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NEW YORK METS (9-12-1) AT WASHINGTON NATIONALS (10-9)

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BALLPARK OF THE PALM BEACHES • WEST PALM BEACH, FL

RHP JUSTIN VERLANDER (2-0, 1.59) VS. LHP PATRICK CORBIN (0-2, 5.63)



YESTERDAY: The Mets fell to the Cardinals, 8-7, at Clover Park...LF DJ Stewart went 4-4 with four RBI and hit for the cycle...Stewart's four RBI came via a two-run triple in the first and a two-run homer in the seventh...SS Danny Mendick slugged a lead off homer in the bottom of the first...LHP David Peterson started and allowed one hit over 4.0 scoreless innings...The southpaw has yet to allow a run through 12.0 innings this spring...RF Starling Marte went 3-4 and 2B Luis Guillorme went 2-4 with a pair of doubles and a run.

THE CYCLE OF LIFE: Yesterday, OF DJ Stewart went 4-4 and hit for the cycle...Stewart laced a two-run triple in the first, lined a single in the third, doubled in the fifth and completed the cycle with a two-run homer in the seventh...The last player to hit for the cycle in a spring training game was also a Met, OF Johneshwy Fargas, who accomplished the feat on March 5, 2020...INF Eduardo Escobar became the 11th player in franchise history to hit for the cycle last season on June 6 at San Diego.

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 seasons 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.

ON THE WORLD STAGE: Yesterday, INF Pete Alonso went 1-4 with an RBI single and Jeff McNeil went 0-1 with two walks and two runs in Team USA's semifinal victory over Team Cuba...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.

THAT'S MY DJ: OF DJ Stewart is batting .435/.581/.783 in 14 games this spring...The 29-year-old is tied for sixth in the majors with 11 RBI this spring and five of his 10 hits have gone for extra-bases.

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 (.478), fifth in average (.351) and 14th in OPS (.937)...Mark Vientos is tied for sixth 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 third in OPS (1.049), tied for third in stolen bases (six), fourth in OBP (.444), tied for sixth in doubles (five), tied for seventh in runs (10), eighth in SLG (.605) and tied for ninth among qualifiers in average (.342).

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.

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.

EXPECTED TO START

RHP JUSTIN VERLANDER: Will make his fourth start of the spring tonight...Verlander signed a two-year deal through 2024 this offseason...Had 28 starts with Houston last season and went 18-4 with a 1.75 ERA (34 ER/175.0 IP), a league-best 0.83 WHIP and 185 strikeouts, earning his third Cy Young Award of his career...The 40-year-old was awarded Comeback Player of the Year last year and made First Team All-MLB for the second time in his career...The 2011 MVP and nine-time All Star is one of 19 pitchers all-time to tally 3,000 career strikeouts and ranks 12th in the category all-time as the active leader with 3,198 punchouts...The 17-year veteran has a 244-133 record with a 3.24 ERA (1139 ER/3163.0 IP) in 482 career starts...Is the active leader in career wins (244), quality starts (327) and all-time leader in postseason strikeouts (230)...Is one of 17 pitchers in major league history to record 3,000.0 career innings pitched and 3,000 strikeouts.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/4 at MIA	3.0	2	1	1	0	3
3/10 vs. HOU	3.1	3	1	1	0	5
3/15 vs. STL	5.0	1	0	0	0	8

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).

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.

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

MONDAY

6:05 PM at Washington

METS: RHP Justin Verlander, RHP John Curtiss, RHP Dennis Santana, RHP Drew Smith, RHP Jimmy Yacabonis

