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HOUSTON ASTROS (11-14-1) AT NEW YORK METS (14-11-1) MARCH 23, 2024 - 1:10 PM CLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FL RHP CRISTIAN JAVIER (2-1, 4.30) VS. LHP JOSE QUINTANA (0-1, 4.15) SNY - WCBS 880 - 92.3 HD2



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Today, the Mets announced that they have sign OF J.D. Martinez to a one-year contract...In a corresponding move, RHP Phil Bickford was designated for assignment...Martinez, 36, owns a career .287/.350/.524 slashline with 851 runs, 366 doubles, 23 triples, 315 home runs, 1,002 RBI and an .874 OPS over the course of 13 major league seasons. He has been named an All-Star six times in his career (2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023) and earned the Silver Slugger Award three times (2015 and 2018 when he became the first player in the award's history to win at multiple positions in the same season - outfielder and DH)... The right-handed hitter appeared in 113 games for the Dodgers last year, batting .271 with 61 runs, 27 doubles, two triples, 33 home runs, 103 RBI, with a .321 OBP, a .572 SLG and an .893 OPS... Since 2018, Martinez ranks second in the majors with 420 RBI among all designated hitters, behind Shohei Ohtani (425 RBI) and is first with 168 doubles.

ROSTER MOVES: Today, RHP Shintaro Fujinami was optioned and RHP Austin Adams was reassigned to minor league camp.

PREVIOUSLY ON...: Yesterday, the Mets fell to the Yankees, 5-3, in Tampa...RHP Tyler Stuart made his first start of the spring and allowed two runs over 3.0 innings...DH Mark Vientos put the Mets on the board with a two-run homer in the second, his fifth of the spring...INF Francisco Lindor drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth...RHPs Hunter Parsons, Josh Cornielli and Paul Gervase each threw 1.0 scoreless inning out of the bullpen.

U.S.A! U.S.A!: Congratulations to LHP Jose Quintana who became a U.S. citizen on Thursday.

VS HOUSTON: Today, the Mets will play their sixth and final Grapefruit League game against the Astros...The Mets have taken three of the first five spring matchups against Houston this year...Last season, the Mets dropped their lone series against Houston, going 1-2 in a three-game set at Minute Maid Park in June, despite outscoring the 'Stros, 21-15 in the series...This season, the Mets will host Houston for a three-game series to finish off the June portion of their schedule, June 28-30 at Citi Field...Will be just the second series between Houston and New York in Queens in the last 10 years.

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.

.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 Bobby Murcer who helped launch the tour...B.A.T 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. EXTRA EXTRA: This spring, Pete Alonso is tied for third in the majors with seven extra-base hits...Five of Alonso's seven extra-base hits have been doubles, tied for the fourth-most in the majors.

OPENING DAY JOSE: On March 13, manager Carlos Mendoza named LHP Jose Quintana the Mets' 2024 Opening Day starter...The 35-year-old will make his second career Opening Day start (Also: 2017 w/ Chicago-AL)...The southpaw will be the first left-handed pitcher to start Opening Day for the Mets since Jon Niese in 2013...Last season, Quintana went 3-6 with a 3.57 ERA (30 ER/75.1 IP) over 13 starts in his first season in Queens...Quintana missed the entire first half of the season due to a stress fracture in his rib cage...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).

ARMS APLENTY: Through 26 games this spring, Mets pitchers have posted a 3.13 ERA (78 ER/224.1 IP), the best mark in the majors...The staff's 114 WHIP also leads the majors...Mets relievers lead the majors in bullpen ERA with a 2.92 (47 ER/145.0 IP) clip...Mets starters have posted a 3.52 ERA (31 ER/79.1 IP), the fifth-lowest such mark in the majors.

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 Ramirez 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.

ATTABOY ALVAREZ: In his rookie season, Francisco Alvarez slugged 25 home runs, the third-most by a Mets rookie trailing only Pete Alonso (2019) and Darryl Strawberry (1983)...Alvarez's 25 home runs last season were the second-most ever by a catcher age 21 or younger only behind Hall of Famer Johnny Bench (26, 1969)...Research courtesy of Sarah Langs...The Guatire, Venezuela native was named National League Rookie of the month for July.

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).

SOUND THE TRUMPETS: On March 11 vs. Miami, RHP Edwin Diaz struck out the side in his first game since suffering a season-ending ruptured patella tendon in March of 2023...In 2022, Diaz was named the Trevor Hoffman National League Relief Pitcher of the Year after posting a 1.31 ERA (9 ER/62.0 IP) with 32 saves and 118 strikeouts...A two-time All-Star, Diaz has pitched to a 2.93 ERA (130 ER/399.1 IP) and has recorded 205 saves over seven major league seasons

EXPECTED TO START

LHP JOSE QUINTANA: Will make his fifth Grapefruit League start today...Quintana allowed six runs (four earned) over 4.1 innings in his last start on March 17 vs. Miami...On March 13, manager Carlos Mendoza announced that Quintana will be the Mets' Opening Day starter this season...2024 will mark Quintana's second career Opening Day start (Also: 2017 w/Chicago-AL)... 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/75.2) over 13 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).

