## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (2-1-1) AT NEW YORK METS (3-1-0) FEERUARY 28, 2024 - 1:10 PM <br> GLOUER PARK - PORT ST. LUOIE, FL RHP MILES MIKOLAS ( $0-0,---$ ) VS. RHP REED GARRETT ( $0-0,18.00$ ) SNI

PREVIOUSLY ON... Yesterday, the Mets picked up their third win in a row, defeating the Miami Marlins, 7-1, at Clover Park...RHP Adrian Houser made his first start of the spring and threw 2.0 scoreless innings... OF Tyrone Taylor put the Mets on the board with an RBI single in the third...OF Alex Ramírez laced an RBI double in the fifth to give the Mets the lead....In the sixth, Ji-Man Choi launched a solo home run to right... The Mets pushed across four runs in the seventh inning on a two-run single by OF Drew Gilbert, an RBI single by C Austin Allen and a sacrifice fly by OF Taylor Kolwhey...RHP Yacksel Ríos, RHP Michael Tonkin and LHP Nate Lavender each threw 1.0 scoreless inning out of the bullpen.

ARIMS APLENTY: Through four games this spring, the Mets pitchers have posted a 2.75 ERA (11ER/36.0 IP), the best mark in Grapefruit League play and the third-best clip overall in the majors...Mets starting pitchers have pitched to a 1.13 ERA (1ER/8.0 IP), the fourth-best mark in Grapefruit League play....Mets relievers have pitched to a 3.21 ERA (10 ER/28.0) the second-best mark in the Grapefruit League and the fourth-best in the majors.
$T^{4}$ : Outfielders Tyrone Taylor and Trayce Thompson have had impressive performances at the plate so far in Spring Training...Taylor has gone 3-6 with an RBI and a stolen base over two games, while Thompson has gone 2-5 this spring with a grand slam and an RBI single in Monday's game at Washington.

VS. CARDINALS: Today, the Mets will play their second of six Grapefruit League games against the Cardinals... The Mets dropped their Grapefruit League opener against the Cardinals, 10-5, on February 24 at Clover Park...Last season, the Mets won the season series over St. Louis, 4-3, and outscored the Cardinals 43-26... The Mets will take on the Cardinals from April 26-28 at Citi Field and from May 6-8 at Busch Stadium.

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.

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.

SPEAKING OF STRAW: Darryl Strawberry will be a guest instructor in camp until March 2.

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).

MR. SMIILE: Last season, Francisco Lindor became the Mets' fourth member of the 30-30 club (also, David Wright, Howard Johnson and Darryl Strawberry) as he established a career high with 31 stolen bases to pair with his 31 home runs...He joined Barry Larkin (1996), Álex Rodríguez (1998), Jimmy Rollins (2007), Hanley Ramirez (2008) and Bobby Witt Jr. (2023) as the only shortstops in major league history with a 30-30 season...The 30-year-old was among National League leaders in stolen bases ( $31, \mathrm{t}$-seventh), hit by pitches (12, t-13th), RBI, $(98,14$ th), home runs ( 31 , 14 th), extra-base hits ( $66, \mathrm{t}-14 \mathrm{th}$ ), total bases (283, 15 th) and doubles ( $33, \mathrm{t}-16$ th last season).

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 alltime 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.

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.

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, NF Yolmer Sánchez, RHP Chad Smith, RHP Cole Sulser, OF Trayce Thompson, INF Luke Voit and LHP Danny Young.

## EXPECTED TO START <br> RHP REED GARRETT: Will make his second outing

 of the spring, first as a starter...On February 24 vs . St. Louis, Garrett allowed two runs over 1.0 inning in relief.... Last season, the right-hander began his season with the Baltimore Orioles and appeared in two games with the club before being designated for assignment on June 18...Garrett was claimed off waivers by the Mets on June 25 and made nine relief appearances with the Amazins'...On September 30 vs. Philadelphia (G2), Garrett earned his first career major league win after throwing 3.0 scoreless innings and totaled a career-high four strikeouts...A native of Henrico, VA Garrett made his major league debut with the Detroit Tigers in 2019 and appeared in 13 games with the club that season...In 2022, Garrett made seven relief appearances with the Washington Nationals...The 6-2, 195-pounder was originally drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 16th round of the 2014 First Year Player Draft out of Virginia Military Institute.| Date/Opp | IP | H | R | ER | BB | K |
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| 2/24 vs.STL | 1.0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

