-old is tied for 15th in the majors with 11 RBI this spring and five of his 10 hits have gone for extra-bases...On March 19, Stewart hit for the cycle and drove in four runs in the Mets 8-7 loss to the Cardinals...Stewart was the first player to hit for the cycle in Spring Training since former Mets OF Johneshwy Fargas accomplished the feat on March 5, 2020

**WELCOME BACK:** Former Mets pitchers Al Leiter and John Franco will be in camp from March 20-27...A National League All-Star in 2000, Leiter won double-digit games in seven straight years (1998-2004) and ranks in the top 10 in franchise history in wins, innings, strikeouts and quality starts...The Toms River, NJ native will be inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame on June 3 along with LHP Al Leiter and broadcasters Gary Cohen and Howie Rose...Franco spent 14 of his 21 major league season in Queens and is the franchise leader in saves and games pitched...The Brooklyn, NY native was inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame in 2012.

**THAT'S A LOTTA HARDWARE:** With Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer, the 2023 Mets are the third team in major league history to boast multiple three-time Cy Young award winners on their roster in the same season, joining the 1986 White Sox (Tom Seaver and Steve Carlton) and the 2021 Dodgers (Scherzer and Clayton Kershaw).

### EXPECTED TO START

**RHP TYLOR MEGILL:** Will make his fifth Grapefruit League appearance today and his third start...Posted a record of 8-8 with a 4.73 ERA (72 ER/137.0 IP) and 150 strikeouts over two seasons with the Mets...Earned his first career Opening Day start on April 7 at Washington...Entering the game, his 89.2 career innings pitched were the fewest of any Mets Opening Day starter...Became the third starter in club history to not allow a run or a walk on Opening Day (Tom Seaver in 1972, Noah Syndergaard in 2017)...Threw the first 5.0 innings of MLB's first no-hitter of the 2022 season on April 29, 2022 vs. Philadelphia at Citi Field...Registered the second-longest scoreless innings streak of his career from September 24, 2021-April 17, 2022 (17.1 IP)...Made his major league debut on June 23, 2021 with the Mets...Selected by the Mets in the eighth round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/1 at MIA	2.0	2	1	1	0	0
3/7 at HOU	2.1	1	0	0	2	3
3/13 at MIA	4.0	2	0	0	1	3
3/19 vs. STL	3.0	6	6	3	5	2

**THE PEN IS MIGHTIER:** Several Mets relievers have had stellar springs so far...RHP Tommy Hunter has not allowed a run in 8.0 innings and has recorded nine strikeouts...RHP Drew Smith has allowed one earned run and has struck out 11 batters over 6.0 innings this spring...RHP John Curtiss has allowed two earned runs on four hits over 6.2 innings in Grapefruit League play... RHP Jimmy Yacabonis has allowed two runs over 7.0 innings...RHP Jeff Brigham has allowed three runs and has 10 strikeouts in 7.2 innings of work...LHP Zach Muckenhirn has yet to allow an earned run in 6.0 innings.

**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.

**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, Yoanis 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.

### UPCOMING PITCHING

#### SATURDAY

6:10 PM vs. St. Louis

**CARDINALS:** RHP Andre Pallante

**METS:** RHP Tylor Megill, RHP David Peterson

#### SUNDAY

4:10 PM vs. Miami

**MARLINS:** LHP Braxton Garrett

**METS:** TBA