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/29 @ HOU	1.2	2	2	2	3	1
3/7 vs. WAS	3.0	4	1	0	0	6
3/12 @ WAS	4.0	2	0	0	1	2
3/17 vs. MIA	4.1	8	6	4	1	3

STEAL THIS ALBUM: The Mets led the major leagues in 2023 with an 88.7% success rate in stolen bases... The team stole 118 bases in 133 attempts...It's the highest success rate in Mets history...The previous high was 82.3% which was accomplished in 2004... From May 11-June 29 the Mets stole a franchise-record 35 consecutive bases.

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 lead-off spot were the tied with Tommie Agee (1970) for the second-most by a Met in a single season.

UPCOMING PITCHING

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
1:10 PM vs. Houston

METS: LHP Jose Quintana, Yohan Ramirez

ASTROS: RHP Cristian Javier, RHP Bryan Abreu, RHP Luis Contreras, RHP Joel Kuhnel, LHP Parker Mushinski, RHP Tayler Scott

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
1:10 PM vs. Washington (SS)

METS: RHP Luis Severino

NATIONALS: LHP Patrick Corbin

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
1:10 PM at Miami (SS)

METS: RHP Tylor Megill

MARLINS: TBA

2024 SPRING RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT/LOCATION	SCORE/TIME/TV/RADIO	WP	LP	SV	RECORD
2/24	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	L, 10-5	Thompson (1-0)	Megill (0-1)		0-1
2/25	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-1	Burtó (1-0)	Bielak (0-1)	Santos (1)	1-1
2/26	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	W, 6-3	Kranick (1-0)	Garcia (0-1)	Suarez (1)	2-1
2/27	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	W, 7-1	Ríos (1-0)	Simpson (0-1)		3-1
2/28	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-0	Battenfield (1-0)	Romero (0-1)	Ramos (1)	4-1
2/29	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	L, 2-1	Blanco (2-0)	Quintana (0-1)	Henley (1)	4-2
3/1	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	L, 3-2	Liberatore (1-0)	Tidwell (1-0)	Fernandez (1)	4-3
3/2	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	L, 4-1	Pérez (1-0)	Manaea (0-1)	Montverde (1)	4-4
3/3	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	L, 5-2 (6)	Urquidy (1-0)	Houser (0-1)		4-5
3/4	OFF					4-5
3/5	New York Yankees/Port St. Lucie	W, 5-4	Megill (1-1)	De Los Santos (0-1)	Ramírez (1)	5-5
3/6	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	Canceled				5-5
3/7	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-1	Diekman (1-0)	Bleier (0-1)	Hartwig (1)	6-5
3/8	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	W, 3-1	Severino (1-0)	Pérez (1-1)	Rios (1)	7-5
3/9	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	W, 9-3	Manaea (1-0)	Matz (0-1)		8-5
3/10	Detroit Tigers/Port St. Lucie	L, 3-2	Madden (1-0)	Fujinami (0-1)	Guenther (1)	8-6
3/11	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	L, 1-0	Rogers (1-0)	Megill (1-2)	Maldonado (1)	8-7
3/12	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	L, 4-1	La Sorsa (1-0)	Lucchesi (0-1)		8-8
3/13	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	W, 6-5	Parsons (1-0)	McDonald (0-1)		9-8
3/14	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	T, 0-0				9-8-1
3/15	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	L, 7-3	Williams (1-1)	Houser (1-2)		9-9-1
3/16	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	W, 6-1	Diekman (2-0)	Abreu (0-1)		10-9-1
3/17	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	L, 9-8	Bleier (1-1)	Adams (0-1)	La Sorsa (5)	10-10-1
3/18	OFF					11-10-1
3/19	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	W, 3-1	Manaea (2-1)	Lynn (0-1)	Ramírez (2)	12-10-1
3/20	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	W, 6-3	Scott (1-0)	Monteverde (0-1)	Simon (1)	13-10-1
3/21	Detroit Tigers/Lakeland	W, 10-5	Adams (1-1)	Anderson (1-1)		14-10-1
3/22	New York Yankees/Tampa	L, 6-3	Warren (3-1)	Colon (0-1)		14-11-1
3/23	Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880/92.3 HD2				
3/24	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 p.m./PIX 11/WCBS 880/92.3 HD2				
	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	1:10 p.m.				
3/25	New York Yankees/Tampa	1:05 p.m.				

