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# Deadline sets up Preller for busy offseason

Depth in system positions Padres for run at big names

By AJ Cassavell

SAN DIEGO -- The weeks leading up to Tuesday's non-waiver Trade Deadline were busy for Padres general manager A.J. Preller. The offseason will be busier.

San Diego was linked with a handful of the biggest names on the market over the past month, most notably right-hander [Chris Archer](#), who landed in Pittsburgh in the final hour before the Deadline.

That wasn't an anomaly. Speaking after the Deadline, Preller seemed to indicate that he views the Padres as active players for the biggest names available. They own the sport's best farm system, and -- although they're not eager to part with their best young talent -- if the right deal (or deals) arise, Preller won't hesitate to add big league-ready players.

"You saw it here in the past month: When established players are potentially moved, we're going to be part of those discussions," Preller said. "We have players that other teams like. Part of the evaluation process will be: at what time do we want to potentially move guys from our organization to get more established players?"

This offseason in particular presents a series of challenges. A convergence of factors will leave the Padres with more roster decisions to make than usual.

The Padres have a full 40-man roster and three more players on the 60-day disabled list. They have eight prospects on their [Top 30 list](#) who must be added to the 40-man roster or be risked in the [Rule 5 Draft](#). (Meanwhile, right-handers Brett Kennedy and Trey Wingenter aren't on that Top 30 list, but they're facing the same Rule 5 obstacles and are likely to debut before the end of the season.)

Only [Tyson Ross](#), [A.J. Ellis](#) and [Freddy Galvis](#) are pending free agents. If you're doing the math, that leaves 50 pieces that will need to be trimmed by 10. And that's before the Padres make additions at shortstop, in the rotation and in the bullpen.

It's a roster crunch that should leave a handful of the team's current big leaguers on edge. It also leaves the front office with four solutions before the late November deadline.

1. Trade big leaguers
2. Designate/non-tender big leaguers
3. Trade prospects
4. Expose prospects to the Rule 5 Draft

The Padres are going to explore the first possibility to the fullest extent. They're going to use the second option to free themselves of at least a couple of players currently taking up 40-man space. And they're going to avoid the fourth option at all costs.

That leaves the possibility of trading prospects -- one the Padres' fan base isn't particularly thrilled about (perhaps justifiably so, given that the big league club sits 26 games below .500).

Internally, the team's roster crunch isn't viewed in a negative light. Most of the forthcoming decisions should make themselves obvious over the next couple of months. A few of the decisions to part with players on the active roster will be painful but ultimately necessary.

It also remains possible that the Padres use their plethora of prospects to execute a trade for a big league-ready talent. In that case, the roster crunch isn't going to be the underlying cause. But it's a side effect that can't be ignored.

"We like a lot of the depth and quality we've built up in the Minor League system," Preller said. "It's going to be part of making us a winning organization. We'll evaluate again in the offseason, but I think you've started to see in the last six months, that we've at least had a seat at the table."

The next six months might be even more telling.

# Minors Raffy Lopez powers El Paso to win

[Jeff Sanders](#)

**Raffy Lopez's** path back to the majors is not nearly as clear as it was before **Francisco Mejia's** arrival.

A day off for the [Padres'](#) newly-acquired catching prospect allowed the veteran to take advantage of an opportunity Wednesday. The 30-year-old veteran collected two hits, including a two-run, go-ahead homer in the eighth inning in [Triple-A El Paso's 4-3 win](#) over visiting New Orleans.

It was Lopez's ninth homer and 27<sup>th</sup> RBI. He is hitting .275/.336/.550 in 33 games with El Paso (59-49) and was hitting .176/.265/.284 in 37 games in the majors this year.

**Shane Peterson** (.270) hit his ninth homer in the second inning.

Left-hander **Brad Wieck** (1-0, 5.11) struck out five over two perfect innings for the win and right-hander **Trey Wingenter** (3.53) allowed saved his fourth game with a perfect ninth.

Right-hander **Brett Kennedy** (2.72) struck out three and allowed three runs on six hits and no walks in five innings in the start.

## DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (21-18, 63-46)

- [Corpus Christi 3, Missions 2 \(10\)](#): RHP **T.J. Weir** (2-1, 1.85) allowed an unearned run in 2 2/3 innings as the Missions lost a fourth straight. RHP **Cal Quantrill** (5.15) struck out two and allowed two runs on five hits and a walk in five innings in the start. CF **Buddy Reed** (.161) went 1-for-4 with his eighth steal and a run scored and **1B Kyle Overstreet** (.271) hit his eighth homer and drove in two runs.

## HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (19-21, 53-57)

- [Rancho Cucamonga 11, Storm 5](#): LHP **Nick Margevicius** (2-3, 6.49) struck out nine but allowed seven runs in 5 1/3 innings. RHP **Carter Capps** (6.11) allowed a three-run homer in the ninth. CF **Edward Olivares** (.269) and SS **Allen Cordoba** (.204) went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

## LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (17-21, 49-58)

- [Dayton 7, TinCaps 5](#): RHP **Caleb Boushley** (2.77) allowed three runs in two innings after LHP **Tom Cosgrove** (4.34) started the game with two runs in five innings. RHP **Evan Miller** (3-4, 2.45) allowed two runs – one earned – in the ninth. RHP **Austin Smith** (1.61) struck out three in two scoreless innings. 1B **Nick Feight** (.213) drove in two runs on two hits, SS **Gabriel Arias** (.223) went 1-for-4 with two RBIs, a walk and two runs scored and 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (.252) went 0-for-3 with two walks, his 34<sup>th</sup> steal and a run. LF **Jack Suwinski** (.208) doubled twice and scored a run.

## SHORT-SEASON TRI-CITY (5-4, 23-24)

- [Dust Devils 3, Salem-Keizer 2](#): LHP **Omar Cruz** (0.66) struck out five over four shutout innings in the start. RHP **Jordan Guerrero** (0.00) struck out one in the ninth to convert his sixth save. 3B **Olivier Basabe** (.326) went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI and C **Blake Hunt** (.246) doubled in a run in four at-bats. Basabe swiped his fifth base.

## ROOKIE AZL PADRES 1 (15-18)

- [Padres 7, Brewers 1](#): RHP **Jeferson Garcia** (3-1, 4.60) struck out 10 and allowed an unearned run on three hits and no walks in four innings in relief for the win. RHP **Kyle Lloyd** (0.00) struck out two in a scoreless inning in the rehab start. LF **Jaquez Williams** (.217) went 2-for-3 with his second homer and SS **Xavier Edwards** (.377), 1B **Lee Solomon** (.286), 3B **Carlos**

**Luis** (.262) and RF **Agustin Ruiz** (.261) each had two hits. Edwards swiped his 11<sup>th</sup> base.

## ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (17-17)

- [Padres 5, Mariners 2](#): RHP **Jean Cosme** (5.40) struck out two in a scoreless inning in a rehab start. RHP **Gabriel Morales** (1-0, 3.52) allowed a run in four innings' in relief for the win. C **Alison Quintero** (.278) went 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI and SS **Tucupita Marcano** (.411) and 1B **Michael Suarez** (.172) each had two hits.

## ROOKIE DSL PADRES (27-24)

- [Padres 8, White Sox 7](#): RHP **Sergio Carrizoza** (2-1, 2.81) allowed four runs – one earned – on four hits and a walk in four innings in the win. RF **Yanger Morales**(.217) went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and a walk.

## Transactions

- C **Luis Campusano** was placed on Fort Wayne's seven-day disabled list with what the team described as a mild concussion. Campusano took a foul ball off his mask last week. He is hitting .288/.345/.365 with three homers and 40 RBIs.
- OF **Hunter Jarmon** was transferred from the AZL Padres 2 to Fort Wayne. Jarmon is hitting .229/.345/.344 with a homer and seven RBIs.

# Minors Owen Miller highlights Tri-City all-star selections

**Jeff Sanders**

**Owen Miller** is taking to pro ball just fine.

The 21-year-old shortstop headlines five short-season Tri-City teammates selected to the Northwest League All-Star team after batting .335/.378/.449 through his first 44 games since joining the [Padres](#)' organization as a third-round pick in June.

