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To note the occasion, it might be fun to assemble a lineup of Mets who were born in the city. The parameters will be based on performance as a Met only, and the player must have played at least one game at the position he is assigned. He had to have been born in Gotham, so no suburbanites for this team. Part I will cover the infielders and the catcher. The long-time Met played from , with a few options to the minors at times during that span. He did make the All-Star team in , back when the team was a perennial game loser and each team had at least one representative. He did have a pretty good run from to when the left-hander was mostly platooned. His line in was. Rivera , another Bronx native, was born in Rivera is a scrappy infielder who went undrafted out of college. He worked his way through the farm system and has been a Met since the season. He did play a role in getting the Mets into the postseason in with a. He played 73 games this past season with a respectable line of. SSâ€¦ Ted Schreiber , born in Brooklyn in Nine of the games were at shortstop, and he had a 1. His batting line of. I could not find any other New York born Met player who played short for the team. My original thought was that it might be Shawon Dunston at short, he played that position for the Cubs. After a sterling career with the Pirates he signed with the Mets and played from , sometimes outfield but also at third. Although most Met fans may think of his long running contract that is still being paid off, he did have some productive years for the Mets. In he played in games, mostly at third in that strike-shortened season, and had a fine slash line of. Another contender for the spot was Brooklyn native Joe Torre , who did play some third base for the Mets at the end of his career. In he played games with a. He made the All-Star team that year as the Mets made their postseason run that fell just short of the WS. Part II, coming up next week, will show the selections for the outfielders and pitchers.

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To refresh, they were Ed Kranepool at first, T. Now for the rest of the team. LFâ€ Tommy Davis , Brooklyn born in He broke in with the L. Dodgers and was a hit machine with plenty of power. He looked like he was on his way to a Hall of Fame career, but early in he suffered a badly fractured ankle sliding into a base, and was never the same player again. He only played one year for the Mets, He put together a pretty good season that year with a line of. CFâ€ Lee Mazzilli , born in Brooklyn in The switch-hitter had two stints with the Mets, from to , and again from At his peak he had great value both from his hitting and speed. Probably his best season was when he played games, made the All-Star team and had a slash line of. In he stole 41 bases in 56 attempts for the Mets. RFâ€ Ken Singleton , born in Manhattan in The switch-hitter was chosen by the Mets as the first round, third overall selection in the draft. Singleton played only two years for the Mets, and He showed great potential but was sent to Montreal in the Rusty Staub deal before the season. Although Staub contributed to the Mets, Montreal got the better of the deal as Singleton had a long career at high level for Montreal and later Baltimore. Falcone toiled for the Mets from , pitching some relief as well as starts. In he posted an record with a 3. He is a cousin of long-time Mets bullpen coach Joe Pignatano. Lynch hurled for the Mets from His best year was probably as the Mets fell just short of catching the Cardinals. That year he pitched innings with a record and an ERA of 3. RPâ€ John Franco , born in Brooklyn in The crafty lefty was a key part of the Mets bullpen for 14 years, from to He was a finesse pitcher with fine control and a dangerous changeup. His lifetime ERA with the Mets was a pretty good 3. He won the Lou Gehrig award for

Chapter 3 : Culture of New York City - Wikipedia

"Based on interviews with more than one hundred former players, and extensive media research, this book traces the history of the New York Mets from their infamous first season--they finished at , games back--through the miraculous championship season of "--Provided by publisher.

