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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (0-0-0) AT NEW YORK METS (0-0-0) FEBRUARY 24, 2023 - 1:10 PM CLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FL LHP ZACK THOMPSON (0-0, -.-) VS. RHP TYLOR MEGILL (0-0, -.-) SNY- WCBS 880



IT'S GRAPE TO BE BACK: The Mets open up Grapefruit League play today at Clover Park against the St. Louis Cardinals...The squad will play a total of 31 Spring Training games from February 24-March 25 before opening up the regular season on March 28 vs. the Milwaukee Brewers at Citi Field.

VS. CARDINALS: Today, the Mets will play their first of six Grapefruit League games against the Cardinals... Last season, the Mets won the season series over St. Louis, 4-3, and outscored the Cardinals 43-26...The Mets will take on the Cardinals from April 26-28 at Citi Field and from May 6-8 at Busch Stadium.

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.

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).

MR SMILE: Last season, Francisco Lindor became the Mets' fourth member of the 30-30 club (also, David Wright, Howard Johnson and Darryl Strawberry) as he established a career-high with 31 stolen bases to pair with his 31 home runs...He joined Barry Larkin (1996), Álex Rodríguez (1998), Jimmy Rollins (2007), Hanley Ramírez (2008) and Bobby Witt Jr. (2023) as the only shortstops in major league history with a 30-30 season...The 30-year-old was among National League leaders in stolen bases (31, t-seventh), plate appearances (687, t-11th), hit by pitches (12, t-13th), RBI, (98, 14th), home runs (31, 14th), extra-base hits (66, t-14th), total bases (283, 15th) and doubles (33, t-16th last season).

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).

INVADER NIM: Last season, Brandon Nimmo established career highs in many offensive categories including, games played (152), hits (162), homers (24), XBH (60) and RBI (68)...Nimmo's six triples were tied for eighth in the NL and his 13 triples since 2022 are tied for the most in the NL during that span...Since 2018, Nimmo has sported a .382 OBP, the fifth-highest mark in the NL and the 10th-highest mark in the majors during that time frame (min. 2000 plate appearances...His 24 home runs from the lead-off spot were the tied with Tommie Agee (1970) for the second-most by a Met in a single season.

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 after batting .275/.351/.623 with eight home runs and 16 RBI.

DOC AND DARRYL: This season the Mets will retire Dwight Gooden's #16 and Darryl Strawberry's #18... Gooden will be honored in a pregame ceremony on April 14, while Strawberry will be honored prior to June 2's game...Gooden won the 1984 NL Rookie of the Year Award while setting a major league rookie record with 276 strikeouts and was the youngest player ever named to an All-Star team at age 19... In 1985 Doc became the youngest pitcher ever to win Cy Young honors when he captured the "Triple Crown" of pitching, leading the majors in wins (24), strikeouts (268) and ERA (1.53)...Gooden was inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame in 2010 and ranks second in franchise history in wins (157) and strikeouts (1,875)...Strawberry was a seven-time All-Star with the Mets and earned National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1983...He is the Mets all-time leader in home runs (252), ranks second in RBI (733) and walks (580), third in extra-base hits (469) and runs (662) and fourth in slugging (.520)... Strawberry was also elected to the Mets Hall of Fame in 2010.

SPEAKING OF STRAW: Darryl Strawberry will be a guest instructor in camp from February 26-March 2.

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 Ramírez 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.

THREE'S COMPANY: The 2023 Mets tied a franchise record with three players recording at least 25 homers (Pete Alonso, Francisco Lindor and Francisco Alvarez)...Carlos Beltrán, Carlos Delgado, David Wright accomplished the feat in 2006 and 2008... The Mets also did it in 1999 (Edgardo Alfonzo, Mike Piazza, Robin Ventura) and 1987 (Howard Johnson, Kevin McReynolds, Darryl Strawberry).

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.

LINDOR'S CLINIC: Francisco Lindor will host a baseball clinic on Sunday, February 25 starting at 3 p.m. at Clover Park...As part of his continual philanthropic efforts, Lindor will teach 50 children from Port St. Lucie the fundamentals of the game while inspiring them to have fun and exemplify sportsmanship.

EXPECTED TO START

RHP TYLOR MEGILL: Will make his first start of the spring today...Last season, Megill went 9-8 with a 4.70 ERA (66 ER/162.1 IP) over a career-high 25 starts...The right-hander also established career highs in innings, strikeouts (105) and quality starts (six)...On April 7, the Mets home opener vs. Miami, Megill threw 6.0 scoreless innings and allowed three hits...Megill joined Tom Seaver (April 5, 1983) as the only other pitcher in franchise history to throw 6.0 shutout innings and allow three hits or fewer in a home opener...Courtesy of Elias...The 6-7, 230-pounder had a strong finish to the 2023 season, allowing three runs or fewer in each of his final eight starts of the season...During that span, Megill pitched to a 3.00 ERA (15 ER/45.0 IP), the fifth-best mark in the NL (min. 45.0 IP)...In September, Megill posted a 2.76 ERA (9 ER/29.1 IP), the ninth-best mark in the NL during the month (min. 25.0 IP)...In his final start of the 2023 season, September 30 vs. Philadelphia, Megill tossed a career-high 7.1 innings.