NATIONALS: LHP Patrick Corbin

TUESDAY- OFF

WEDNESDAY

1:10 PM vs. Houston

ASTROS: TBA

METS: TBA

2023 SPRING RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT/LOCATION	SCORE/TIME/TV/RADIO	WP	LP	SV	RECORD
2/25	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	L, 4-2	Ruppenthal (1-0)	Muckenhirn (0-1)	None	0-1
2/26	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	W, 5-2	Brigham (1-0)	Chargois (0-1)	Lavender (1)	1-1
	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	W, 6-3	Coonrod (1-0)	Perez (0-1)	None	2-1
2/27	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	L, 12-7	Walsh (1-0)	Chacin (0-1)	None	2-2
2/28	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	L, 8-4	Garcia (1-0)	Quintana (0-1)	None	2-3
3/1	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	W, 8-4	Raley (1-0)	Gonzalez (0-1)	None	3-3
3/2	Atlanta Braves/Port St. Lucie	L, 6-2	Allard (1-0)	Carrasco (0-1)	None	3-4
3/3	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	L, 11-6	Williams (1-0)	Scherzer (0-1)	None	3-5
3/4	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	W, 15-4	Verlander (1-0)	Luzardo (0-1)	None	4-5
3/5	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	W, 7-1	Senga (1-0)	Montgomery (0-1)	None	5-5
3/6	OFF					
3/7	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	T, 5-5	None	None	None	5-5-1
3/8	Nicaragua WBC/Port St. Lucie	L, 2-0	Ramírez	Scherzer	Gutierrez	
3/9	Venezuela WBC/Port St. Lucie	L, 6-4	De Jesus	Buttó	Machado	
3/10	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	W, 7-2	Verlander (2-0)	Dubin (0-2)	None	6-5-1
	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	L, 7-5	Hernández (0-1)	Montgomery (1-1)	Suárez (2)	6-6-1
3/11	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	L, 10-7	Chacin (0-2)	Banda (1-0)	Cronin (1)	6-7-1
3/12	Tampa Bay Rays/Port St. Lucie	L, 10-4	Mercado (1-0)	Lucchesi (0-1)	None	6-8-1
3/13	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	W, 9-3	Megill (1-0)	Garrett (0-1)	None	7-8-1
3/14	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	L, 5-0	Curtiss (0-1)	Ward (1-0)	None	7-9-1
3/15	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	L, 4-1	VerHagen (1-0)	Courtney (0-1)	Stratton (1)	7-10-1
3/16	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	L, 3-0	Peralta (1-0)	Senga (1-1)	Thompson (1)	7-11-1
3/17	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	W, 6-1	Carrasco (1-1)	Pérez (0-1)	None	8-11-1
3/18	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	W, 2-0	Scherzer (1-1)	Valdez (1-1)	Hunter (1)	9-11-1
3/19	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	L, 8-7	Stratton (1-0)	Megill (1-1)	Roach (1)	9-12-1
3/20	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	6:05 PM				
3/21	OFF					
3/22	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	1:10 PM/SNY				
3/23	Atlanta Braves/North Port	1:05 PM				
3/24	Tampa Bay Rays/St. Petersburg	1:05 PM				
3/25	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	6:10 PM/PIX 11/WCBS 880				
3/26	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	4:10 PM/PIX 11/WCBS 880				

