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that statement the recent surge that carried the
New York Mets to the divisional championship in the New York Mets to the divisional championship in the
National League East should have dispelled all doubts
about the popularity of the team that isn't given a chance.
Check the preseason polls of the nation's so calle sports experts and see where they predicted the
Mets would finish, and you'll get some idea of how little these men who write and talk about sports
know about the game. You can include this columnist among the group for, like everyone else, we had
figured the New Yorkers as an also-ran. We did pick the Baltimore Orioles to make a sham-
bles of the American League East, and actually pinOrioles acquired, southpaw Mike Cuellar from Hous-
ton during the off season we figured he'd make the ton during the off season we figured he'd make the
big difference - and he did-to become the winningest hurler on the team.
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$\qquad$ good but in the same league with the The same thing is happening in professional foot-
ball with the early upsets including Los Angeles (it says in the press notices) New York Jets and Broadway Joe Namath, the New York Giants' opening
win over the Minnesota Vikings, and many of other equally shocking results. It lo
in for another rough season.

## But the amazing part of these victories by the underdog is the fan reaction. Never in my life have I seen so many people rooting for a baseball team as

 seen so many people rooting for a baseball team asI did during the Mets' drive to the division champion-

It seems that thousands of people who had given
up baseball had returned to the game at least for the up baseball had returned to the game at least for the
time being. These are the people who had laughed at
the Mets' ineptitude in the early years or perhaps the Mets' ineptitude in the early years or perhaps
they had sympathized with the failure of the Shea Stadium occupants and their inability to look like a
major league club. Whatever the reason, Mets fans came out of hiding.
as Gil Hodges inspired this crew of dedicated youngsters to forget the odds against them and go out and
do the best they could. That they succeeded has
been the sports been the sports story of the year.
If they go on to win the championship playoff and complete the impossible dream with a World Series
triumph, they'll not only rule the city of New York but they'll have a permanent place in the hearts of
sports fans throughout the world. The amazing
Mets will have earned their place in the annals of Mets will have
sports history.
$\qquad$ tinue to make the Mets their team or will they turn their attention to another underdog. Seems incon-
gruous but the once proud Yankees who drew only gruous but the once proud Yankees who drew only
half as many fans as the Mets in '69 are now in
the same role the Mets were. the same role the Mets were. will desert them in their triumph and turn next
season to the Yankes season to the Yankees who have floundered so badly
since Yogi Berra, the last mana for to lead them to since Yogi Berra, the last manager to lead the
pennant, moved to the Mets as a coach.
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unbeatable Baltimore Colt
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