

# THE SPORTIER

## José Reyes Coming Back Home

On Saturday afternoon, the New York Mets reunited with shortstop José Reyes, who was a free agent. Reyes was playing for the Colorado Rockies, but after a domestic violence case against him, Major League Baseball suspended José for 52 games from the start of the 2016 season. The Rockies didn't want to keep him after what he did, so the Rockies put Reyes on waivers and after he cleared waivers, he could be picked up by any team. When the Mets signed José to a Minor League contract, some people weren't happy. "It sets a very poor example," said one Mets fan. "Domestic abuse is a very serious issue and it shouldn't be taken lightly." Other fans said that Reyes deserved to get another shot. "They punished him. He served his suspension. He didn't appeal it," said one fan. "I think he deserves a second chance."

José released a statement saying that he very well knew that he had done something terrible wrong and was going through counseling. The Mets signed him and believed that he was still a good person and that he could help the team win.

Source: [Daily News](#)

## Did You Know?

Major League Baseball umpires are required to wear all black while umpiring, even black underwear! (Just in case they split their pants!)



Source: [CBS Boston](#)

## Lionel Messi Retires From International Soccer

Soccer superstar Lionel Messi has retired from international soccer. In the Copa América (America Cup) Finals, Messi's Argentina were facing Chile. After both halves were finished, the score was 0-0. The penalty shootout began. Messi was the first shooter for Argentina. With Chile having already missing a shot, Messi could put Argentina up 1-0. But Messi shot WAY wide of the net, a surprise because Messi is the one who carried this team. Chile eventually won 2-4 in shootouts, and right after the game Messi announced he was retiring. Teammates were in shock. Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero said he hoped Messi would think further about his decision. Romero also said, "I can't imagine a national team without Messi." Sergio Aguero described the mood in the Argentina dressing room as "the worst I've ever been in." Messi has won eight La Liga titles and four Champions Leagues with Spanish side Barcelona.

The way Messi is going out isn't the greatest way, but he carried this Argentina team as best he could.

Source: [BBC Sports](#)

## In The Rulebook

The strike zone in Major League Baseball is midpoint to the hollow beneath your knees.