METS PITCHING - LAST THREE GAMES

#43 JEFF BRIGHAM (RHP)							#38 TYLOR MEGILL (RHP)							#66 STEPHEN RIDINGS (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
3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	3/7 at HOU	2.1	1	0	0	2	3	3/13 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/13 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/13 at MIA	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	3/19 vs. STL	3.0	6	6	3	5	2
3/17 vs. MIA	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	3/19 vs. STL	3.0	6	6	3	5	2							
#59 CARLOS CARRASCO (RHP)							#63 BRYCE MONTES DE OCA (RHP)							#30 DAVID ROBERTSON (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 at HOU	3.0	4	1	1	0	2	3/5 at STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/13 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/12 vs. TB	4.0	4	3	2	0	4	3/9 vs. VEN	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/16 at WAS	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/17 vs. MIA	4.0	2	1	1	1	7	3/12 vs. TB	0.1	0	3	3	3	0	3/19 vs. STL	1.0	2	2	2	1	0
#45 SAM COONROD (RHP)							#71 ZACH MUCKENHIRN (LHP)							#65 DENNIS SANTANA (RHP/WITH MINNESOTA)						
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 at STL	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	3/11 at WAS	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	3/10 at BAL	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/14 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/11 vs. BOS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/16 at WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/14 vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
#46 JOHN CURTISS (RHP)							#85 STEPHEN NOGOSEK (RHP)							#21 MAX SCHERZER (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 at WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/9 vs. VEN	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	3/3 vs. WAS	2.2	5	7	0	0	1
3/14 vs. WAS	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	3/13 at MIA	1.2	2	3	3	3	3	3/8 vs. NCA	3.0	1	2	2	1	9
3/17 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	3/17 vs. MIA	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	3/18 at HOU	7.0	4	0	0	1	8
#57 ELIESER HERNANDEZ (RHP)							#0 ADAM OTTAVINO (RHP)							#34 KODAI SENGA (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. WAS	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	2/25 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	2.0	1	1	1	2	2
3/10 at STL	2.2	3	4	4	1	0	2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	2	1	3/16 at WAS	3.0	3	1	1	0	5
3/16 at WAS	2.0	4	2	2	2	2	3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0							
#29 TOMMY HUNTER (RHP)							#23 DAVID PETERSON (LHP)							#40 DREW SMITH (RHP)						
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K1	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/4 at MIA	2.0	0	0	0	2	1	3/12 vs. TB	1.0	1	1	1	0	1
3/12 vs. TB	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	3/14 vs. WAS	4.0	0	0	0	1	5	3/15 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/18 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/19 vs. STL	4.0	1	0	0	4	4	3/18 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	1	3
#47 JOEY LUCCHESI (LHP)							#25 BROOKS RALEY (LHP)							#73 JIMMY YACABONIS (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 at HOU	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	2/26 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/10 vs. HOU	0.2	1	0	0	0	1
3/12 vs. TB	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	3/1 at MIA	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	3/13 at MIA	1.1	2	0	0	0	0
							3/5 at STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/16 at WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
#44 T.J. MCFARLAND (LHP)							#72 DENYI REYES (RHP)													
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K							
3/11 at WAS	2.0	3	2	2	1	1	2/25 at HOU	2.0	0	0	0	0	2							
3/15 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/2 vs. ATL	2.0	4	2	2	0	3							
3/17 vs. MIA	1.0	2	0	0	0	0														

METS HITTING - LAST THREE GAMES

#20 PETE ALONSO (INF)							#83 TIM LOCASTRO (OF)							#9 BRANDON NIMMO (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
3/3 vs. WAS	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/16 at WAS	2	1	0	0	0	0	3/14 vs. WAS	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/4 at MIA	4	1	0	0	1	0	3/17 vs. MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/5 at STL	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/18 at HOU	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/17 vs. MIA	2	1	1	0	1	1
#50 FRANCISCO ÁLVAREZ (C)							#6 STARLING MARTE (OF)							#81 JOSÉ PERAZA (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
3/16 at WAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/17 vs. MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/17 vs. MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/14 at MIA	2	0	0	0	1	0	3/18 at HOU	2	1	0	0	0	0
3/19 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/19 vs. STL	4	3	0	0	0	0	3/19 vs. STL	2	1	0	0	0	0
#87 JONATHAN ARAÚZ (INF)							#60 RONNY MAURICIO (INF)							#84 MICHAEL PÉREZ (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
3/1 at MIA	4	1	0	0	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	3	1	0	0	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/17 vs. MIA	2	1	0	0	0	1	3/16 at WAS	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/17 vs. MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/18 at HOU	4	0	0	0	0	0	3/17 vs. MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/19 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0
#22 BRETT BATY (INF)							#1 JEFF MCNEIL (INF/OF)							#28 TOMMY PHAM (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
3/17 vs. MIA	1	1	0	0	0	0	3/2 vs. ATL	3	1	0	0	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/18 at HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/3 vs. WAS	3	1	0	0	0	2	3/17 vs. MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/19 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	2	1	0	0	1	3/18 at HOU	2	1	0	0	0	1	
#19 MARK CANHA (OF)							#15 DANNY MENDICK (INF)							#33 DARIN RUF (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
3/15 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/16 at WAS	3	0											