The nickname "Mets" was adopted: For the first two years of its existence, the team played its home games at the historic Polo Grounds in Upper Manhattan. In , they moved into newly constructed Shea Stadium in Flushing, Queens , where the Mets played until the season. In , the club moved into Citi Field , adjacent to the former Shea Stadium site. During their history, the Mets have won two World Series titles and , five National League pennants , , , , and six National League East titles , , , , . The Mets also qualified for the postseason as the National League wild card team in , , and . Their two championships are the most titles among expansion teams, equal to the tallies of the Toronto Blue Jays , Miami Marlins , and Kansas City Royals. The Mets broke their own record five times before the record was regained by the Yankees in . The Mets posted a 40â€” record, a record for the most losses in a season since . In , the Mets famously bypassed future Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson in the amateur draft , instead selecting Steve Chilcott , who never played in the majors. But the following year, they acquired future Hall of Famer Tom Seaver in a lottery. In , the Mets rallied from 5th place to win the division, despite a record of only 82â€” . The franchise turned around in the mids. In , they acquired Hall of Fame catcher Gary Carter from the Montreal Expos and won 98 games, but narrowly missed the playoffs. In , they easily won the division with a record of â€”54, one of the best in National League history. The sixth game of the series went sixteen innings, the longest playoff game in history until . They then won Game 7 to win their second World Series title. Mike Piazza playing for the Mets in . The Mets continued playing well after and won the division in , but were eliminated from the playoffs that year and declined into the s. They were out of contention until the season when they were in wild card contention until the final week of the season. In , the Mets acquired catcher Mike Piazza in a blockbuster trade and missed the postseason by only one game. In , they made the playoffs after a one-game playoff but lost the National League Championship Series to the Atlanta Braves. In , they easily clinched a wild card spot in the playoffs, and earned a trip to the World Series against their crosstown rivals, the New York Yankees for a " Subway Series ". The Mets were defeated by the Yankees in five games. The Mets had a near playoff miss in and struggled from to . The Mets finished four games over. The Mets loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the inning, but Adam Wainwright struck out Beltran looking with a devastating curveball. In , the Mets entered the final 17 games in the season with a seven-game lead in the division. But the team went on an ill-timed losing streak, losing 11 of the next 15 games and needing to win their final two games to make the playoffs. The Mets won their penultimate game, but on the final day of the season, Tom Glavine gave up seven runs in the first inning en route to an 8â€”1 loss that eliminated the team from contention. David Wright was the most recent Mets captain before retiring in . The Mets held a more modest 3. The effect of the injuries plummeted the Mets to a 70â€”92 record. The Mets improved to a 79â€”83 in , but still finished in fourth place, missing the playoffs for the fourth straight year. After the season, the Mets fired Minaya and manager Jerry Manuel. Former Oakland Athletics G. As a result of this agreement the liquidator, Irving Picard , agreed to drop the charges that Wilpon and Katz blindly went along with the scheme for their personal benefit. Also, Reyes became the first Met in franchise history to win a National League batting title , posting a . In , as the Mets tried to bounce back from three consecutive losing seasons, they lost star shortstop Reyes to free agency, when he signed with the Miami Marlins. Dickey , and strong production from Wright. But they faltered midseason and ended with a 74â€”88 record, again finishing fourth in the division. Johan Santana threw the only no-hitter in Mets history in . They were one of only two major-league teams to never have a pitcher throw a no-hitter the other being the San Diego Padres. However, on June 1, Johan Santana pitched a no-hitter against the St. Santana risked being removed from the game after he went over his limit of pitches, placed by the team because of his shoulder surgery. Still Santana stayed in the game and threw total pitches that evening in an 8â€”0 Mets victory, helped by a few great defensive plays as well as a controversial foul-ball call

