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NEW YORK METS (6-6-1) VS. WASHINGTON NATIONALS (4-7-1)

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BALLPARK OF THE PALM BEACHES • WEST PALM BEACH, FL

RHP JOHN CURTISS (0-0, 0.00) VS. RHP JOSIAH GRAY (0-0, 0.00)

WCBS 880



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy 37th birthday to Pitching Coach Jeremy Hefner...We wish him well.

SPLIT SQUAD SUMMARY: The Mets went 1-1 in yesterday's split squad...At Clover Park, the Mets defeated the Astros, 7-2...RHP Justin Verlander allowed one run over 3.1 innings with five strikeouts and zero walks in his second Grapefruit League start...RF Starling Marte went 2-2 with a double and a two-run homer in his 2023 Grapefruit League debut...CF Tommy Pham drove in his first run of the spring with a double in the second...LF DJ Stewart drove in two runs with a single in the second...2B Danny Mendick drove in his first run of the spring with a single in the fourth...In the nightcap in Jupiter, the Mets fell to the Cardinals, 7-5...RHP Elieser Hernández suffered the loss after allowing four earned runs over 2.2 innings...LF Tim Lincecum and C Francisco Álvarez each drove in a run with singles in the third...RF Lorenzo Cedrola recorded an RBI double in the sixth...Both 2022 first-round draft picks, C Kevin Parada and SS Jett Williams each recorded their first RBI of the spring...Parada drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh and Williams laced an RBI double in the eighth in his first career spring training at-bat.

VS. WASHINGTON: The Mets will play their third of six Grapefruit League games against the Nationals today and their first in West Palm Beach...New York defeated Washington, 6-3, on February 26 and lost to the Nationals, 11-6, on March 3...Last season, the Mets went 14-4 against Washington, their most victories against the Nationals in a single season since the team relocated from Montreal...The Mets first regular season series against Washington will take place from April 25-April 27 at Citi Field.

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.

ON THE WORLD STAGE: INF Jonathan Araúz is 4-15 with a .421 OBP and three RBI in four WBC games for Team Panama...Minor league RHP Humberto Mejía has 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 6-3 extra-inning win over Team Cuba on March 9 in his WBC managerial debut.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: Several of the Mets top prospects are among the major league leaderboard in several offensive categories this spring...Brett Baty ranks second in batting average (.409), second in OBP (.480), seventh in OPS (1.071), tied for eighth in hits (9) and 10th in SLG (.591)...Ronny Mauricio is tied for sixth in the majors with three home runs...Mark Vientos is 13th among qualifiers in SLG with a .615 mark.

T-LO: Tim Lincecum has had an excellent spring and leads the majors with a .500 OBP...Lincecum is also tied for second in doubles (5), tied for second in stolen bases (5), sixth in OPS (1.109) and ninth in SLG (.609).

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).

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.

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 and LHP Brooks Raley 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.

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).

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.

EXPECTED TO START

RHP JOHN CURTISS: Will make his fourth appearance of the spring tonight...Spent the last year recovering from "Tommy John" surgery...Signed with the New York Mets as a free agent on April 6, 2022...Place on the 60-Day Injured List, April 6, 2022...Owns a career 6-2 record with a 3.63 ERA (35 ER/86.2 IP) with 24 walks and 87 punchouts in 76 career appearances...In 2021, Made Miami's Opening Day roster before being traded to Milwaukee...Made six appearances before sustaining an UCL injury on August 15...Underwent Tommy John surgery in September...Was originally selected by Minnesota in the sixth round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/26 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/7 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	3

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).

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.

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.

YES, THE CLOSER: RHP Edwin Díaz won the 2022 Trevor Hoffman NL Relief Pitcher of the Year Award...The two-time All-Star joined Craig Kimbrel as the only pitchers in major league history to win Reliever of the Year in both leagues...Díaz pitched to a 1.31 ERA (9 ER/62.0 IP) and led all major league relievers with 118 strikeouts...His 50.2 strikeout rate was the third-best in major league history for a single season...The right-hander became the 12th pitcher in major league history to strike out at least 100 batters, record 30 or more saves, and sport a sub-1.50 ERA.

UPCOMING PITCHING

SATURDAY

7:05 PM at Washington

METS: RHP John Curtiss, RHP Zach Greene, LHP T.J. McFarland, LHP Zach Muckenhirn

NATIONALS: RHP Josiah Gray, RHP Thaddeus Ward, LHP Anthony Banda, RHP Willy Peralta

SUNDAY

1:10 PM vs. Tampa Bay

RAYS: RHP Luis Patiño, LHP Mason Montgomery, RHP Evin Rodriguez, RHP Braden Bristo, RHP Colten Brewer, RHP Ben Heller

