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MIAMI MARLINS (7-16-2) AT NEW YORK METS (10-14-3)

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CLOVER PARK • PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

LHP BRAXTON GARRETT (0-1, 8.25) VS. RHP TYLOR MEGILL (1-1, 3.00)

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ROSTER MOVES: Infielders Brett Baty and Mark Vientos and RHP Jeff Brigham were optioned to Triple-A Syracuse...LHP T.J. McFarland, LHP Zach Muckenhirn, RHP Denyi Reyes, RHP Jimmy Yacabonis, C Michael Pérez, INF Jonathan Araúz, INF José Peraza and OF DJ Stewart were reassigned to minor league camp.

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 and Cardinals played to a 4-4 tie at Clover Park...RHP Tylor Megill started and allowed three runs over 5.0 innings...The righty issued five walks and struck out four batters...SS Francisco Lindor put the Mets on the board with a two-run homer in the sixth, his third of the spring...2B José Peraza tied the game with an RBI double in the ninth...LHP T.J. McFarland threw 2.0 scoreless innings in relief and Jeff Brigham threw 1.0 scoreless inning out of the bullpen.

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 12 Spring Training games, Lindor has batted .314/.385/.629 with three home runs and eight RBI...In the WBC, Lindor batted .450 with six runs and five RBI in five games with Team Puerto Rico.

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.

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.

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.

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.

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER: Several Mets relievers have had stellar springs...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 three runs over 8.0 innings with 10 strikeouts...RHP Jeff Brigham has allowed three runs and has 12 strikeouts in 8.2 innings of work...LHP T.J. McFarland has not allowed a run over his last 5.0 innings of work after allowing six earned runs in his previous 4.0 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, Yoenis 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.

TOMÁS THE TANK ENGINE: C Tomás Nido has a .359/.375/.667 slashline in 14 games this spring...Six of Nido's 14 hits this spring have gone for extra-bases, including three home runs...The 28-year-old has hit safely in 11 of 14 Grapefruit League games.

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 San Diego Padres in the National League Wild Card Series, 2-1.

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).

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
3/20 vs. WAS	4.2	2	2	2	6	5

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 Lcastro (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).

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.

UPCOMING PITCHING

SUNDAY
4:10 PM vs. Miami

MARLINS: LHP Braxton Garrett

METS: RHP Justin Verlander

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
	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	W, 5-2	Brigham (1-0)	Chargois (0-1)	Lavender (1)	1-1
2/26	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	L, 3-2	Corbin (1-2)	Verlander (2-1)	Thompson (2)	9-13-1
3/21	OFF					
3/22	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	L, 5-2	Senga (1-2)	Abreu (1-0)	None	9-14-1
3/23	Atlanta Braves/North Port	T, 2-2	None	None	None	9-14-2
3/24	Tampa Bay Rays/St. Petersburg	W, 11-2	Scherzer (2-1)	Patiño (1-2)	None	10-14-2
3/25	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	T, 4-4	None	None	None	10-14-3
3/26	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	4:10 PM/PIX 11/WCBS 880				