coincidentally on Beltran , to pull off the first no-hitter in Mets history. The season brought another 74â€™88 finish but they were able to finish in 3rd place. The highlight of the season was sweeping the season series between their cross town rivals Yankees, a first since interleague play started in . They would improve to 79â€™83 and finish the season tied for 2nd place with Atlanta but it was their 6th consecutive season where they finished under. For the first time in its history the Mets won ten straight homestand games, becoming the 7th team since to win at least 10 straight homestand games. Met is the official mascot of the New York Mets. He was introduced on the cover of game programs in , when the Mets were still playing at the Polo Grounds in northern Manhattan. Met is believed to have been the first mascot in Major League Baseball to exist in human as opposed to artistically rendered form. Met formerly Lady Met is the female counterpart to Mr. Met, and the couple sometimes appears with 2â€™3 smaller "children". For more information, see Logos and uniforms of the New York Mets. Blue and orange are also the colors of New York City, as seen on its flag. Logo The cap logo is identical to the logo used by the New York Giants in their final years, and is on a blue cap reminiscent of the caps worn by the Brooklyn Dodgers. In the primary logo, designed by sports cartoonist Ray Gatto, each part of the skyline has special meaningâ€™at the left is a church spire, symbolic of Brooklyn, the borough of churches; the second building from the left is the Williamsburgh Savings Bank, the tallest building in Brooklyn; next is the Woolworth Building; after a general skyline view of midtown comes the Empire State Building; at the far right is the United Nations Building. The bridge in the center symbolizes that the Mets, by bringing National League baseball back to New York, represent all five boroughs. It is identical to the original logo, but the skyline is black instead of blue and the "Mets" script is blue trimmed in orange and white instead of orange trimmed in white the alternate black jerseys displayed the primary blue and orange logo on the left sleeves in ; in this was changed to the alternate black and blue logo. The logo fell into disuse after the Mets dropped the alternate black jerseys and caps in . Also in , the logo received a slight alteration. The "NY" to the left of the team script was removed. No other notable changes were made. Uniform color and design Currently, the Mets wear an assortment of uniforms. The home uniforms are white with blue pinstripes, and feature the "Mets" script and block lettering and numbers in blue with orange outline. The uniforms are paired with a standard blue cap featuring the "NY" script in orange, plus blue undersleeves, belts and socks. The white pinstriped uniforms replaced both the cream pinstriped uniform and the alternate white uniform starting with the season. The gray road jerseys feature a radially-arched "NEW YORK" script in Tiffany style, player numerals and names in blue outlined in orange, and blue placket and sleeve piping. Like the home uniforms, the road grays are worn with blue caps, undersleeves, belts and socks. On November 14, , the Mets introduced two new blue alternate jerseys. The home alternate features the "Mets" script, player numerals and names in orange outlined in white, while the road alternate feature the "NEW YORK" script, player numerals and names in gray outlined in orange. For , another alternate blue cap, this time featuring the "NY" in gray outlined in orange, was introduced, and is paired with the road blue alternates. In , the alternate home blue cap was modified to feature a blue brim. For the season, a Mr. Met sleeve patch was added to the blue alternate jerseys, [28] a feature that was later removed in favor of the primary logo in . This was in contrast to previous seasons where they play with alternate batting helmets to match their caps and jerseys.

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The Amazin' Mets, by William J. Ryczek This book traces the history of the New York Mets from the franchise's inauspicious beginnings—the team, led by Casey Stengel and made up of players like Rod Kanehl and Jay Hook, lost games—through the miraculous championship season of

The first two major New York composers were William Fry and George Frederick Bristow , who in famously criticized the Philharmonic for choosing European composers over American ones. His most important work was the Rip Van Winkle opera, which most influentially used an American folktale rather than European imitations. His works included the Organ Symphony , which earned him comparisons to Igor Stravinsky , and the music for the ballet Appalachian Spring and the Copland Piano Variations. In New York, jazz became fused with stride an advanced form of ragtime and became highly evolved. Among the first major New York jazz musicians was Fletcher Henderson , whose jazz orchestra, first appearing in , helped invent swing music. Later, white bands led by musicians like Jimmy Dorsey and Benny Goodman began to dominate and produced a number of instrumentalists that had a profound effect on the later evolution of jazz. Star vocalists also emerged, mainly women like the bluesy Billie Holiday and the scat singer Ella Fitzgerald. Many New Yorkers developed a renewed interest in blues, Appalachian folk music and other roots styles. Greenwich Village , in Lower Manhattan, became a hotbed of American folk music as well as leftist political activism. The performers associated with the Greenwich Village scene had sporadic mainstream success in the s and 50s; some, like Pete Seeger and the Almanac Singers , did well, but most were confined to local coffeehouses and other venues. Performers like Dave Van Ronk and Joan Baez helped expand the scene by appealing to university students. Dylan plugged an entire generation into the milieu of the singer-songwriter, often writing from an urban, distinctly New York point of view. It was not unusual for producers to contract local symphony and philharmonic orchestras as well as session musicians to further refine the sound. Many of the major disco nightclubs were in New York, including Paradise Garage , Danceteria and Studio 54 , attracting notable followers from the art world, such as Andy Warhol , the fashion industry like Karl Lagerfeld , as well as socialites, musicians and intellectuals. This tradition continued in the s with Area , Danceteria , and Limelight. Anthrax and KISS were the best known heavy metal and glam rock performers from the city. The s were also when the Salsa and Latin Jazz movements grew and branched out to the world. For many years, New York was the only city with a major hip-hop scene, and all of the early recordings came from New York. New York is also one of only five cities in the United States with permanent professional resident companies in all of the major performing arts disciplines: The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts , actually a complex of buildings housing 12 separate companies, is the largest arts institution in the world. It is also home to the internationally renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center. Each week, more than musicians and ensembles — ranging in genre from classical to Cajun, bluegrass , African , South American and jazz — give over performances sanctioned by New York City Transit at 25 locations throughout the subway system. The exhibition had a twofold effect of communicating to American artists that artmaking was about expression, not only aesthetics or realism , and at the same time showing that Europe had abandoned its conservative model of ranking artists according to a strict academic hierarchy. This encouraged American artists to find a personal voice, and a modernist movement, responding to American civilization , emerged in New York. Alfred Stieglitz — , photographer, Charles Demuth — and Marsden Hartley — , both painters, helped establish an American viewpoint in the fine arts. Stieglitz promoted cubists and abstract painters at his Gallery on 5th Avenue. The Museum of Modern Art , founded in , became a showcase for American and international contemporary art. In the years after World War II, a group of young New York artists known as the New York School formed the first truly original school of painting in America that exerted a major influence on foreign artists: The abstract expressionists abandoned formal composition and representation of real objects to concentrate on instinctual arrangements of space and color and to demonstrate the effects of the physical action of painting on the canvas. Members of this next artistic generation favored a different form of abstraction: Among them were Jasper Johns — , who used photos, newsprint, and discarded objects in his

