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## HOUSTON ASTROS (5-3-3) VS. NEW YORK METS (5-5-1)

MARCH 10, 2023 - 1:10 PM

GLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

RHP SHAWN DUBIN (0-1, 12.27) VS. RHP JOSÉ BUTTO (0-0, 4.91)

SNY



## NEW YORK METS (5-5-1) VS. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (7-4)

MARCH 10, 2023 - 6:05 PM

ROGER DEAN CHEVROLET STADIUM - JUPITER, FL

LHP EMMANUEL DE JESÚS (0-0, -.-) VS. LHP JORDAN MONTGOMERY (0-1, 12.00)



**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](https://mets.com/AmazinDay) or follow the Mets on social media.

**YESTERDAY:** The Mets fell to Team Venezuela in an exhibition game at Clover Park, 6-4...RHP José Butto started and allowed five earned runs over 2.0 innings of work...1B Mark Canha put the Mets on the board with an RBI single in the fifth...3B Brett Baty added an RBI single in the sixth...RHP Drew Smith, RHP Stephen Nogosek, RHP Stephen Nogosek and RHP Grant Hartwig combined to throw 5.0 scoreless innings out of the bullpen with seven strikeouts.

**ON THE WORLD STAGE:** INF Jonathan Araúz is 4-14 with a double, a walk and a run scored in two WBC games for Team Panama...Minor league RHP Humberto Mejía started and threw 2.0 scoreless innings in Team Panama's 12-5 victory of Team Chinese Taipei on March 8...Baseball Hall of Famer & Mets Hall of Famer Mike Piazza led Team Italy to a 6-3 extra-inning win over Team Cuba yesterday in his WBC managerial debut.

**VS HOUSTON:** The Mets will play their fourth of six Grapefruit League games against the Astros tonight... New York is 0-2-1 vs. Houston this spring...The Mets fell, 4-2, against the Astros on February 25 in their Grapefruit League opener in West Palm Beach and lost 8-4 in Port St. Lucie on February 28...The two clubs tied, 5-5, in West Palm Beach on March 7...Last season, the Mets were swept by the eventual World Series champs in a pair of two-game series, June 21-22 at Houston and June 28-29 in New York...This season, the Mets take on the Astros in a three-game series from June 19-21 at Minute Maid Park.

**VS ST. LOUIS:** The Mets will play their third of six Grapefruit League games against the Cardinals today... New York is 1-1 vs. St. Louis this spring... The Mets fell to the Cardinals, 12-7, in Jupiter on February 27 and defeated St. Louis 7-1, in Jupiter on March 5...Last season the Mets went 5-2 against St. Louis, their first winning season against the Cardinals since 2014...The Mets will play the Cardinals at Citi Field from June 16-18 and at Busch Stadium from August 17-20.

**ABRAHAMMER:** In spring training games, Abraham Almonte leads the majors among qualifiers in batting average with a .500 clip, leads qualifiers in OBP with a .650 mark and leads qualifiers in OPS with a 1.293 mark...Almonte also ranks ninth in SLG among qualifiers with a .643 mark.

**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 (.474), second in OBP (.524), tied for fifth in hits (9), fourth in OPS (1.208) and sixth in SLG (.684)...Ronny Mauricio is tied for third in the majors with three home runs and tied for 11th in RBI with seven...Mark Vientos is tied for 11th in RBI with seven and 12th among qualifiers in SLG with a .615 mark.

**T-LO:** Tim Lincecum has had an excellent spring and is tied for second in stolen bases with five, tied for fourth in doubles with four and sixth among qualifiers in OBP with a .485 mark.

**WELCOME BACK:** Former Mets INF Howard Johnson and INF Mookie Wilson will be in camp until March 10...Johnson was a two-time All-Star and two-time Silver Slugger with the Mets and ranks third in franchise history in stolen bases (202) and fourth in home runs (192)...One of four players in major league history with three or more 30-30 seasons, Johnson will be inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame on June 3 along with LHP Al Leiter and broadcasters Gary Cohen and Howie Rose...Wilson spent 10 years with the Mets and hit .276/.318/.394 with 60 home runs, 342 RBI and 281 steals with New York... Upon his retirement, he led the Mets in stolen bases (281) and triples (62)...He currently works as a team ambassador for the Mets.

**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).

## EXPECTED TO START

**RHP JUSTIN VERLANDER:** Will make his second appearance this spring...Verlander signed a two-year deal through 2024...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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/4 at MIA	3.0	2	1	1	0	3

**RHP ELIESER HERNÁNDEZ:** Will make his third appearance this Spring...The Mets acquired RHP Elieser Hernandez along with RHP Jeff Brigham from Miami in exchange for minor league RHP Franklin Sanchez and a player to be named later or cash on November 18 of last year...Hernandez, 27, made 10 starts and 20 appearances overall for the Marlins in 2022, racking up 60 strikeouts in 62.1 innings. The Ocumare del Tuy, Venezuela native was 3-6 with a 6.35 ERA (44 earned runs/62.1 innings) in 2022...From 2020-2021, Hernandez posted a 3.84 ERA (33 earned runs/77.1 innings) with 87 strikeouts in 17 combined starts for the Marlins. For his career, he has held rightsies to a .241 (134-556) batting average...Overall, the 6-0, 214-pound righty is 10-21 with a 5.04 ERA (161 earned runs/287.2 innings) in 90 career games (48 starts) with the Marlins from 2018-2022.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/26 vs. WAS	2.0	3	1	1	2	1
3/3 vs. WAS	2.0	2	1	1	0	2

**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, 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.

## UPCOMING PITCHING

FRIDAY

1:10 PM vs. Houston

**ASTROS:** RHP Shawn Dubin

**METS:** RHP Justin Verlander, RHP Jeff Brigham, RHP Sam Coonrod, RHP Jimmy Yacabonis, RHP Tommy Hunter

FRIDAY

6:05 at St. Louis

**METS:** RHP Elieser Hernández, RHP Zach Greene, RHP Connor Grey, RHP Eric Orze, RHP Williams Woods

**CARDINALS:** LHP Jordan Montgomery, LHP Andrew Suarez, LHP Matthew Liberatore, LHP Anthony Misiewicz

