# WASHINGTON NATIONALS (6-4) AT NEW YORK METS (5-5) <br> MAROH 7, 2024 - 6:10 PM <br> OLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FL RHP JAKE IRVIN ( $0-1,17.18$ ) VS. LHP JOSE QUINTANA ( $0-1,10.80$ ) 

RAIN OUT: Yesterday's game at Houston was canceled due to rain

VS. WASHINGTON: Tonight, the Mets will play their second of six Grapefruit League Games against the Nationals...On February 26, the Mets defeated the Nationals, 6-3, in West Palm Beach...Last season, the Mets won the season series over their division foes, 7-6...The Mets hit . 273 against the Nats, their highest mark against an NL East opponent last season... This season, the Mets take on the Nationals at Citi Field from July 9-11 and from September 16-18...The Amazins' will play at Nationals Park from June 3-5 and July 1-4.

SPRING BREAKOUT: On March 15, the top prospects from the Mets will take on the top prospects from the Nationals at Clover Park in the inaugural edition of MLB Spring Breakout....First pitch is at 3:10 PM and will be televised on SNY, MLB Digital and ESPN+...After the game, players from both teams will sign autographs on the Clover Park concourses for an hour...As an effort to showcase the top minor league ballplayers, 16 Spring Breakout games will take place from March 14-17 in Arizona and Florida.
B.A.T.TER UP: The Baseball Assistance Team (B.A.T) named the New York Mets as the National League recipient of the Bobby Murcer Award for leading all NL clubs in donations during the organization's annual Spring Training Fundraising Tour...The award is named after former B.A.T. Chairman and All-Star outfielder after former B.A.T. Chairman and All-Star outfielder raised a record $\$ 4.3$ million during their 2024 Spring Training Fundraising Tour thanks to contributions from 1,700 major \& minor League players, coaches and front office staff members among all 30 MLB Clubs.

TYLOR THE CREATOR: In three Grapefruit League outings (two starts), RHP Tylor Megill has posted a 1.13 ERA (1ER/8.0 IP)...His 13 strikeouts this spring are tied with Spencer Strider for the most in the majors... Megill started the Mets Grapefruit League opener on February 24 vs. St. Louis and allowed one run over 2.0 innings...Over his last two outings, Megill has not allowed a run over 6.0 innings and has 10 strikeouts.

EXTRA EXTRA: All five of Pete Alonso's hits this spring have gone for extra bases, tied for the most in the majors....Four of Alonso's five extra-base hits have been doubles, tied for the most in Grapefruit League play and tied for the second-most in the majors.

THE CREAM OF THE CROP: MLB Pipeline revealed their top 30 Mets prospects for the 2024 season... Several prospects on this year's edition began the spring major league camp...They are: INF Jett Williams (No. 1), OF Drew Gllbert (No: 2), INF Luisangel Acuña (No. 3), RHP Christian Scott (No. 5), C Kevin Parada (No. 9), RHP Mike Vasil (No. 11), RHP Dominic Hamel (No. 14), OF Alex Ramírez (No. 16) and LHP Nate Lavender (No. 24)...The following members from the club's 2023 Draft Class made the list: INF Colin Houck (No. 7), RHP Brandon Sproat (No. 13), TWP Nolan McLean (No. 19) and INF Boston Baro (No. 25).

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.

WELCOME BACK: Former Mets INF Edgardo Alfonzo will be in camp from March 4 -13...Alfonzo played in Queens from 1995-2002 and was a National League All-Star in 2000...A 1999 Silver Slugger Award winner Alfonzo slashed .292/.367/. 445 with 120 home runs and RBI in 1,086 career games with the Mets...He was elected into the Mets Hall of Fame in 2021.

ARMS APLENTY: Through 10 games this spring, Mets pitchers have posted a 3.13 ERA ( 29 ER/83.1 IP), the best mark in the majors...The staff's 1.26 WHIP is the fourth-lowest mark in the Grapefruit League and sixth-lowest in the majors...Mets relievers have pitched to a 2.84 ERA (20 ER/63.1 IP), the lowest mark in the majors.

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 (20042009, 2012-2016), Digital Domain Park (2010-2012) and First Data Field (2017-2019).

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" f 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.

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.

ROCCO'S UNCLE: Over his last four games with a plate appearance, OF Trayce Thompson has reached base safely in seven of his 10 plate appearances... On February 26 at Washington, Thompson went 2-3 with a grand slam and an RBI single...Two days later, Thompson went 2-2 with a double and a home run vs St. Louis...On March 1 at St. Louis, Thompson went 0-1 with two walks...On March 5, he went 1-2 with a single vs. the Yankees...Thompson entered the game on March 3 vs. Houston as a defensive replacement, but did not have a plate appearance.

## EXPECTED TO START

LHP JOSE QUINTANA: Will make second start of the spring today...In his first start, Quintana allowed two runs over 1.2 innings on February 29 at Houston... Quintana made his Mets and 2023 debut on July 20 against his former team, the Chicago White Sox, after missing the first half of the season due to a stress fracture in his rib cage...The left-hander finished his first season in Queens with a record of 3-6 and a 3.57 ERA ( 30 ER/75. IP) over 13 starts...On August 12 at St Louis, Quintana surrendered a home run to Tyler O'Neill ending a streak of 97.0 innings without allowing a home run...It was the longest such streak in the majors since Tyson Ross did not allow a home run over 100.0 innings during the 2015 season....Courtesy of Elias...On September 17 vs. Cincinnati, Quintana made his 300th career start, joining Clayton Kershaw, Wade Miley and Madison Bumgarner as the only active pitchers with 300 or more starts...In 2016, Quintana was selected to the AL All-Star squad and finished 10th in the AL Cy Young vote...The 12-year veteran has gone 92-93 with a 3.74 ERA ( 784 ER/1799.1 IP) over the course of his career with seven different clubs: Chicago-AL (2012-2017), Chicago-NL (2017-2020), Los Angeles AL (2021), San Francisco (2021), Pittsburgh (2022), St. Louis (2022) and the Mets (2023-present).
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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 leadoff spot were the tied with Tommie Agee (1970) for the second-most by a Met in a single season.

UPCOMING PITCHING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7
6:10 PM vs. Washington
METS: LHP Jose Quintana, RHP Adam Ottavino, RHP Jorge López, LHP Jake Diekman, RHP Shintaro Fujinami, LHP Josh Walker, RHP Grant Hartwig

NATIONALS: RHP Jake Irvin, LHP Richard Bleier, RHP Robert Gsellman, RHP Jacob Barnes

## FRIDAY, MARCH <br> 6:40 PM at Miami

METS: RHP Luis Severino, RHP José Buttó, RHP Reed Garrett, RHP Yacksel Ríos, RHP Yohan Ramírez

MARLINS: RHP Eury Pérez, RHP Anthony Bender, RHP Darren McCaughan, RHP Roddery Muñoz, LHP Andrew Nardi, RHP Sixto Sánchez


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