compositions. Pop artists, such as Andy Warhol , Larry Rivers , and Roy Lichtenstein , reproduced, with satiric care, everyday objects and images of American popular culture—Coca-Cola bottles, soup cans, comic strips. Today New York is a global center for the international art market. The Upper East Side has many art galleries, [44] [45] and the downtown neighborhood of Chelsea is known for its more than art galleries that are home to modern art from both upcoming and established artists. Wall Street money and funds from philanthropists flow steadily into the art market, often prompting artists to move from gallery to gallery in pursuit of riches and fame. Enriching and countering this mainstream commercial movement is the constant flux of underground movements, such as hip-hop art and graffiti, which engendered such artists as Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat , and continue to add visual texture and life to the atmosphere of the city. Long Island City , Queens is a rapidly flourishing art scene in New York City, serving as home to the largest concentration of arts institutions outside of Manhattan. Its abundance of industrial warehouses provide ample studio and exhibition space for many renowned artists, museums and galleries. In Christo and Jeanne-Claude installed *The Gates* , a site-specific art project inspired by traditional Japanese torii gates. From each gate hung a flag-shaped piece of saffron-colored nylon fabric. The subway system also hosts several public art projects, including intricate tile mosaics and station signage. Subversive public art trends have also coursed through New York City. The subway tunnel became a scene where crews of Manhattan graffiti artists gathered at night. With greater law enforcement and aggressive cleaning of subway trains in the s and s, the graffiti movement in New York eventually faded from the subway. As cinema moved west, much of the motion picture infrastructure in New York was used for the burgeoning television industry. New York City has undergone a renaissance in film-making with independent and studio films in production in the city in , an increase from in and in . While major studio productions are based in Hollywood, New York has become a capital of independent film. New York is also home to the Anthology Film Archives , which preserves and exhibits hundreds of avant-garde works from the entire span of film history. The oldest public-access television in the United States is the Manhattan Neighborhood Network , well known for its eclectic local programming that ranges from a jazz hour to discussion of labor issues to foreign language and religious programming. *The Bridge*, similarly, chronicles old school hip hop.

Chapter 5 : Cuba-born pitchers square off Saturday - Mets Blog- ESPN

Ironically, it was O'Malley, as Dodger owner, who led the NL out of New York when, in October, , he took Horace Stoneham of the Giants by the hand and skipped merrily to California.

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Chapter 6 : The New York (born) Mets: Part I

The history of the New York Mets began in when the team was introduced as part of the National League's first expansion of the 20th century. The team's history includes two World Series championships and five National League pennants.