Miller has homered twice, driven in 18 runs and swiped four bases.

He will start the game alongside second baseman **Olivier Basabe**, an eighth-round pick out of Faulkner last year.

Basabe is hitting .321/.377/.496 with four homers, 26 RBIs and four steals.

Also selected to the game were right-handers **Henry Henry** and **Jordan Guerrero** and left-hander **Dan Dallas**.

Henry, 19, is 4-1 with a 2.95 ERA and a 1.22 WHIP in eight starts (42 2/3 innings).

Guerrero, 22, has struck out 19 over 15 scoreless innings, going 5-for-5 in save opportunities.

Dallas, 20, has fanned 40 batters in 24 1/3 innings (1.85 ERA) out of the bullpen.

The Northwest League All-Stars will play the Pioneer Baseball League All-Stars on Aug. 7 in Grand Junction, Co.

In Tuesday's 4-1 win at Boise, Miller went 1-for-4 with a walk and Basabe, **Grant Little**(.277), **Justin Paulsen** (.265) and **Dwanya Williams-Sutton** (.274) each had two hits.

Guerrero saved his fifth game with a strikeout in the ninth after right-hander **Sam Keating** (3-4, 5.55) struck out five while allowing a run in 5 1/3 innings in the win.

Dallas struck out two in a perfect eighth.

## TUESDAY'S GAMES

### DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (21-17, 63-45)

- **Corpus Christi 5, Missions 4**: RHP **Chris Paddock** (1.30) struck out seven and allowed one run on four hits in five innings in the start. RHP **Andres Munoz**(1.80) allowed his first two runs of the season, blowing the save via two hits and a walk in the ninth. DH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.268) drove in three runs on his fifth homer and 3B **Ty France** (.260) hit his 16<sup>th</sup> homer.

### HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (19-20, 53-56)

- **Rancho Cucamonga 19, Storm 6**: RHP **Reggie Lawson** (6-5, 4.90) allowed 11 runs on 10 hits and two walks in 2 1/3 innings. 2B **Eguy Rosario** (.254) doubled and hit his ninth homer and LF **Nate Easley** (.276) went 4-for-4 with three doubles and two runs scored.

### LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (17-20, 49-57)

- **TinCaps 7, Bowling Green 4**: RHP **Luis Patino** (2.49) allowed four runs on seven hits and a walk in five innings before LHP **Travis Radke** (2-4, 1.77) earned the win with three strikeouts over the final 2 1/3 innings. 2B **Kelvin Melean** (.304) went 4-for-5 with a double, his first steal and an RBI and C



**Juan Fernandez**(.229) drove in three runs on two hits. CF **Jeisson Rosario** (.283) went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored.

## **ROOKIE AZL PADRES 1 (14-18)**

- **Dodgers 2, Padres 1:** RHP **Luarbert Arias** (2-3, 2.48) struck out three and allowed two runs on three hits and a walk in five innings. RF **Agustin Ruiz** (.252) went 3-for-4 with a double.

## **ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (16-17)**

- **White Sox 7, Padres 5:** RHP **Michell Miliano** (10.38) allowed three runs in one-third of an inning in the start. 2B **Tucupita Marcano** (.407) went 3-for-5 with a run scored and LF **Hunter Jarmon** (.229) went 1-for-3 with a triple and two RBIs. 3B **Sean Guilbe** (.300) hit his third homer.

## **ROOKIE DSL PADRES (26-24)**

- **Padres 6, D-backs 5:** LHP Jose Garcia (1-1, 2.01) allowed a run in 3 1/3 innings in relief in the win. LF Adrian Antunez (.185) hit his first homer and drove in three runs and 1B Emmanuel Guerra (.239) drove in two runs and hit his fourth homer.
- **D-backs 6, Padres 1 (7):** LHP **Manuel Partida** (2-3, 2.58) allowed five runs – four earned – in 4 2/3 innings. 2B **Luis Paez** (.226) and 1B **Brandon Valenzuela**(.248) each had two hits.

