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**NEW YORK FANS IN YANKEES STATE OF MIND,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY BASEBALL POLL FINDS;  
BUT TEAMS ARE CLOSE IN NEW YORK CITY**

The Subway Series between the New York Mets and the New York Yankees is headed for extra innings as 45 percent of New York City baseball fans prefer the Amazins and 43 percent back the Bombers, according to the Quinnipiac University New York Baseball Poll released today.

Statewide, fans back the Yankees over the Mets 48 – 34 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

The Bombers are ahead 53 – 14 percent among upstate fans, with 9 percent for the Red Sox. Among suburban fans, 49 percent cheer for the Yankees and 44 percent root for the Mets.

A total of 43 percent of New York State adults say they are “very interested” or “somewhat interested” in Major League Baseball. Favorite team questions are asked of those fans.

“When they’re not following the Buffalo Bisons, the Syracuse Chiefs or the Tri-City ValleyCats, upstate baseball fans cheer for the New York Yankees,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“In the Big Apple, however, it looks like the 2017 baseball season will be a close race between the Yankees and the Mets.”

From March 23 – 27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,605 New York State adults with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 percentage points. The survey includes 750 baseball fans, with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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31. (Adults) How interested are you in following major league baseball; very interested, somewhat interested or not interested at all?

	ADULTS.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS 18-49 50+	
Very interested	17%	23%	11%	15%	17%
Smwht interested	26	27	26	24	31
Not interested	57	50	63	61	51
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	1

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
Very interested	15%	17%	18%
Smwht interested	27	24	31
Not interested	57	59	51
DK/NA	1	-	-

TREND: (Adults) How interested are you in following major league baseball; very interested, somewhat interested or not interested at all?

	ADULTS.....			
	Very	Smwht	Not	DK/NA
Mar 31, 2017	17	26	57	-
Jun 01, 2012	20	32	47	1

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31a. (If Very or Somewhat interested q31) What is your favorite major league baseball team?

	BASEBALL FANS Q31.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS	
				18-49	50+
New York YANKEES	48%	49%	46%	47%	50%
New York METS	34	32	36	39	30
Boston RED SOX	5	6	4	3	6
Chicago CUBS	2	1	3	2	2
Chicago WHITE SOX	1	-	1	1	-
Cleveland INDIANS	1	1	-	-	1
Los Angeles DODGERS	1	1	1	-	2
Pittsburgh PIRATES	1	-	1	-	1
Seattle MARINERS	1	1	-	2	-
Toronto BLUE JAYS	1	1	1	1	-
Other team	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	3	2	5	3	3

	AREA.....		
	UpStat	NYC	Sub
New York YANKEES	53%	43%	49%
New York METS	14	45	44
Boston RED SOX	9	3	2
Chicago CUBS	3	2	-
Chicago WHITE SOX	1	1	-
Cleveland INDIANS	1	-	-
Los Angeles DODGERS	2	-	1
Pittsburgh PIRATES	1	-	-
Seattle MARINERS	-	2	-
Toronto BLUE JAYS	2	-	-
Other team	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	2	3

TREND: (If interested in baseball) What is your favorite major league baseball team?

	BASEBALL FANS	
	Mar 31	Jun 01
	2017	2012
New York YANKEES	48	60
New York METS	34	22
Boston RED SOX	5	5
Chicago CUBS	2	1
Chicago WHITE SOX	1	na
Cleveland INDIANS	1	1
Los Angeles DODGERS	1	1
Pittsburgh PIRATES	1	na
Seattle MARINERS	1	na
Toronto BLUE JAYS	1	na
Phila. PHILLIES	na	2
Baltimore ORIOLES	na	1
Detroit TIGERS	na	1
San Francisco GIANTS	na	1
Other team	-	4
DK/NA	3	3