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## HOUSTON ASTROS (5-4) AT NEW YORK METS (4-4) MARCH 3, 2024 - 1:10 PM CLOVER PARK - PORT ST. LUCIE, FL RHP JOSÉ URQUIDY (0-0, 0.00) VS. RHP ADRIAN HOUSER (0-0, 0.00) SNY- WCBS 880



**PREVIOUSLY ON...:** Yesterday, the Mets fell to Miami Marlins, 4-1, in Jupiter...LHP Sean Manaea made his first Grapefruit League start and allowed three runs over 2.2 innings, while tallying three strikeouts...INF Brett Baty drove in the lone run for the Mets with a solo home run in the seventh...OF Taylor Kohlwey went 2-3 with a pair of singles...LHP Brooks Raley and RHPs Jorge López, Mike Vasil and José Buttó each threw 1.0 scoreless inning in relief.

**ROSTER MOVES:** Today announce the following roster moves...The following players have been 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 have been 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 eight games this spring, Mets pitchers have posted a 2.61 ERA (20 ER/69.0 IP), the best mark in the majors...The staff's 1.20 WHIP is the third-lowest in the majors, while their .229 opponent batting average is the fifth-lowest mark...Mets relievers have pitched to a 2.35 ERA (14 ER/53.2 IP), the lowest mark in the majors.

**ROCCO'S UNCLE:** Over his last three games, 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.

**VS HOUSTON:** Today, the Mets will play their third of seven Grapefruit League games against the Astros...On February 25, the Mets defeated Houston, 3-1, at Clover Park for their first Grapefruit League win of the season...On February 29, the Mets fell to Houston, 2-1, in West Palm Beach...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.

**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).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Mets Visiting Clubhouse Manager Dave Berni celebrates his birthday today...We wish him well.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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 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.

### EXPECTED TO START

**RHP ADRIAN HOUSER:** Will make his second Grapefruit League start today...In his first start of the spring, Houser threw 2.0 scoreless innings and struck out one on February 27 vs. Miami...The 31-year-old was acquired by the Mets from Milwaukee along with OF Tyrone Taylor in exchange for RHP Coleman Crow on December 20, 2023...Last season with the Brewers, Houser went 8-6 with a 4.12 ERA (51 ER/111.1 IP) and 96 strikeouts over 23 games (21 starts)...The start of Houser's 2023 season was delayed due to a groin injury which sidelined him until May...On June 4 at Cincinnati, Houser tossed a season-high 7.0 innings and allowed one run on six hits...Houser matched his career high with 10 strikeouts on July 22 vs. Atlanta...The 6-3 242-pounder's best season came in 2021, when he went 10-6 with a 3.22 ERA (51 ER/142.1 IP) in 28 outings, including a career-high 26 starts...A native of Tahlequah, OK, Houser was originally drafted by the Houston Astros in the second round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft.

Date/Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/27 vs. MIA	2.0	1	0	0	0	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...Gilbert, 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, Gilbert 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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**  
1:10 PM vs. Houston

**METS:** RHP Adrian Houser, RHP Dominic Hamel, LHP Jake Diekmann, RHP Michael Tonkin, LHP Nate Lavender

**ASTROS:** RHP José Urquidy, RHP Brandon Bielak, RHP Luis Contreras, RHP Seth Martinez, RHP Cole McDonald, LHP Parker Mushinski, RHP Oliver Ortega, LHP Bennett Sousa

