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HOUSTON ASTROS (9-8) AT NEW YORK METS (8-8)
MARCH 13, 2024 - 6:10 PM
CLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FLs
RHP CRISTIAN JAVIER (2-0, 3.00) VS. RHP LUIS SEVERINO (1-0, 0.00)
SNY



PREVIOUSLY ON...: Yesterday, the Mets fell to the Washington Nationals, 4-1, in West Palm Beach...LHP Jose Quintana tossed 4.0 scoreless innings in his third start of the spring...RHP Reed Garrett threw 2.0 scoreless innings in relief...OF Starling Marte drove in the lone run for the Mets after drawing a bases loaded walk in the fourth.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to former Met, Johan Santana...We wish him well today.

VS HOUSTON: Tonight, the Mets will play their fourth Grapefruit League game against the Astros...Houston has taken two out of three against the Mets so far this spring...The previous game between the two clubs, March 6 at Houston, was canceled due to rain...Last season, the Mets dropped their lone series against Houston, going 1-2 in a three-game set at Minute Maid Park in June, despite outscoring the 'Stros, 21-15 in the series...This season, the Mets will host Houston for a three-game series to finish off the June portion of their schedule, June 28-30 at Citi Field...Will be just the second series between Houston and New York in Queens in the last 10 years.

SOUND THE TRUMPETS: On March 11 vs. Miami, RHP Edwin Díaz struck out the side in his first game since suffering a season-ending ruptured patella tendon in March of 2023...In 2022, Díaz was named the Trevor Hoffman National League Relief Pitcher of the Year after posting a 1.31 ERA (9 ER/62.0 IP) with 32 saves and 118 strikeouts...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...A two-time All-Star, Díaz has pitched to a 2.93 ERA (130 ER/399.1 IP) and has recorded 205 saves over seven major league seasons.

SPRING BREAKOUT: On March 15, the top prospects from the Mets will take on the top prospects from the Nationals at Clover Park in the inaugural edition of MLB Spring Breakout...First pitch is at 3:10 PM and will be televised on SNY, MLB Digital and ESPN+...After the game, players from both teams will sign autographs on the Clover Park concourses for an hour...As an effort to showcase the top minor league ballplayers, 16 Spring Breakout games will take place from March 14-17 in Arizona and Florida.

MENDOZA LINES: Carlos Mendoza will begin his first season as the 25th manager in franchise history...The 44-year-old spent the previous 15 seasons with the Yankees organization, including the last four as the club's bench coach...From 2018-2019, Mendoza served as the Yankees' quality control coach...Prior to joining the big league coaching staff, Mendoza served as a manager and coach in the Yankees farm system...A native of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, Mendoza is the second full-time Venezuelan-born manager in big league history, joining Ozzie Guillén.

EXTRA EXTRA: This spring, Pete Alonso is tied for the major league-lead with seven extra-base hits...Five of Alonso's seven extra-base hits have been doubles, tied for the second-most in the majors...Among qualifiers, Alonso ranks fifth in the majors in SLG (.692) and eighth in OPS (1.079)

ATTABOY ALVAREZ: In his rookie season, Francisco Alvarez slugged 25 home runs, the third-most by a Mets rookie trailing only Pete Alonso (2019) and Darryl Strawberry (1983)...Alvarez's 25 home runs last season were the second-most ever by a catcher age 21 or younger only behind Hall of Famer Johnny Bench (26, 1969)...Research courtesy of Sarah Langs...The Guatire, Venezuela native was named National League Rookie of the month for July.

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES: The 2024 Mets enter the season with several new players on the roster...These include: free agent signings OF Harrison Bader, LHP Jake Diekman, RHP Shintaro Fujinami, RHP Jorge López, LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Luis Severino, RHP Michael Tonkin and INF Joey Wendle; trade acquisitions RHP Adrian Houser, RHP Yohan Ramirez and OF Tyrone Taylor; waiver claims RHP Max Kranick and INF Zack Short; and minor league free agents: RHP Austin Adams, C Austin Allen, INF Rylan Bannon, INF Ji-Man Choi, RHP Kyle Crick, OF Ben Gamel, INF Jose Iglesias, OF Taylor Kohlwey, RHP Cam Robinson, INF Yolmer Sánchez, RHP Chad Smith, RHP Cole Sulser, OF Trayce Thompson, INF Luke Voit and LHP Danny Young.

