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## Yo Returns

This offseason was very intense with star players turning into free agents. Players like Jason Heyward, Chris Davis, Ben Zobrist, Zack Grenkie, Johnny Cueto, and many more. But one of the most highly coveted free agents that just got signed is Yoenis Cespedes. Cespedes started out last year with the Detroit Tigers. With little time to spare at the end of the trade deadline, the New York Mets, who were a struggling 53-50, traded 2 top prospects, one of which would be a #1 prospect that was traded to the Yankees. The Mets needed a big bat to carry them to the playoffs. That's exactly what the Mets got. Cespedes had 17 homeruns from the time he reached New York to the end of the season. Cespedes was thought to have at least a \$200 million contract, but in the playoffs, his value went down due to a knee injury. When he entered the market, he was looking for a 5 year, \$150-\$170 million deal. But looking at his postseason play, he wasn't deserving of that much. So teams started with offers as low as \$90 million. Cespedes was thought to be going to Baltimore because there were no other great deals, but the Orioles signed Chris Davis instead, so that left Cespedes unsigned. The Mets had not officially made an offer, but they were thought to have a 1-3 year deal. Then the Mets officially make their offer at 3 years, \$75 million with an opt out option after his 1st year. Then the Nationals come in. They just wanted to stop the Mets from beating them. Their offer was 5 years, \$100 million. It was close. The Cespedes released his decision. He was going to go with the lower money and stay in New York. Why? It was because Cespedes really wanted to stay in New York. So, LET'S YO METS!