Two years later, on July 27, , attorney William Shea announced the formation of a third major baseball league, the Continental League. The second largest stake was held by George Herbert Walker, Jr. Bush , who served as vice president and treasurer until Donald Grant became chairman of the board. The existing leagues , which had considerably more autonomy at the time, responded with plans to add four new teams, two in each league. One of the new National League teams was to be in New York. The new team required a new name, and many were suggested. For the first two years of its existence, the team played its home games at the historic Polo Grounds in Upper Manhattan , [8] which it shared with the New York Jets whose team name was one of the aforementioned finalists for the Mets. In , both teams moved into newly constructed Shea Stadium in Flushing Meadows , Queens, where the Mets stayed through the season the Jets would leave after the NFL season. In , the club moved into Citi Field , located adjacent to the former site of Shea Stadium. During their history, the Mets have won two World Series titles and , five National League pennants , , , , and six National League East titles , , , , . The Mets are the only expansion team to have won two World Series championships at home, as the Blue Jays, Marlins and Royals have each won one on the road. Blue Jays in , Marlins in , and the Royals in . The Mets held the New York baseball attendance record for 29 years. The Mets broke their own record five times before the Yankees took it back in . On several occasions, potential no-hitters by Met pitchers have been broken up in the late innings. After the Mets got their first no-hitter, this left the San Diego Padres as the only remaining team in MLB that has never had a pitcher throw such a game. Louis Cardinals the first game, scheduled for April 10, was delayed due to rain. Craig was charged with a balk , scoring White from third with the first run ever against the Mets. Throughout major league history only the Cleveland Spiders 20â€” lost more games in a single season than the Mets. Beloved by New York fans despiteâ€”or perhaps because ofâ€”their losing ways, the Mets of the early s became famous for their ineptitude. Journeyman players like the ironically nicknamed "Marvelous Marv" Throneberry became icons of athletic incompetence. Ex-Dodger and Giant pitcher Billy Loes , who was acquired by the Mets after the expansion draft, was credited with the ungrammatical "The Mets is a good thing. They give everybody jobs. Just like the WPA. In , Cleveland Indians catcher Harry Chiti was purchased by the Mets for a player to be named later in the season. After only 15 games and a . Chiti was the first player ever to be sent back to his original team in a trade in Major League history. The Mets featured a pitcher, Carlton Willey, who was having a great year, pitching four shut-outs, when he incurred an injury and finished with a 9â€”14 win-loss record. According to legend, later that day a fan called a New York newspaper to get the score. Unexpectedly thrust into the spotlight in the final hectic weekend of the season , the Mets relished the role of spoiler, beating the Cardinals in St. In , the Mets chose catcher Steve Chilcott as the first overall selection in the amateur draft. He became the first number one draft pick to retire without reaching the major leagues. The second pick that year was Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson. Even though the Mets remained in last place, Tom Seaver was a sign of good fortune to come. He was originally signed by the Atlanta Braves in February out of the University of Southern California , but his contract was voided by Commissioner William Eckert on the basis that the USC season had already started when Seaver signed. In order to resolve this issue, the Mets, Indians, and Phillies were all placed in a hat since they were the only teams willing to match the Braves offer, and the Mets were fortunate enough to win the drawing. This trio of youth formed a new, determined clubhouse nucleus that had no interest in losing, lovably or otherwise. By the season , Wes Westrum would be replaced as manager by Gil Hodges. Pitcher Jerry Koosman joined the staff and had a spectacular rookie season in , winning 19 games. Left fielder Cleon Jones developed as a batter and exciting center fielder Tommie Agee came over in a trade. But although much improved, the team still finished the season in 9th place. On April 10, Tommie Agee became the only player ever to hit a home run to the small area of fair territory in the upper level of Shea Stadium. A painted sign on