METS: RHP Carlos Carrasco

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	7:05 PM/WCBS 880				
3/12	Tampa Bay Rays/Port St. Lucie	1:10 PM/PIX 11/WCBS 880				
3/13	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	1:10 PM				
3/14	Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 PM/SNY				
3/15	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 PM/SNY				
3/16	Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach	6:05 PM				
3/17	Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie	6:10 PM/SNY				
3/18	Houston Astros/West Palm Beach	7:05 PM/WCBS				
3/19	St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie	1:10 PM/SNY/WCBS				
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/Port Charlotte	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)										#29 TOMMY HUNTER (RHP)										#25 BROOKS RALEY (LHP)									
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K									
3/4 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2/26 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2/26 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1									
3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/1 at MIA	1.0	3	1	1	0	0									
3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/5 at STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1									
#70 JOSÉ BUTTO (RHP)										#47 JOEY LUCCHESI (LHP)										#72 DENYI REYES (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									
2/25 vs. MIA	1.2	0	1	1	2	4	3/7 at HOU	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	2/25 at HOU	2.0	0	0	0	0	2									
3/2 vs. ATL	2.0	2	1	1	0	3								3/2 vs. ATL	2.0	4	2	2	0	3									
3/9 vs. VEN	2.0	5	5	5	4	2																							
#59 CARLOS CARRASCO (RHP)										#44 T.J. MCFARLAND (LHP)										#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									
3/2 vs. ATL	2.0	2	2	2	1	1	2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	3	3	3	0	2																
3/7 at HOU	3.0	4	1	1	0	2	3/4 at MIA	1.0	2	1	1	0	1																
							3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0																
#45 SAM COONROD (RHP)										#38 TYLOR MEGILL (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									
3/5 at STL	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	3/1 at MIA	2.0	2	1	1	0	0	2/26 vs. WAS	2.0	3	1	1	0	5									
3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3/7 at HOU	2.1	1	0	0	2	3	3/3 vs. WAS	2.2	5	7	0	0	1									
3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1								3/8 vs. NCA	3.0	1	2	2	1	9									
#46 JOHN CURTIS (RHP)										#63 BRYCE MONTES DE OCA (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									
2/26 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/2 vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	2	2																
3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/5 at STL	2.0	1	1	1	2	2									
3/7 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	3/9 vs. VEN	1.0	0	0	0	0	2																
#39 EDWIN DÍAZ (RHP)										#71 ZACH MUCKENHIRN (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									
2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	2/25 at HOU	0.2	2	3	0	0	2	3/2 vs. ATL	1.0	0	1	0	1	1									
3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	3/1 at MIA	1.0	0	1	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	1.0	2	0	0	1	0									
							3/9 vs. VEN	1.0	3	1	1	0	1	3/9 vs. VEN	1.0	1	0	0	1	2									
#65 ZACH GREENE (RHP)										#85 STEPHEN NOGOSEK (RHP)										#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									
2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	2/25 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3/4 at MIA	3.0	2	1	1	0	3									
3/4 at MIA	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	3/1 at MIA	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	3/10 vs. HOU	3.1	3	1	1	1	0									
3/7 at HOU	0.2	2	3	3	1	1	3/9 vs. VEN	2.0	2	0	0	1	1																
#94 CONNOR GREY (RHP)										#92 ERIC ORZE (RHP)										#91 JOSH WALKER (LHP)									
Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K									
2/27 at STL	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	2	1	3/7 at MIA	1.0	1	1	1	2	0									
3/10 at STL	1.2	2	2	2	2	2	3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1									
							3/10 at STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/10 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	0									
#93 GRANT HARTWIG (RHP)										#0 ADAM OTTAVINO (RHP)										#74 WILLIAM WOODS (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									
2/25 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	2/25 at HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	1	1	1	0	1									
3/1 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2/28 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	2	1	3/7 at HOU	0.2	0	0	0	0	1									
3/9	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3/3 vs. WAS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/10 at STL	2.0	1	0	0	0	2									
#57 ELIESER HERNÁNDEZ (RHP)										#23 DAVID PETERSON (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									
2/26 vs. WAS	2.0	3	1	1	2	1	2/27 at STL	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	3/4 at MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2									
3/3 vs. WAS	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	3/4 at MIA	2.0	0	0	0	2	1	3/8 vs. NCA	1.0	1	0	0	0	1									
3/10 at STL	2.2	3	4	4	1	0								3/10 vs. HOU	0.2	1	0	0	0	1									

METS HITTING - LAST THREE GAMES

#82 ABRAHAM ALMONTE (OF)										#12 FRANCISCO LINDOR (INF)										#95 KEVIN PARADA (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									
3/5 at STL	2	1	1	0	1	1	3/2 vs. ATL	2	1	0	0	0	0	3/8 vs. NCA	1	0	0	0	0	0									
3/7 at HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/4 at MIA	4	1	1	0	0	1	3/9 vs. VEN	2	0	0	0	0	0									
3/9 vs. VEN	1	0	0	0	0	1	3/5 at STL	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/10 at STL	0	0	0	0	0	1									
#20 PETE ALONSO (INF)										#83 TIM LOCASTRO (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									
3/3 vs. WAS	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/7 at HOU	3	1	0	0	0	1	3/8 vs. NCA	3	0	0	0	0	0									
3/4 at MIA	4	1	0	0	1	0	3/9 vs. VEN	2	1	1	0	0	0	3/9 vs. VEN	3	1	1	0	0	0									
3/5 at STL	3	1	1	1	1	1	3/10 at STL	3	2	1	0	1	1	3/10 at STL	3	1	0	0	0	1									
#50 FRANCISCO ÁLVAREZ (C)										#6 STARLING MARTE (OF)										#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									
3/7 at HOU	3	1	0	0	0	1	3/10 vs. HOU	2	2	2	1	2	1	3/4 at MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0									
3/8 vs. NCA	1	0	0	0	0	0								3/9 vs. VEN	1	0	0	0	0	0									
3/10 at STL	3	1	0	0	1	0								3/10 vs. HOU															