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**  
Off Day

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**  
1:10 PM vs. Yankees

**METS:** RHP Tylor Megill, RHP Austin Adams, RHP Drew Smith

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

# 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	Quintana (0-1)	Blanco (2-0)	Henley (1)	4-2
3/1	St. Louis Cardinals/Jupiter	L, 3-2	Tidwell (0-1)	Liberatore (1-0)	Fernandez (1)	4-3
3/2	Miami Marlins/Jupiter	L, 4-1	Manaea (0-1)	Pérez (1-0)	Montverde (1)	4-4
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 880/92.3 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							#94 NATE LAVENDER - LHP							#46 YOHAN RAMÍREZ - 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. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2/24 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	2/25 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
2/29 @ HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2/29 @ HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
#50 PHIL BICKFORD - RHP							#52 JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP							#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
2/25 vs. HOU	2.0	3	0	0	0	1	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	2/26 @ WAS	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
3/2 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/2 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3/1 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
#70 JOSÉ BUTTÓ - RHP							#47 JOEY LUCCHESI - LHP							#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
2/25 vs. HOU	2.0	3	0	0	0	1	2/24 vs. STL	2.0	2	1	1	0	3	2/24 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/2 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	2/29 @ HOU	3.0	2	0	0	0	4	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
#39 EDWIN DÍAZ - RHP							#59 SEAN MANAEA - LHP							#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
2/25 vs. HOU	2.0	3	0	0	0	1	3/2 @ MIA	2.2	7	3	3	0	3	2/24 vs. STL	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/2 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	2							3/1 @ STL	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	
#30 JAKE DIEKMANN - LHP							#38 TYLOR MEGILL							#53 CHAD 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
2/25 vs. HOU	2.0	3	0	0	0	1	2/24 vs. STL	2.0	2	1	1	0	3	2/24 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/2 @ MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	2/29 @ HOU	3.0	2	0	0	0	4	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
#75 REED GARRETT - RHP							#92 ERIC ORZE - RHP							#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
2/24 vs. STL	1.0	1	2	2	1	1	2/26 @ WAS	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	2/25 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2/28 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	3/1 @ STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2/29 @ HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
#93 DOMINIC HAMEL - RHP							#0 ADAM OTTAVINO - 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
2/24 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2/29 @ HOU	1.2	2	2	2	3	1	2/27 vs. MIA	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2/28 vs. STL	1.0	1	0	0	0	0														
#35 ADRIAN HOUSER - RHP							#25 BROOKS RALEY - LHP							#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 vs. MIA	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	3/2 @ MIA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	2/24 vs. STL	1.0	3	4	1	1	0
														2/28 vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

## METS HITTING - LAST THREE GAMES

#82 AUSTIN ALLEN - C							#57 TAYLOR KOHLWEY - OF							#98 HAYDEN SENGER - 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
2/25 vs. HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0	2/27 vs. MIA	0	0	0	0	1	0	2/29 @ HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0
2/27 vs. MIA	1	1	0	0	1	0	2/29 @ HOU	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/1 @ STL	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/2 @ MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/2 @ MIA	3	2	0	0	0	0	3/2 @ MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0
#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
2/28 vs. STL	2	2	2	1	1	1	2/28 vs. STL	3	1	0	0	0	0	2/26 @ WAS	2	0	0	0	1	0
3/1 @ STL	3	0	0	0	0	0	3/1 @ STL	2	1	1	0	0	0	2/28 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/2 @ MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/2 @ MIA	3	0	0	0	0	0	2/29 @ HOU	2	1	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
2/27 vs. MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0	2/28 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	2/28 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0
2/29 @ HOU	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/1 @ STL	2	1	0	0	0	0	2/29 @ HOU	3	1	0	0	0	0
3/2 @ MIA	3	0	0	0	0	0							3/2 @ 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
2/27 vs. MIA	1	1	1	0	0	2	2/27 vs. MIA	3	1	0	0	1	0	2/27 vs. MIA	3	1	0	0	1	0
2/28 vs. STL	1	1	0	0	0	1	2/29 @ HOU	2	0	0	0	0	0	2/29 @ HOU	2	1	0	0	0	0
3/2 @ MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/1 @ STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3/2 @ MIA	3	0	0	0	0	0
#58 RYLAN BANNON - 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
2/27 vs. MIA	1	1	1	0	0	2	2/28 @ WAS	3	1	0	0	0	0	2/26 @ WAS	3	2	1	1	5	1
2/28 vs. STL	1	1	0	0	0	1	2/28 vs. STL	2	0	0	0	0	0	2/28 vs. STL	2	2	2	1	1	1
3/2 @ MIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	3/1 @ STL	2	1	0	0	1	0	3/1 @ STL	1	0	0	0	0	0
#22 BRETT BATY - INF							#9 BRANDON NIMMO - OF							#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		