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Jimmy Breslin's nostalgic, rollicking look back at the worst baseball team in history

Five years after the Dodgers and Giants fled New York for California, the city's National League fans were offered salvation in the shape of the New York Mets: an expansion team who, in the spring of 1962, attempted to play something resembling the sport of baseball.

Helmed by the sagacious Casey Stengel and staffed by the league's detritus, the new Mets played 162 games and lost 120 of them, making them statistically the worst team in the sport's modern history. It's possible they were even worse than that. Starring such legends as Marvin Throneberry—a first baseman so inept that his nickname had to be "Marvelous"—the Mets lost with swashbuckling panache. In an era when the fun seemed to have gone out of sports, the Mets came to life in a blaze of delightful, awe-inspiring ineptitude. They may have been losers, but a team this awful deserves to be remembered as legends.

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