B.A.T.TER UP: The Baseball Assistance Team (B.A.T) named the New York Mets as the National League recipient of the Bobby Murcer Award for leading all NL clubs in donations during the organization's annual Spring Training Fundraising Tour...The award is named after former B.A.T. Chairman and All-Star outfielder Bobby Murcer who helped launch the tour...B.A.T raised a record \$4.3 million during their 2024 Spring Training Fundraising Tour thanks to contributions from 1700 major & minor League players, coaches and front office staff members among all 30 MLB Clubs.

POLAR POWER: Pete Alonso finished the 2023 season third in the majors in homers (46) and second in RBI (118)...He became the fifth player in major league history with three or more seasons of 40 or more homers in their first five years, joining Ralph Kiner (four), Ryan Howard, Albert Pujols and Eddie Mathews (three each)...His 192 career home runs are the most in the majors since his MLB debut in 2019 and are the third-most in major league history by a player in their first five major league seasons trailing Kiner (215) and Pujols (201)...Alonso currently ranks tied for fourth with Howard Johnson on the Mets all-time home run list...Mike Piazza is next (220).

ARMS APLENTY: Through 16 games this spring, Mets pitchers have posted a 2.64 ERA (40 ER/136.1 IP), the best mark in the majors...The staff's 116 WHIP also leads the majors...Mets relievers lead the majors in bullpen ERA with a 2.84 (30 ER/95.0 IP) clip...Mets starters have posted a 2.18 ERA (10 ER/41.1 IP), also the lowest such mark in the majors...Over the last seven games, Mets starters have combined to allow one earned run over 241 innings.

THE CREAM OF THE CROP: MLB Pipeline revealed their top 30 Mets prospects for the 2024 season...Several prospects on this year's edition began the spring major league camp...They are: INF Jett Williams (No. 1), OF Drew Gilbert (No. 2), INF Luisangel Acuña (No. 3), RHP Christian Scott (No. 5), C Kevin Parada (No. 9), RHP Mike Vasil (No. 11), RHP Dominic Hamel (No. 14), OF Alex Ramirez (No. 16) and LHP Nate Lavender (No. 24)...The following members from the club's 2023 Draft Class made the list: INF Colin Houck (No. 7), RHP Brandon Sproat (No. 13), TWP Nolan McLean (No. 19) and INF Boston Baro (No. 25).

WELCOME BACK: Former Mets INF Edgardo Alfonzo will be in camp from March 4 -13...Alfonzo played in Queens from 1995-2002 and was a National League All-Star in 2000...A 1999 Silver Slugger Award winner, Alfonzo slashed .292/.367/.445 with 120 home runs and RBI in 1,086 career games with the Mets...He was elected into the Mets Hall of Fame in 2021

STEAL THIS ALBUM: The Mets led the major leagues in 2023 with an 88.7% success rate in stolen bases...The team stole 118 bases in 133 attempts...It's the highest success rate in Mets history...The previous high was 82.3% which was accomplished in 2004...From May 11-June 29 the Mets stole a franchise-record 35 consecutive bases.

EXPECTED TO START

RHP LUIS SEVERINO: Will make his third start of the spring today...Severino has not allowed a run over 5.0 innings through his first two starts...On December 1, 2023, the Mets inked Severino to a one-year contract...The right-hander spent his first eight big league seasons with the Yankees and went 54-37 with a 3.79 ERA (306 ER/727.1 IP) and 788 strikeouts over 141 games (125 starts)...Last season, Severino went 4-8 with a 6.65 ERA (66 ER/89.1 IP) over 19 outings...Severino began the 2023 season on the IL with a right lat strain and returned to the IL on September 9 with a left upper body injury and missed the remainder of the season...From 2019-2021, Severino appeared in seven games as he was limited by injury and missed the entire 2020 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery...In 2017 and 2018, Severino was named an American League All-Star...He finished third in the AL Cy Young vote in 2017 and ninth in 2018...During that time frame, Severino's 450 strikeouts were the eighth-most in the majors, while his 3.18 ERA (136 ER/384.2 IP) was the 11th-lowest in the league...Severino made his major league debut in 2015 and pitched to a 2.89 ERA (20 ER/62.1 IP) over 11 starts that season...A native of Sabana de La Mar, Dominican Republic, Severino was signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent on December 26, 2011.