METS PITCHING - LAST THREE GAMES

#59 CARLOS CARRASCO (RHP)							#38 TYLOR MEGILL (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	3/13 at MIA	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	3/13 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/12 vs. TB	4.0	4	3	2	0	4	3/19 vs. STL	3.0	6	6	3	5	2	3/16 at WAS	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/17 vs. MIA	4.0	2	1	1	1	7	3/25 vs. STL	5.0	2	3	3	5	4	3/19 vs. STL	1.0	2	2	2	1	0
#45 SAM COONROD (RHP)							#63 BRYCE MONTES DE OCA (RHP)							#65 DENNIS SANTANA (RHP/WITH MIN/NYM)						
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	3/5 at STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/14 vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3/9 vs. VEN	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/20 at WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/12 vs. TB	0.1	0	3	3	3	0	3/24 vs. TB	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
#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
3/14 vs. WAS	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	3/9 vs. VEN	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	3/8 vs. NCA	3.0	1	2	2	1	9
3/17 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	3/13 at MIA	1.2	2	3	3	3	3	3/18 at HOU	7.0	4	0	0	1	8
3/20 at WAS	0.2	1	1	1	2	1	3/17 vs. MIA	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	3/24 vs. TB	6.0	4	2	2	1	11
#57 ELIESER HERNANDEZ (RHP)							#0 ADAM OTTAVINO (RHP)							#34 KODAI SENGU (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 at STL	2.2	3	4	4	1	0	2/25 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	2.0	1	1	1	2	2
3/16 at WAS	2.0	4	2	2	2	2	2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	2	1	3/16 at WAS	3.0	3	1	1	0	5
3/23 at ATL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/22 vs. HOU	4.0	2	2	2	3	3
#29 TOMMY HUNTER (RHP)							#23 DAVID PETERSON (LHP)							#40 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
3/12 vs. TB	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	3/4 at MIA	2.0	0	0	0	2	1	3/15 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/18 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/14 vs. WAS	4.0	0	0	0	1	5	3/18 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	1	3
3/22 vs. HOU	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/19 vs. STL	4.0	1	0	0	4	4	3/20 at WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
#47 JOEY LUCCHESI (LHP)							#25 BROOKS RALEY (LHP)							#35 JUSTIN VERLANDER (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	3/5 at WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/10 vs. HOU	3.1	3	1	1	0	5
3/12 vs. TB	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	3/1 at MIA	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	5.0	1	0	0	0	8
							3/5 at STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/20 at WAS	4.2	2	2	2	6	3
#66 STEPHEN RIDINGS (RHP)																				
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K														

METS HITTING - LAST THREE GAMES

#20 PETE ALONSO (INF)							#83 TIM LOCASTRO (OF)							#3 TOMÁS NIDO (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
3/23 at ATL	4	0	0	0	0	0	3/22 vs. HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/22 vs. HOU	2	2	0	0	0	0
3/24 at TB	3	2	1	1	3	1	3/24 at TB	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/23 at ATL	3	1	1	0	0	1
3/25 vs. STL	3	1	0	0	0	0	3/25 vs. STL	1	0	0	0	0	1	3/25 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0
#19 MARK CANHA (OF)							#6 STARLING MARTE (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
3/22 vs. HOU	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/23 at ATL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/15 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/23 at ATL	4	0	0	0	0	0	3/24 at TB	4	1	1	0	0	1	3/17 vs. MIA	2	1	1	0	1	1
3/24 at TB	4	2	1	0	2	0	3/25 vs. STL	2	1	0	0	0	1	3/25 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0
#10 EDUARDO ESCOBAR (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
3/23 at ATL	4	0	0	0	1	0	3/26 vs. WAS	3	1	0	0	0	2	3/22 vs. HOU	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/24 at TB	4	1	0	0	0	0	3/5 at STL	2	1	0	0	1	0	3/23 at ATL	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/25 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/25 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/24 at TB	3	1	0	0	0	1
#13 LUIS GUILLORME (INF)							#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
3/19 vs. STL	4	2	2	0	0	1	3/22 vs. HOU	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/22 vs. HOU	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/22 vs. HOU	3	2	0	0	0	0	3/23 at ATL	2	1	0	0	0	1	3/23 at ATL	2	1	1	0	0	0
3/24 at TB	2	1	0	0	1	2	3/24 at TB	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/24 at TB	2	1	0	0	0	1
#12 FRANCISCO LINDOR (INF)							#2 OMAR NARVÁEZ (C)							#32 DANIEL VOGELBACH (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
3/23 at ATL	4	0	0	0	0	0	3/20 at WAS	3	1	0	0	0	0	3/23 at ATL	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/24 at TB	4	2	1	0	2	1	3/22 vs. HOU	2	2	0	0	0	0	3/24 at TB	1	0	0	0	1	0
3/25 vs. STL	3	1	1	1	2	1	3/24 at TB	3	2	1	1	1	2	3/25 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0