OUR PROSPECTS ARE GOOD: New York enters the season with four prospects in *MLB Pipeline's* top 100...Three of the four are here in major league camp with the Mets...They are: INF Jett Williams (No. 45), OF Drew Gilbert (No. 53) and INF Luisangel Acuña (No. 66)...The other is OF Ryan Clifford (No. 97)... Williams was a first-round selection (14th overall) by the Mets in 2022 and was named the Mets Player Development Hitter of the Year last season as a 19-year-old...Gilbert, Acuña and Clifford all joined the organization last summer via trade...Acuña was acquired from Texas in exchange for Max Scherzer... Gilbert and Clifford came to New York in the Justin Verlander deal with Houston.

THE CREAM OF THE CROP: Seven of New York's top 10 prospects (according to *Baseball America*) are in camp with the big league club...In addition to Williams, Gilbert and Acuña, RHP Christian Scott, RHP Mike Vasil and C Kevin Parada are participating in major league spring training (INF Ronny Mauricio, on the 60-Day IL recovering from a torn right ACL, is in Port St. Lucie as well).

UPCOMING PITCHING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
1:10 PM vs. St Louis

CARDINALS: RHP Adam Kloffenstein, RHP Victor Santos, RHP Andre Pallante, RHP Nick Robertson, RHP Riley O'Brien

METS: RHP Tylor Megill, RHP Reed Garrett, LHP Josh Walker, RHP Yacksel Rios, LHP Nate Lavender

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
1:10 PM vs. Houston

ASTROS: RHP Brandon Bielak, RHP AJ Blubaugh, RHP Rhett Kouba, RHP Joel Kuhnel

METS: RHP José Buttó, RHP Cole Sulser, LHP Danny Young, RHP Austin Adams, RHP Yohan Ramírez

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
1:05 PM at Washington

METS: RHP Max Kranick, RHP Cam Robinson, RHP Eric Orze, RHP Sean Reid-Foley

NATIONALS: RHP Josiah Gray, RHP Cole Henry, LHP Mitchell Parker, LHP Jose A. Ferrer, LHP Robert Garcia, RHP Tanner Rainey, RHP Thaddeus Ward

2024 SPRING RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT/LOCATION	SCORE/TIME/TV/RADIO	WP	LP	SV	RECORD
2/24	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880				
2/25	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./PIX 11				
2/26	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	1:05 p.m.				
2/27	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY				
2/28	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY				
2/29	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	6:05 p.m.				
3/1	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	1:05 p.m.				
3/2	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	1:10 p.m./WCBS 880				
3/3	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880				
3/4	OFF					
3/5	New York Yankees/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./ESPN				
3/6	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach					
3/7	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	6:10 p.m./SNY				
3/8	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	6:40 p.m.				
3/9	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	1:05 p.m./WCBS 880				
3/10	Detroit Tigers/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY				
3/11	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	6:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880				
3/12	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	6:05 p.m.				
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/ESPN 1050				
3/24	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./PIX 11/WCBS 880/ESPN 1050				
	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	1:10 p.m.				
3/25	New York Yankees/Tampa	1:05 p.m.				

METS PITCHING -

Date/Opp	Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#54 AUSTIN ADAMS - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#50 PHIL BICKFORD - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#70 JOSÉ BUTTÓ - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#55 KYLE CRICK - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#39 EDWIN DÍAZ - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#30 JAKE DIEKMANN - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#19 SHINTARO FUJINAMI - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#75 REED GARRETT - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#93 DOMINIC HAMEL - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#56 GRANT HARTWIG - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#35 ADRIAN HOUSER - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#32 MAX KRANICK - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#94 NATE LAVENDER - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#52 JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#47 JOEY LUCCHESI - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#59 SEAN MANAEA - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#38 TYLOR MEGILL	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#92 ERIC ORZE - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#0 ADAM OTTAVINO - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#62 JOSE QUINTANA - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#25 BROOKS RALEY - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#46 YOHAN RAMÍREZ - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#71 SEAN REID-FOLEY - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#49 YACKSEL RÍOS - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#88 CAM ROBINSON - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#96 CHRISTIAN SCOTT - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#40 LUIS SEVERINO - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#53 CHAD SMITH - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#33 DREW SMITH - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#45 COLE SULSER - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#51 MICHAEL TONKIN - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#97 MIKE VASIL - RHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#91 JOSH WALKER - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Date/Opp	#81 DANNY YOUNG - LHP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K

METS HITTING

Date/Opp	Hitter	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#73 LUISANGEL ACUÑA - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#82 AUSTIN ALLEN - C	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#20 PETE ALONSO - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#4 FRANCISCO ALVAREZ - C	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#44 HARRISON BADER - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#58 RYLAN BANNON - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#22 BRETT BATY - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#26 JI-MAN CHOI - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#21 BEN GAMEL - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#89 DREW GILBERT - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#11 JOSE IGLESIAS - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#57 TAYLOR KOHLWEY - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#12 FRANCISCO LINDOR - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#6 STARLING MARTE - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#1 JEFF McNEIL - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#2 OMAR NARVÁEZ - C	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#3 TOMÁS NIDO - C	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#9 BRANDON NIMMO - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#95 KEVIN PARADA - C	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#72 ALEX RAMÍREZ - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#83 YOLMER SÁNCHEZ - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#98 HAYDEN SENGER - C	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#74 ZACK SHORT - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#29 DJ STEWART - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#15 TYRONE TAYLOR - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#43 TRAYCE THOMPSON - OF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#27 MARK VIENTOS - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#99 LUKE VOIT - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#13 JOEY WENDLE - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R
Date/Opp	#90 JETT WILLIAMS - INF	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R