# Analysis | Woeful as Padres are, season about something else

Kevin Acee

A baseball season is an awfully long time to be awful.

And for everyone to know it.

It's easy in the glow of spring to think a year of training and transition will be tolerable. Then games are actually played.

A lot of games. A lot of bad games.

But this season was never about wins and losses.

Not that accepting that fact makes it any easier for fans to watch the current product.

Heading into a series at one of baseball's cathedrals — four games against the [Cubs](#) at Wrigley Field — the [Padres](#) are on pace for the sixth 100-loss season in franchise history and the first in 25 years.

Not since the franchise's inaugural season had a Padres team been worse in a single month than this one was in losing 20 of its 25 games in July. The 1969 team went 5-22 that August on its way to a franchise-worst 52-110 record.

In the just-completed month, the Padres had the [National League](#)'s worst ERA and scored the league's fewest runs. So that about sums up that.

By way of warning, the Padres play just seven of their final 52 games against teams that presently have losing records. They play 16 games against teams that were leading their respective divisions as of Wednesday. Of the 11 teams they face, five

entered Wednesday with a postseason spot to lose and two others were within a half-game of a wild card spot and/or division lead.

It would seem to be at least as difficult a stretch as the Padres' season-opening gauntlet of 54 games, which included 40 games against teams coming off winning seasons. If they play this closing slate as they started this season, at 10-under .500, their final record would be 63-99.

That would be tied with 2008 and 1970 for the sixth-worst mark in the Padres' 50 seasons.

And the distinction would be, in the grand scheme, hardly worth more consternation than a shrug.

The difference between 63 victories and 73 victories is negligible and inconsequential in terms of building a team that is expected to look much different two or three years from now.

Past Padres teams frequently proved that finishing strong does not necessarily portend improvement the following year.

Many in the organization were realistic from the start of the season about the possibility of regression. Not only might the Padres have played over their heads in '17, young players have been given more to handle this season, both in preparation and in-game execution. Further, a number of players have essentially been playing '18 as a tryout, put in games and/or left in games when they would not have been if wins and losses were the ultimate aim.

That said, no one is trying to lose. Quite the opposite.

And understanding the record is not the key measurement should not be confused with accepting it.

In fact, with the non-waiver trade deadline having passed Tuesday, the baseball operations side of the business is commencing a review of every facet of the major league team. It's not the first time, nor is it likely to be the last.

But assessing how things are being done comes at a fortuitous time.

The clock is ticking on the ability to make something of 2018.

And as it was in April, the significant quantification of success is individual growth.

That is where this season has so far been somewhat disappointing.

Among the major league players the Padres most needed to see such growth, only Manuel Margot has absolutely stepped up (hitting .289/.342/.444 since June 12) to show he can be part of a winning Padres roster.

[Austin Hedges](#) is also in a prove-it period and has perhaps lately begun solidifying his bid to be the Padres' primary catcher for the long term. In July, Hedges led the Padres in batting average (.308) and on-base percentage (.366) and had the second-highest slugging percentage (.538) behind Wil Myers (.598).

The Padres also saw enough of rookie outfielder Franchy Cordero before he was lost to surgery to remove bone chips in his elbow to be certain they want to see more.

Hunter Renfroe has shown flashes of every kind of improvement the Padres hoped to see — but just flashes, which need to be sustained in August and September.

Likewise, Carlos Asuaje, Travis Jankowski and Cory Spangenberg have had hot spurts and are now desperately needing to show they could be utility pieces going forward.

Or at least, like many current players, indicate they could be trade pieces.

The pitching staff is rife with arms that could be with the team for another week, another year or perhaps into what the team sees as the opening of its championship window. However, no pitcher currently on the staff is a long-term lock — either because he's more valuable in a trade for prospects or because he has not yet proved himself.

An additional part of the on-field investigatory process is the planned promotion of numerous minor leaguers over the next two months — some before the traditional September call-ups.

The timing of some of those moves could partly depend on space on the 40-man roster the Padres expect to create with waiver moves in August.

That's all that remains — seeing how much improvement those on the roster can make/maintain and seeing how current minor leaguers perform when they are called up. And it's not all that different from what the season has always been about.