METS PITCHING - LAST THREE GAMES

#54 AUSTIN ADAMS - RHP							#59 SEAN MANAEA - LHP							#71 SEAN REID-FOLEY - 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 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	3/2 @ MIA	2.2	7	3	3	0	3	3/1 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/17 @ WAS	0.2	5	4	4	0	1	3/9 @ STL	4.0	2	0	0	3	5	3/5 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
3/21 @ DET	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/9 vs. STL	5.0	4	1	1	1	6	3/9 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
#39 EDWIN DÍAZ - RHP							#38 TYLOR MEGILL							#49 YACKSEL RÍOS - 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 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	3/5 vs. NYY	3.0	0	0	0	2	6	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
3/17 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/11 vs. MIA	4.0	3	1	1	0	2	3/8 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/20 @ MIA	0.2	0	1	1	2	1	3/17 @ WAS	3.2	5	4	4	2	1	3/16 @ HOU	2.0	0	0	0	0	3
#30 JAKE DIEKMANN - LHP							#0 ADAM OTTAVINO - RHP							#40 LUIS SEVERINO - 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
3/13 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	3/10 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	3/1 @ STL	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/16 @ HOU	1.0	0	1	1	3	2	3/14 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/8 @ MIA	3.0	4	0	0	0	4
3/19 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/17 @ WAS	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	3/13 vs. HOU	4.0	2	1	1	0	3
#19 SHINTARO FUJINAMI - RHP							#62 JOSE QUINTANA - LHP							#33 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
3/13 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/7 vs. WAS	3.0	4	1	0	0	6	3/11 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/15 vs. WAS	0.0	0	3	3	3	0	3/12 @ WAS	4.0	2	0	0	1	2	3/13 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
3/21 @ DET	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	3/17 vs. MIA	4.1	8	6	4	1	3	3/17 vs. MIA	1.2	2	0	0	0	1
#35 ADRIAN HOUSER - RHP							#25 BROOKS RALEY - LHP							#45 COLE SULSER - 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. HOU	1.2	4	3	3	1	2	3/2 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/3 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/10 vs. DET	3.1	0	0	0	0	5	3/11 vs. MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3/10 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/15 vs. WAS	4.0	4	4	4	0	6	3/15 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	3/16 @ HOU	2.0	0	0	0	0	4
#52 JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP							#46 YOHAN RAMÍREZ - RHP							#51 MICHAEL TONKIN - 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
3/13 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/8 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3/11 vs. MIA	1.1	1	0	0	1	3
3/15 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/14 @ STL	2.0	1	0	0	0	4	3/16 @ HOU	2.0	1	0	0	1	2
3/19 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/19 vs. STL	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	3/21 @ DET	2.1	1	0	0	2	1

METS HITTING - LAST THREE GAMES

#20 PETE ALONSO - INF							#12 FRANCISCO LINDOR - INF							#74 ZACK SHORT - 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	3	1	0	0	1	0	3/19 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/20 @ MIA	2	1	1	0	1	2
3/21 @ DET	4	1	0	0	0	0	3/21 @ DET	4	1	0	0	0	0	3/21 @ DET	1	1	1	1	4	1
3/22 @ NYY	4	2	0	0	0	0	3/22 @ NYY	3	0	0	0	1	0	3/22 @ NYY	3	0	0	0	0	1
#4 FRANCISCO ALVAREZ - C							#6 STARLING MARTE - OF							#29 DJ STEWART - 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
3/19 vs. STL	3	1	1	0	1	0	3/19 vs. STL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/16 @ HOU	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/21 @ DET	4	1	0	0	2	1	3/21 @ DET	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/17 @ WAS	3	0	0	0	0	1
3/22 @ NYY	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/22 @ NYY	4	1	1	0	0	1	3/20 @ MIA	3	0	0	0	0	0
#44 HARRISON BADER - OF							#1 JEFF McNEIL - INF							#15 TYRONE TAYLOR - 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
3/19 vs. STL	4	1	0	0	0	1	3/19 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/20 @ MIA	4	1	1	0	0	0
3/21 @ DET	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/21 @ DET	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/21 @ DET	3	0	0	0	1	0
3/22 @ NYY	2	0	0	0	0	0							3/22 @ NYY	3	0	0	0	0	0	
#22 BRETT BATY - INF							#2 OMAR NARVÁEZ - C							#43 TRAYCE THOMPSON - 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
3/19 vs. STL	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/16 @ HOU	3	1	0	0	0	1	3/13 vs. HOU	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/21 @ DET	3	1	1	1	2	1	3/17 @ WAS	2	2	1	0	2	1	3/15 vs. WAS	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/22 @ NYY	4	1	0	0	0	0	3/20 @ MIA	4	1	0	0	0	0	3/17 @ WAS	5	1	1	0	0	1
#26 JI-MAN CHOI - INF							#3 TOMÁS NIDO - C							#27 MARK VIENTOS - 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
3/20 @ MIA	4	0	0	0	0	0	3/16 @ HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/19 vs. STL	4	1	0	0	0	0
3/21 @ DET	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/17 vs. MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/21 @ DET	3	1	0	0	0	1
3/22 @ NYY	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/19 vs. STL	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/22 @ NYY	2	1	1	1	2	1
#21 BENGAMEL - OF							#9 BRANDON NIMMO - OF							#99 LUKE VOIT - INF						
Date/Opp	AB	H	XBH	HR	RBI	R	Date/Opp	AB</												