the stands nearby commemorated the spot at Shea. By mid-August, the favored Chicago Cubs seemed safely on their way to winning the first ever National League East Division title and their first postseason appearance of any kind since . The Mets sat in third place, ten games behind; but Chicago went 8–17 in September, while the Mets, with outstanding pitching from their young staff, piled up victory after victory, winning 38 of their last 49 games. They took first place for good on September 10, and finished in first place with a .62 record for the season, their first winning year ever, a full eight games over the Cubs. The Mets finished with a team ERA of 2. Tom Seaver led the way with a 2.7 record, with lefty Jerry Koosman behind him at 2.9 record, while Cleon Jones finished with a . The Mets were considered underdogs in this series despite the fact that they had a better record than the Braves, the first place team in the National League West. Shea Stadium prior to a Mets versus Philadelphia Phillies game in . The Mets were given very little chance in the World Series , facing a powerful Baltimore Orioles team that had gone 53 in the regular season and included Frank Robinson , Brooks Robinson , and Jim Palmer as well as future Mets manager Davey Johnson , who would make the final out of the Series. Before the series began, pundits predicted Tom Seaver might win the opening game, but that the Mets would have trouble winning again in the World Series. Seaver got his revenge in game four, pitching all 10 innings of a 2–1 victory. For the rest of that season, Jones never failed to hustle. The Miracle Mets magic wore off as the s began. They would continue to produce winning seasons, but did not repeat the success of their championship season. In these subsequent years, Mets pitchers generally excelled but received lackluster support from the hitters, with mediocre finishes the result. Efforts to improve the offense backfired with blunders such as trading Amos Otis for troubled infielder Joe Foy after the season as well as young pitcher Nolan Ryan for infielder Jim Fregosi after the season. Once out of the glaring New York spotlight, Ryan became one of the best pitchers in history, spending 22 more years in the majors and entering the Baseball Hall of Fame in as a Texas Ranger. Fregosi battled injuries and played just games for the Mets over a season and a half. The team was thrown into confusion and shock prior to the season , when Manager Gil Hodges , who had led the team to the World Series victory in , suffered a sudden heart attack at the end of spring training and died. Coach Yogi Berra succeeded Hodges. Then, in , the Mets found themselves deadlocked with their opponents in what was then the tightest divisional race of the century. Berra also coined his most famous Yogiism that year: Their record remains the lowest of any pennant-winning team but they managed to push the defending World Series Champion Oakland Athletics to a seventh game. Their near-miracle season ended with a loss to Ken Holtzman in the final contest. As the season ended, owner Joan Payson died, leaving the team to her husband Charles. While Joan Payson had been the driving force behind the Mets, her survivors did not share her enthusiasm. Charles delegated his authority to his three daughters, who in turn left control over baseball matters to club chairman Grant. Contract disputes with star pitcher Tom Seaver and slugger Dave Kingman erupted in . These disputes came to a head when both players were traded on June 15, the trading deadline, in what New York tabloids dubbed "The Midnight Massacre. The team finished in last place yet again in . By this time, it was obvious that Grant had mismanaged the team and failed to invest in its future. Charles Payson himself fired Grant at the end of the season. Things only got worse in . The Mets were in last place before the end of April, and attendance dropped below 1 million for the first time in history. They would not become a competitive team again until the mids, marking the first time that both New York teams were competitive at the same time, both on the field and at the box office. In February, Wilpon hired longtime Baltimore Orioles executive Frank Cashen as general manager who began the process of rebuilding the Mets much in the same way he developed the Orioles in the late s and early s. He began by selecting slugging high school phenomenon Darryl Strawberry as the number one overall pick in the amateur draft. Two years later, hard-throwing hurler Dwight Gooden was taken as the fifth overall selection in the draft. The pair rose quickly through the minors, winning successive Rookie of the Year awards Strawberry in , Gooden in . In , new manager Davey Johnson was promoted from the helm of the AAA Tidewater Tides and led the Mets to a 90–72 record, their first winning season since . Louis Cardinals in the final days of the season in a memorable series. The Mets began the series three games behind St. Louis and won the first two, but faltered in the third game, allowing St. Louis to remain in first place and clinch the division. World Champions again[edit] Main article: He then sold a half-stake to Wilpon, making them full partners. Unlike

the league champion Mets of or , the Mets broke away from the rest of the division early and dominated throughout the entire year. They won 20 of their first 24 games, clinched the East Division title on September 17, and finished the year 1954, which tied with the Cincinnati Reds for the third highest win total in National League history, behind the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The relative lack of excitement during the regular season was more than compensated for by the spectacularly suspenseful and dramatic post-season series. The Mets took a two-games-to-one lead with a come-from-behind walk-off home run by Lenny Dykstra. In Game 6, the Mets turned a 3-0 ninth-inning deficit into a sixteen-inning marathon victory to clinch the National League pennant and earn their third World Series appearance. The Astros would have to wait until to finally win their first pennant. The Red Sox scored two runs in the tenth inning and twice came within one strike of winning their first World Series since. In fact, it was in this series that talk of this curse began. Hitter Mookie Wilson ran the count to 2-1, then fouled off 3 consecutive pitches. With the count 2-2, pitcher Bob Stanley threw a wild pitch that Wilson had to leap out of the way of.

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The New York Mets also have a hometown kid on their roster—Mike Baxter. Hopefully, Baxter will get to fulfill his childhood dream and become a star on the Mets, and join the list of New York.

Chapter 9 : The Beat Generation vs. "Beatniks" - Denise Enck

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