3/1 @ STL	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/8 @ MIA	3.0	4	0	0	0	4

CLOVER PARK: The Mets will call Clover Park home for their 36th season...Opened in 1988, Clover Park seats 7,000 fans and also serves as the regular season home to the Mets Class-A affiliate St. Lucie Mets...The ballpark also donned the name Thomas J. White Stadium (1988-2004), Tradition Field (2004-2009, 2012-2016), Digital Domain Park (2010-2012) and First Data Field (2017-2019).

TYLOR THE CREATOR: In four Grapefruit League outings (three starts), RHP Tylor Megill has posted a 1.50 ERA (2 ER/12.0 IP)...His 15 strikeouts this spring are tied for the fifth-most in the majors...Megill started the Mets Grapefruit League opener on February 24 vs. St. Louis and allowed one run over 2.0 innings...Over his last three outings, Megill has allowed one run over 10.0 innings and has 12 strikeouts.

UPCOMING PITCHING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
6:10 PM vs. Houston

METS: RHP Luis Severino, LHP Jake Diekman, RHP Shintaro Fujinami, RHP Drew Smith

ASTROS: RHP Cristian Javier, RHP Bryan Abreu, RHP Dylan Coleman, LHP Josh Hader, RHP Cole McDonald, RHP Rafael Montero, RHP Ryan Pressly

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
1:05 PM at St. Louis

METS: RHP José Butto, RHP Austin Adams, RHP Jorge López, LHP Brooks Raley, RHP Yohan Ramirez

CARDINALS: TBA

2024 SPRING RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT/LOCATION	SCORE/TIME/TV/RADIO	WP	LP	SV	RECORD
2/24	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	L, 10-5	Thompson (1-0)	Megill (0-1)		0-1
2/25	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-1	Burtto (1-0)	Bielak (0-1)	Santos (1)	1-1
2/26	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	W, 6-3	Kranick (1-0)	Garcia (0-1)	Suarez (1)	2-1
2/27	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	W, 7-1	Ríos (1-0)	Simpson (0-1)		3-1
2/28	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-0	Battenfield (1-0)	Romero (0-1)	Ramos (1)	4-1
2/29	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	L, 2-1	Blanco (2-0)	Quintana (0-1)	Henley (1)	4-2
3/1	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	L, 3-2	Liberatore (1-0)	Tidwell (1-0)	Fernandez (1)	4-3
3/2	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	L, 4-1	Pérez (1-0)	Manaea (0-1)	Montverde (1)	4-4
3/3	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	L, 5-2 (6)	Urquidy (1-0)	Houser (0-1)		4-5
3/4	OFF					4-5
3/5	New York Yankees/Port St. Lucie	W, 5-4				5-5
3/6	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	Canceled	Megill (1-1)	De Los Santos (0-1)	Ramírez (1)	5-5
3/7	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-1	Diekman (1-0)	Bleier (0-1)	Hartwig (1)	6-5
3/8	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	W, 3-1	Severino (1-0)	Pérez (1-1)	Rios (1)	7-5
3/9	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	W, 9-3	Manaea (1-0)	Matz (0-1)		8-5
3/10	Detroit Tigers/Port St. Lucie	L, 3-2	Madden (1-0)	Fujinami (0-1)	Guenther (1)	8-6
3/11	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	L, 1-0	Rogers (1-0)	Megill (1-2)	Maldonado (1)	8-7
3/12	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	L, 4-1	La Sorsa (1-0)	Lucchesi (0-1)		8-8
3/13	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	6:10 p.m./SNY				
3/14	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	1:05 p.m.				
3/15	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	6:10 p.m./SNY				
3/16	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	6:05 p.m./WCBS 880				
3/17	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	1:05 p.m./WCBS 880				
	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./PIX 11				
3/18	OFF					
3/19	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	6:10 p.m./SNY				
3/20	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	1:10 p.m.				
3/21	Detroit Tigers/Lakeland	1:05 p.m.				
3/22	New York Yankees/Tampa	1:10 p.m./WCBS 880				
3/23	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880/92.3 HD2				
3/24	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./PIX 11/WCBS 880/92.3 HD2				
	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	1:10 p.m.				
3/25	New York Yankees/Tampa	1:05 p.m.				

