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NEW YORK YANKEES (5-4-1) AT NEW YORK METS (4-5) MARCH 5, 2024 - 1:10 PM CLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FL LHP TANNER TULLY (0-0, 0.00) VS. RHP TYLOR MEGILL (0-1, 1.80) ESPN



PREVIOUSLY ON...: On Sunday, the Mets fell to the Houston Astros, 5-2, in a rain-shortened contest at Clover Park...The game was called with one out in the top of the sixth...RHP Adrian Houser made his second Grapefruit League start and allowed three runs on four hits over 1.2 innings...INF Zack Short and OF Ben Gamel drove in both runs for the Mets with back-to-back doubles in the fifth...RHPs Michael Tonkin and Cole Sulser each recorded a scoreless inning in relief.

VS. YANKEES: Today, the Mets will play their first of two Grapefruit League games against the Yankees... The Mets travel to Tampa to conclude their Grapefruit League slate on March 25...Last season, the Mets split the Subway Series as they went 1-1 both at Citi Field and at Yankee Stadium...The Amazins' are 62-80 vs. the Yankees all-time during the regular season... The Mets are 110-148-2 vs. the Yankees combined in the regular season, World Series, Spring Training, 2020 Summer Camp, Mayor's Trophy Games, Mayor's Challenge Games and the Big Apple Series...This season, the Mets host the Yankees from June 25-26 and travel to Yankee Stadium July 23-24.

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

THE CREAM OF THE CROP: Yesterday, *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 Gilbert (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).

ROSTER MOVES: Following Sunday's game, RHP Dominic Hamel was reassigned to minor league camp... Prior to Sunday's game, the following players were reassigned to minor league camp: OF Drew Gilbert, RHP Eric Orze, C Kevin Parada, RHP Cam Robinson, RHP Christian Scott, RHP Mike Vasil, INF Jett Williams and LHP Danny Young...In addition, INF Luisangel Acuña and LHP Kolton Ingram were optioned to Triple-A Syracuse.

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 nine games this spring, Mets pitchers have posted a 3.03 ERA (25 ER/74.1 IP), the best mark in the majors...The staff's 124 WHIP is the fourth-lowest mark in the Grapefruit League and sixth-lowest in the majors...Mets relievers have pitched to a 2.51 ERA (16 ER/57.1 IP), the lowest mark in the majors.

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.

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 (2004-2009, 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" of 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.

ROCCO'S UNCLE: Over his last three games with a plate appearance, OF Trayce Thompson has reached base safely in six of his eight 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... Yesterday at St. Louis Thompson went 0-1 with two walks...Thompson entered the game on March 3 vs. Houston as a defensive replacement, but did not have a plate appearance.

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).

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.

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.

EXPECTED TO START

RHP TYLOR MEGILL: Will make his third outing of the spring today...Megill started in his 2024 Grapefruit League debut on February 24 vs. St. Louis and allowed one run over 2.0 innings...In his last outing, Megill threw 3.0 scoreless innings in relief and tallied four strikeouts on February 29 at Houston...Last season, Megill went 9-8 with a 4.70 ERA (66 ER/162.1 IP) over a career-high 25 starts...The right-hander also established career highs in innings, strikeouts (105) and quality starts (six)...On April 7, the Mets home opener vs. Miami, Megill threw 6.0 scoreless innings and allowed three hits...Megill joined Tom Seaver (April 5, 1983) as the only other pitcher in franchise history to throw 6.0 shutout innings and allow three hits or fewer in a home opener...Courtesy of Elias... The 6-7, 230-pounder had a strong finish to the 2023 season, allowing three runs or fewer in each of his final eight starts of the season...During that span, Megill pitched to a 3.00 ERA (15 ER/45.0 IP), the fifth-best mark in the NL (min. 45.0 IP)...In September, Megill posted a 2.76 ERA (9 ER/29.1 IP), the ninth-best mark in the NL during the month (min. 25.0 IP)...In his final start of the 2023 season, September 30 vs. Philadelphia, Megill tossed a career-high 7.1 innings.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/24 vs. STL	2.0	2	1	1	0	3
2/29 @ HOU	3.0	2	0	0	0	4

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 Diekmann, 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.

THREE'S COMPANY: The 2023 Mets tied a franchise record with three players recording at least 25 homers (Pete Alonso, Francisco Lindor and Francisco Alvarez)...Carlos Beltrán, Carlos Delgado, David Wright accomplished the feat in 2006 and 2008...The Mets also did it in 1999 (Edgardo Alfonzo, Mike Piazza, Robin Ventura) and 1987 (Howard Johnson, Kevin McReynolds, Darryl Strawberry).

UPCOMING PITCHING

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
1:10 PM vs. Yankees

METS: RHP Tylor Megill, RHP Austin Adams, RHP Drew Smith, RHP Phil Bickford, RHP Sean Reid-Foley, RHP Yohan Ramírez, RHP Chad Smith

YANKEES: LHP Tanner Tully, RHP Clay Holmes, RHP Yerry De Los Santos, LHP Clayton Andrews, RHP Duane Underwood Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
1:05 PM at Houston

METS: LHP Jose Quintana, LHP Joey Lucchesi, LHP Jake Diekmann, RHP Adam Ottavino

ASTROS: LHP Framber Valdez, RHP Bryan Abreu, RHP Dylan Coleman, LHP Josh Hader, LHP Parker Mushinski, RHP Oliver Ortega, RHP Ryan Pressly