OUR PROSPECTS ARE GOOD: New York enters the season with four prospects in MLB Pipeline's top 100...Three of the four are here in major league camp with the Mets...They are: INF Jett Williams (No. 45), OF Drew Gilbert (No. 53) and INF Luisangel Acuña (No. 66)...The other is OF Ryan Clifford (No. 97)... Williams was a first-round selection (14th overall) by the Mets in 2022 and was named the Mets Player Development Hitter of the Year last season as a 19-year-old....Gillbert, Acuña and Clifford all joined the organization last summer via trade...Acuña was acquired from Texas in exchange for Max Scherzer... Gilbert and Clifford came to New York in the Justin Verlander deal with Houston.

THE CREAM OF THE CROP: Seven of New York's top 10 prospects (according to Baseball America) are in camp with the big league club...In addition to Williams, Gillbert and Acuña, RHP Christian Scott, RHP Mike Vasil and C Kevin Parada are participating in major league spring training (INF Ronny Mauricio, on the 60-Day IL recovering from a torn right ACL, is in Port St. Lucie as well).

## UPCOMING PITCHING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
1:10 PM vs. St. Louis
METS: RHP Reed Garrett, RHP Grant Hartwig, LHP Josh Walker, RHP Austin Adams

CARDINALS: RHP Miles Mikolas, RHP Max Rajcic, RHP Victor Santos, RHP Ryan Helsley, LHP JoJo Romero

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 6:05 PM at Houston

METS: LHP Jose Quintana, RHP Tylor Megill,
RHP Yohan Ramírez, RHP Cole Sulser
ASTROS: RHP Ronel Blanco, RHP Brandon Bielak, LHP Parker Mushinski, RHP Oliver Ortega

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| 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 | Buttó (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 | 1:10 p.m./SNY |  |  |  |  |
| 2/29 | Houston Astros/West Palm Beach | 6:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/1 | St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter | 1:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/2 | Miami Marlins/Jupiter | 1:10 p.m./WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/3 | Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie | 1:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/4 | OFF |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/5 | New York Yankees/Port St. Lucie | 1:10 p.m./ESPN |  |  |  |  |
| 3/6 | Houston Astros/West Palm Beach |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/7 | Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie | 6:10 p.m./SNY |  |  |  |  |
| 3/8 | Miami Marlins/Jupiter | 6:40 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/9 | St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter | 1:05 p.m./WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/10 | Detroit Tigers/Port St. Lucie | 1:10 p.m./SNY |  |  |  |  |
| 3/11 | Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie | 6:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/12 | Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach | 6:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/13 | Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie | 6:10 p.m./SNY |  |  |  |  |
| 3/14 | St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter | 1:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/15 | Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie | 6:10 p.m./SNY |  |  |  |  |
| 3/16 | Houston Astros/West Palm Beach | 6:05 p.m./WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/17 | Washington Nationals/West Palm Beach | 1:05 p.m./WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Miami Marlins/Port St. Lucie | 1:10 p.m./PIX 11 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/18 | OFF |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/19 | St. Louis Cardinals/Port St. Lucie | 6:10 p.m./SNY |  |  |  |  |
| 3/20 | Miami Marlins/Jupiter | 1:10 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/21 | Detroit Tigers/Lakeland | 1:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/22 | New York Yankees/Tampa | 1:10 p.m./WCBS 880 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/23 | Houston Astros/Port St. Lucie | 1:10 p.m./SNY/WCBS 880/9 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/24 | Washington Nationals/Port St. Lucie | 1:10 p.m./PIX 11/WCBS 880/9 |  |  |  |  |
| 3/25 | Miami Marlins/Jupiter | 1:10 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
|  | New York Yankees/Tampa | 1:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
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| Date/Opp | \#19 SHINTARO FUJINAMI-RHP | ER | BB |
| Date/Opp <br> 2/24 vs. STL | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { \#75 REED GARRETT-RHP } \\ \text { IP } & \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{R} \\ \text { IP } & 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{2}^{\text {ER }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { BB } \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |
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| Date/Opp <br> 2/27 vs. MIA | $\begin{gathered} \text { \#35 ADRIAN HOUSER-RHP } \\ \text { IP } \begin{array}{c} \text { H } \\ 2.0 \end{array} \quad \mathbf{R} \\ \hline 2 \end{gathered}$ | ER | $\begin{gathered} \text { BB } \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ |
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