The Padres know improvement is not linear.

The [Houston Astros](#) won 51 games two years before making the [American League Division Series](#) in 2015, then didn't make the playoffs the following season and won the '17 [World Series](#). The Cubs won 66 games two seasons before losing in the NL Championship Series and three years before winning the World Series. There are more examples, but those are the two ascension paths in the Padres' sights.

They know more than anything that these next two months will provide insight into how much better they have to get, whatever the record ends up being.

# The Padres' pursuit of Chris Archer tells a great deal about the franchise's future

By [Dustin Palmateer](#)

At some point before Tuesday's trade deadline, the Padres emerged as the unlikely rumor-mill favorites for Tampa Bay's Chris Archer. To a large segment of the fanbase, potentially dealing the farm for Archer — a solid No. 2 type but not one of the best pitchers in the sport — felt like an abrupt diversion from the long-term plan, especially when early rumored deals featured top position player prospects like second baseman Luis Urias and recently acquired catcher Francisco Mejía.

When the deadline dust settled, the Padres and Rays couldn't come to an agreement, as [Dennis Lin covered](#) on Wednesday. Archer instead was sent to Pittsburgh for a return headlined by a pair of post-hype prospects in outfielder Austin Meadows and right-handed pitcher Tyler Glasnow.

While a Padres-Rays deal wasn't to be, the interest and eventual parting of ways from the Padres could tell us something about where the team thinks it is as a franchise.

## Why were the Padres interested in Archer?

First, let's start with Archer himself. While he's not widely considered an ace, he's really good. Despite a two-and-a-half-year battle with run prevention — Archer's ERA+ is just 99 since the start of 2016 — the peripherals paint him in a different light. Over that same period, Archer's 27.6 percent strikeout rate ranks [12th out of 108 starting pitchers](#), right between Jacob deGrom and Luis Severino. By [Baseball Prospectus' DRA](#) — a pitching metric that attempts to account for just about everything — Archer rates at just average in 2018.

Over the previous three seasons, however, his DRA comes in at 26 percentage points better than average, putting him dangerously close to True Ace status. Getting Archer out of the American League East and under the watchful eye of pitching coach Darren Balsley could have helped him recapture some of that front-line starter shine from a few seasons ago.

In the bigger picture, going all-in for a shorter-term addition like Archer might not have made a whole lot of sense on the surface, but the Padres likely believe they're closer to a competitive window than the outside consensus. Just this season, three teams have moved from 72 wins or fewer a year ago to contention this year.

Team	2017 W-L	2018 W-L	Projected Win Difference
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Phillies	66-96	59-48	+23 wins
Giants	64-98	55-54	+18 wins
Braves	72-90	57-47	+17 wins

The 2017 Minnesota Twins give the Padres another team to dream on. They won 59 games in 2016 and jumped to 85 wins a year later, thanks largely to improvements from a young core (they're in a downswing this season, for what it's worth). In fact, among the 28 teams to win fewer than 70 games in any season from 2012 through 2016, a whopping 11 of them improved by 10 games or more in the following campaign, led by those Twins and the 2013 worst-to-first Boston Red Sox. In short, even if the Padres finish this season at their projected 62-win pace, a turnaround within a year or two isn't out of the question.

And it's not like the Padres don't have turnaround potential. They already have offensive cornerstones Wil Myers and Eric Hosmer signed to lengthy deals in their primes, although the latter is mired in a summer-long slump. Surrounding those two is an interesting mix of young players that includes Manuel Margot, Austin Hedges, Franchy Cordero and Hunter Renfroe, plus near-ready prospects Urias, Mejía and shortstop-in-waiting Fernando Tatis Jr. On the pitching side, the Padres' current rotation looks barren, as only Joey Lucchesi projects to have a decent chance to remain there for the new few years — although he could be rejoined by an injured (and scuffling) Eric Lauer before the season's over, not to mention reliever/starter Matt Strahm.

