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A New Sheriff In Queens

All New York Mets fans received an early Christmas gift on Wednesday, December 4th. It seems as though that the reign of Fred and Jeff Wilpon, the father-son duo, is over. Announced on Wednesday, the team that has owned the team since 2002 has decided to sell what will eventually become 80% of the franchise to multi-billionaire hedge fund manager and Mets fan Steve Cohen. Cohen, a Long Island native, had owned a 4% stake in the Mets and had previously bid on the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2011. Cohen, should the deal be approved as it most likely will, would immediately take a majority stake in the Mets right away, 51%, which would allow him to use his passion to win and his financial flexibility sooner rather than later. Though the Wilpons will not officially lose their high-ranking positions as CEO and COO for 5 more years, Cohen is expected to be able to take over right away and spend the way he would like to. He wants the team to be in its best shape possible for when he can kick out the Wilpons. According to an article published by Business Insider, Steve Cohen would be the 2nd-richest billionaire owning a sports franchise. His net worth of \$13.6 billion stands only behind Los Angeles Clippers owner and former CEO of Microsoft Steve Ballmer, coming in with a net worth of \$55.5 billion. With his money and desire to win, Steve Cohen most likely will not be taking a back seat to the Wilpons when he gains the majority of the franchise, and maybe he could be the answer to get the spiraling team back to the top.



LeBron + AD = Unstoppable

Headlining the 2019 NBA Free Agency was the Los Angeles Lakers' huge deal, as they pulled off a trade that would send them superstar center Anthony Davis. At the time, the trade seemed surprising even. Though the Lakers acquired AD, they gave up a lot of their future. Young players Josh Hart, Brandon Ingram, and Lonzo Ball, along with three first-round picks, were all packaged to the New Orleans Pelicans in the exchange. Well, now the trade doesn't look as even. With LeBron James and Anthony Davis, there is no stopping the Lakers. With LeBron and Davis both averaging upwards of 25 points per game, with the additional fact that LeBron is averaging over 10 assists per game, the 20-3 Lakers are tied for the best record in the NBA with reigning MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo's Bucks. Coming off a 23 point victory against the Portland Trail Blazers, in which Davis put up 39 points, it is clear that this team is a heavy favorite to win a title. They have faced the 7th easiest schedule in the league up to this point, but that does not take away from the fact that they are beating up on their opponents. We knew that LeBron and Anthony Davis would create one of if not the most deadly duos in the league, but it was just a matter of seeing how quickly they could work together. Apparently, they are doing just fine.

In The Rulebook

Did you know: While playing, NBA players must keep their jerseys tucked into their shorts? This rule actually came up this past week in a game. While shooting free throws, Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns had his jersey untucked. Oklahoma City Thunder guard Chris Paul noticed and pointed it out, awarding the Thunder with free throws.



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