METS PITCHING - LAST THREE GAMES

#54 AUSTIN ADAMS - RHP							#35 ADRIAN HOUSER - RHP							#25 BROOKS RALEY - LHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/29 @ HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	2/27 vs. MIA	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/2 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/5 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	3/3 vs. HOU	1.2	4	3	3	1	2	3/11 vs. MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/10 vs. DET	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	3/10 vs. DET	3.1	0	0	0	0	5							
#50 PHIL BICKFORD - RHP							#52 JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP							#46 YOHAN RAMÍREZ - RHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/5 vs. NYY	1.0	4	3	3	0	0	3/2 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2/29 @ HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/11 vs. MIA	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	3/7 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/5 vs. NYY	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
							3/10 vs. DET	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	3/8 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
#70 JOSÉ BUTTÓ - RHP							#47 JOEY LUCCHESI - LHP							#71 SEAN REID-FOLEY - RHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/25 vs. HOU	2.0	3	0	0	0	1	3/12 @ WAS	1.1	4	4	4	1	0	3/1 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/2 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	2							3/5 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	
3/8 @ MIA	3.0	3	1	1	0	3	3/12 @ WAS						3/9 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	
#39 EDWIN DÍAZ - RHP							#59 SEAN MANAEA - LHP							#49 YACKSEL RÍOS - RHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/11 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	3/2 @ MIA	2.2	7	3	3	0	3	2/24 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
							3/9 @ STL	4.0	2	0	0	3	5	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
													3/8 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	
#30 JAKE DIEKMANN - LHP							#38 TYLOR MEGILL							#40 LUIS SEVERINO - RHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/3 vs. HOU	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	2/29 @ HOU	3.0	2	0	0	0	4	3/1 @ STL	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/7 vs. WAS	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3/5 vs. NYY	3.0	0	0	0	2	6	3/8 @ MIA	3.0	4	0	0	0	4
3/10 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/11 vs. MIA	4.0	3	1	1	0	2							
#19 SHINTARO FUJINAMI - RHP							#0 ADAM OTTAVINO - RHP							#33 DREW SMITH - RHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/7 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/7 vs. WAS	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	3/5 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/10 vs. DET	0.2	3	2	1	1	1	3/10 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	3/11 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
#75 REED GARRETT - RHP							#62 JOSE QUINTANA - LHP							#45 COLE SULSER - RHP						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/28 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	2/29 @ HOU	1.2	2	2	2	3	1	2/29 @ HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/8 @ MIA	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	3/7 vs. WAS	3.0	4	1	0	0	6	3/3 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/12 @ WAS	2.0	0	0	0	1	3	3/12 @ WAS	4.0	2	0	0	1	2	3/10 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
#82 AUSTIN ALLEN - C							#11 JOSE IGLESIAS - INF							#98 HAYDEN SENDER - C						
Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
3/5 vs. NYY	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/8 @ MIA	4	2	0	0	1	0	3/5 vs. NYY	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/7 vs. WAS	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/11 vs. MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/8 @ MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/9 @ STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/12 @ WAS	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/10 vs. DET	2	0	0	0	0	0
#20 PETE ALONSO - INF							#12 FRANCISCO LINDOR - INF							#74 ZACK SHORT - INF						
Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
3/8 @ MIA	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/9 @ STL	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/8 @ MIA	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/10 vs. DET	3	1	1	0	0	0	3/10 vs. DET	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/10 vs. DET	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/12 @ WAS	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/11 vs. MIA	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/12 @ WAS	3	1	0	0	0	0
#44 HARRISON BADER - OF							#2 OMAR NARVÁEZ - C							#29 DJ STEWART - OF						
Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
3/9 @ STL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/9 @ STL	2	1	0	0	0	0	3/8 @ MIA	4	0	0	0	0	0
3/10 vs. DET	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/9 @ STL	2	0	0	0	0	1	3/10 vs. DET	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/11 vs. MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/12 @ HOU	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/11 vs. MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0
#22 BRETT BATY - INF							#9 BRANDON NIMMO - OF													