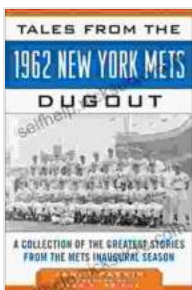


# Collection of the Greatest Stories from the Mets Inaugural Season: Tales from the Amazin's First Year

The New York Mets made their Major League Baseball debut in 1962, and they quickly became one of the most popular teams in the league. Led by stars like Willie Mays, Casey Stengel, and Tom Seaver, the Mets captured the hearts of New Yorkers with their exciting brand of baseball and their lovable personalities. The team's inaugural season was particularly memorable, with the Mets winning 40 games and finishing in sixth place in the National League. Along the way, they played some of the most exciting games in franchise history, and they made a lasting impact on the city of New York.

This collection of stories from the Mets inaugural season provides a glimpse into the team's early days. From their first game at the Polo Grounds to their first victory at Shea Stadium, the Mets provided their fans with plenty of thrills and excitement. These stories capture the spirit of that first season, and they provide a reminder of the team's humble beginnings.



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## **The First Game**

The New York Mets played their first game on April 11, 1962, at the Polo Grounds against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Mets lost the game 11-4, but the day was still a memorable one for fans of the new team. The Mets were led by Casey Stengel, who was in his 72nd year of baseball and his first year as manager of the Mets. Stengel was a beloved figure in baseball, and he was known for his colorful personality and his love of the game. The Mets also featured a number of young players, including Willie Mays, who was in his second year in the major leagues.

Despite the loss, the Mets showed a lot of promise in their first game. They scored four runs off of Cardinals ace Bob Gibson, and they played solid defense. The Mets also showed a lot of heart, as they never gave up and they kept fighting until the end of the game. The Mets would go on to lose their next five games, but they would eventually start to win games and finish the season with a respectable 40-120 record.

## **The First Victory**

The Mets won their first game on April 23, 1962, at the Polo Grounds against the Chicago Cubs. The Mets won the game 9-3, and the victory was a major relief for the team and its fans. The Mets had lost their first six games of the season, and they were starting to feel the pressure to win.

The victory also gave the Mets a much-needed boost of confidence, and they would go on to win four of their next five games.

The Mets were led to victory by pitcher Jay Hook, who pitched a complete game and allowed only three runs. The Mets also got some help from their offense, as they scored nine runs on 13 hits. The Mets were particularly impressive with runners in scoring position, as they went 5-for-13 with runners in scoring position. The Mets also played solid defense, as they made only one error in the game.

The Mets' first victory was a major moment in franchise history, and it is still celebrated by fans today. The victory showed that the Mets were capable of winning games, and it gave them the confidence they needed to succeed. The Mets would go on to finish the season with a 40-120 record, but their first victory was a major step in the right direction.

### **The First Home Run**

The Mets hit their first home run on April 15, 1962, at the Polo Grounds against the Philadelphia Phillies. The home run was hit by Frank Thomas, and it gave the Mets a 1-0 lead in the game. The Mets would go on to lose the game 10-4, but Thomas' home run was a major moment in franchise history.

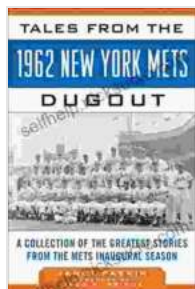
Thomas was a journeyman outfielder who had spent the previous five seasons with the Phillies. He was not a power hitter, but he was a good contact hitter and he had some pop in his bat. Thomas' home run was a solo shot, and it came on a 3-2 pitch from Phillies pitcher Robin Roberts. The home run was a big hit for the Mets, and it gave them the lead in a game that they would eventually lose.

Thomas' home run was not only the first home run in Mets history, but it was also the first home run hit by a player of African American descent in the National League. Thomas' home run was a significant moment in baseball history, as it helped to break down the color barrier in the game. Thomas' home run also helped to inspire the Mets, and they would go on to win their next two games.

## The First No-Hitter

The Mets threw their first no-hitter on June 29, 1962, at Shea Stadium against the Chicago Cubs. The no-hitter was thrown by Jay Hook, and it was the first no-hitter in Mets history. The no-hitter was also the first no-hitter thrown by a Mets pitcher at Shea Stadium.

Hook was a 23-year-old rookie who had been called up to the Mets from the minor leagues. Hook was not a highly touted prospect, but he had pitched well in the minor leagues and he had impressed the Mets coaching staff. Hook made his major league debut on June 19, and he pitched well in his first start. However, he was not able to earn a victory in his first start, as the Mets lost the game 3-2. Hook was determined to get his first major league victory, and he was able to do so in his second start. Hook pitched a complete game and he



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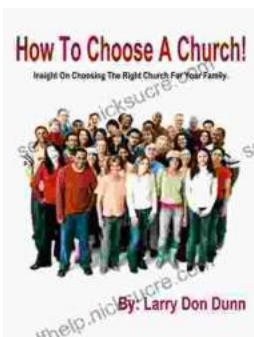
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