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MIAMI MARLINS (4-11-1) AT NEW YORK METS (7-11-1)

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CLOVER PARK • PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

RHP EURY PÉREZ (0-0, 5.87) VS. RHP CARLOS CARRASCO (0-1, 5.00)

SNY



YESTERDAY: The Mets were shutout, 3-0, by the Nationals in West Palm Beach...RHP Kodai Senga allowed one earned and struck out five batters over 3.0 innings in his second start of the spring...RHP David Robertson, LHP Zach Muckenhirn and RHP Jimmy Yacabonis each threw a scoreless inning out of the bullpen.

ON THE WORLD STAGE: INF Eduardo Escobar hit a solo home run in Team Venezuela's 5-1 victory over Team Israel on Wednesday...INF Francisco Lindor is batting .467 (7-15) with a triple, six RBI and five runs in four games for Team Puerto Rico...C Omar Narváez went 1-3 in team Venezuela's victory of Team Nicaragua on Tuesday...OF Jeff McNeil went 1-4 on Sunday for Team USA...RHP Adam Ottavino tossed a scoreless inning for USA in relief against Team Mexico...INF Jonathan Araúz went 4-15 with a .421 OBP and three RBI in four WBC 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.

JUST(IN) SIMPLY AMAZIN: RHP Justin Verlander leads all qualified pitchers with a 0.53 WHIP and ranks second with a .154 average...The 40-year old ranks fourth among qualifiers with a 1.59 ERA and tied for eighth in strikeouts with 16.

TOMÁS THE TANK ENGINE: C Tomás Nido has a .393/.414/.786 slashline in 10 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 each of his last nine Grapefruit League games.

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER: Several Mets relievers have had stellar springs so far...RHP Jimmy Yacabonis has not allowed a run over 6.0 innings this spring...RHP Tommy Hunter has not allowed a run in 5.0 innings...RHP John Curtiss has allowed one earned run on three hits over 5.0 innings in Grapefruit League play...Drew Smith has allowed one earned run on three hits over 4.0 innings this spring...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 second in the majors with four home runs...Brett Baty leads the majors among qualifiers in OBP (.500), seventh in average (.375) and 13th in OPS (1.000)...Mark Vientos is tied for 14th in the majors with nine RBI.

HITTING THE ROAD: New York finished the season going 47-34 on the road last season...Their .580 road winning percentage placed them third in the majors and second in the NL...It was tied for the fourth-highest in team history...It was the highest road-winning percentage since 2007...Overall, they hit .265/.334/.424 away from Citi Field...Their .265 road average was second in the majors.

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 tied for second in the majors with five doubles...Lincecum is tied for third in stolen bases with six, tied for fifth in runs with nine, seventh in the majors with a .462 OBP, eighth in average with a .364 clip and tenth in OPS with a 1.038 mark.

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 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.

EXPECTED TO START

RHP CARLOS CARRASCO: Will make his second start of the spring tonight...The 36-year-old returns for his third season with the Mets after 29 starts and a 15-7 record in 2022...Pitched to a 3.97 ERA (67 ER/152.0 IP) and recorded 152 strikeouts last year, and held a career-high 22.2-inning scoreless streak from July 14 to August 4...The 2019 Roberto Clemente and AL Comeback Player of the Year Award-winner ranks sixth all-time in strikeouts by a Venezuelan-born pitcher (1,507) and became the eighth Venezuela native to reach 100 career wins on July 30, 2022 at Miami in a scoreless 7.2-inning appearance...Is one of 14 pitchers with at least five seasons of 150+ strikeouts since 2015...Thus far in his 11-year career with Cleveland and New York, Carrasco has appeared in 283 games (236 starts) and holds a 104-85 record with a 3.87 ERA (623 ER/1448.0 IP) and 1.22 WHIP.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/2 vs. ATL	2.0	2	2	2	1	1
3/7 at HOU	3.0	4	1	1	0	2
3/12 vs. TB	4.0	4	3	2	0	4

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, Jeury 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

FRIDAY

6:10 PM vs. Miami

MARLINS: RHP Eury Perez, RHP Huascar Brazoban, LHP Andrew Nardi, LHP Josh Simpson, LHP Eli Villalobos

METS: RHP Carlos Carrasco

SATURDAY

7:05 PM at Houston

METS: TBA

ASTROS: LHP Framber Valdez, RHP TY Buttrey, RHP Devin Conn, LHP Austin Davis, RHP Austen Hansen