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## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (12-6-1) AT NEW YORK METS (9-11-1)

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CLOVER PARK • PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

RHP DAKOTA HUDSON (0-0, 1.80) VS. LHP DAVID PETERSON (0-0, 0.00)

SNY- WCBS 880



**YESTERDAY:** The Mets defeated the Astros, 2-0, in West Palm Beach...RHP Max Scherzer struck out eight batters over 7.0 shutout innings...3B Mark Vientos put the Mets on the board with a sacrifice fly in the fourth...DH Tim Lincecum hit a solo home run in the seventh, his first of the spring...RHP Drew Smith and RHP Tommy Hunter combined to 2.0 scoreless innings out of the bullpen.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy 25th Birthday to RHP José Butto...We wish him well today.

**ROSTER MOVES:** OF Abraham Almonte, OF Lorenzo Cedro, OF Jaylin Davis, C Hayden Senger, RHP William Woods have been reassigned to minor league camp...LHP Joey Lucchesi and INF Ronny Mauricio have been optioned to Triple-A Syracuse.

**ON THE WORLD STAGE:** INF Pete Alonso recorded his first hit of the WBC for Team USA with a pinch-hit single against Team Venezuela yesterday...RHP Adam Ottavino has tossed 2.0 hitless innings with three strikeouts in two appearances for Team USA...INF Francisco Lindor batted .450 (9-20) with a triple, six RBI and six runs in five games for Team Puerto Rico...INF Eduardo Escobar hit a solo home run for Team Venezuela in their victory over Team Israel on March 15...INF Jonathan Araúz went 4-15 with a .421 OBP and three RBI in four games for Team Panama...Minor league RHP Humberto Mejía tossed 4.0 scoreless innings in two outings (one start) for Team Panama...Baseball Hall of Famer & Mets Hall of Famer Mike Piazza led Team Italy to a quarterfinal appearance.

**TOMÁS THE TANK ENGINE:** C Tomás Nido has a .344/.364/.688 slashline in 11 games this spring...Five of Nido's 11 hits this spring have gone for extra-bases, including three home runs...The 28-year-old has hit safely in nine of 11 Grapefruit League games.

**THE PEN IS MIGHTIER:** Several Mets relievers have had stellar springs so far...RHP Jimmy Yacabonis and RHP Tommy Hunter each have not allowed a run in 6.0 innings...RHP John Curtiss has allowed one earned run on three hits over 6.0 innings in Grapefruit League play...Drew Smith has allowed one earned run on four hits over 5.0 innings this spring...RHP Jeff Brigham has allowed two runs with eight strikeouts in 6.2 innings of work...LHP Zach Muckenhirn has yet to allow an earned run in 4.2 innings.

**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 third in the majors with four home runs...Brett Baty ranks second among qualifiers in OBP (.500), fifth in average (.382) and 14th in OPS (1.000)...Mark Vientos is tied for 10th in the majors with 10 RBI.

**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.

**T-LO:** Tim Lincecum has had an excellent spring and is among the major league lead in several offensive categories...Lincecum is tied for second in runs (10), tied for third in stolen bases (6), tied for fourth in doubles (5), fifth in OBP (.444), eighth in OPS (1.049) and 13th in SLG (.605).

**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 Cedro (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).

**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.

### EXPECTED TO START

**LHP DAVID PETERSON:** Will appear in his fourth Grapefruit League game today, third start...The lefty has nine strikeouts over 8.0 hitless innings this spring...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.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/27 at STL	2.0	0	0	0	1	3
3/4 at MIA	2.0	0	0	0	2	1
3/14 vs. WAS	4.0	0	0	0	1	5

**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.

**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).

**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).

### UPCOMING PITCHING

**SUNDAY**  
1:10 PM vs. St. Louis

**CARDINALS:** RHP Dakota Hudson

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

**MONDAY**  
6:05 PM at Washington

**METS:** TBA

**NATIONALS:** LHP Patrick Corbin