However, reinforcements are on the way. Dinelson Lamet, who went down to Tommy John surgery just before the season, could return by some point next season. Further, the Padres should get an influx of starting pitching from their farm system as soon as 2019, as pitchers like Logan Allen, Cal Quantrill, Jacob Nix and Chris Paddack aren't too far away from big-league debuts. Others still, like MacKenzie Gore, Adrian Morejon, Michel Baez, Anderson Espinoza and the [fast-rising Luis Patiño](#) could be knocking on the door (or knocking it over) by 2020. In the bullpen, the Padres did trade closer Brad Hand in July, but they retained Kirby Yates and Craig Stammen and seem to have [perfected the art of reliever reclamations](#).

If things break right, there's enough talent in the organization for the Padres to be much better by 2019 and genuinely good by 2020, particularly from the viewpoint of the team that's presiding over all that talent. At some point, San Diego must reckon with the idea of trading prospects away for established players, something it has done only sparingly after 2015's failed run. Whether acquiring the 29-year-old Archer in the midst of a losing season would have been the right play is up for debate, but his team-friendly contract (he'll make only roughly \$30 million through 2021) and reasonable selling price made him an intriguing bridge-the-gap candidate for a team in the Padres' position.

### **Why did they ultimately avoid a mid-summer blockbuster?**

If the [reported asking price](#) is true, the Padres could have had Archer for Hedges, Renfroe and one of their many pitching prospects, either Paddack or Patiño. Given the way the



Rays operate, often opting to trade for major-league-ready players rather than far-away prospects, it's not surprising. And given the depth the Padres have at those positions, it had to be an enticing proposition for San Diego. The Padres just acquired a catcher in Mejía, who could have taken over for Hedges right now. In the outfield, there's plenty of depth to cover Renfroe's possible departure, including Cordero, up-and-down prospect Franmil Reyes and defense-first Travis Jankowski. The tremendous depth in starting pitching on the farm makes that an area to deal from as well; the Padres have seven pitchers in [FanGraphs' top 131](#) and more still trending up.

There are two sides to every coin, of course. According to BP's WARP, which accounts for pitch framing, Hedges has been worth 4.9 wins since the start of last season. He was thought of as the catcher of the future as recently as earlier this season, and he's an offensive rebound away from becoming a true star. Even without the bat, he's a reliable backup or platoon partner with Mejía, who, unlike Hedges, has questions surrounding his defensive acumen and overall durability. Trading Hedges now would have qualified as selling at a low point.

The same could probably be said for Renfroe. Once rated as high as the 44th-best prospect in the game according to *Baseball America*, the slugging outfielder has struggled to transfer his game to the majors. Still, the 26-year-old owns a 104 wRC+, an OPS north of 1.000 against lefties and gradually improving defense. While the Padres do have depth at the position, Cordero and Reyes have swing-and-miss issues, Jankowski has a career OPS of .624, and most of San Diego's outfield prospects, like Tirso Ornelas and Jeisson Rosario, are years away.

Finally, as much as trading from a minor-league pitching surplus makes sense, it's also a double-edged sword. Since pitching prospects are arguably the most volatile commodities in the game, having lots of them is the best way to find a homegrown ace. Paddack, returning from Tommy John surgery, has struck out 110 and walked seven in 80 innings split between High A and Double-A — and, no, that's *not* a misprint. The 18-year-old Patiño — once a little-known international signing from Colombia in 2016's much-publicized J-2 class — is doing his best Paddack impression a couple of levels lower. In 61 1/3 innings at Single-A Fort Wayne, he's posted a 10.1 K/9 while surrendering only one home run.

Then there's Archer. While the glass-half-full outlook reveals a quasi-ace going forward, Archer's a soon-to-be 30-year-old who relies predominantly on two offerings and has thrown the fifth-most pitches in the majors since 2014. His durability remains a rare trait in a job of increasing fragility, but his heavy slider usage and overall workload could eventually catch up to him. Further, Archer's home in the AL East, an oft-cited reason for a potential breakout away from Tampa Bay, has produced [oppTAvs](#) barely above league average. Dealing multiple current major leaguers *and* a prospect or two might not have even given the Padres a short-term edge.



In the end, waiting eventually won out, as battling with pennant contenders (and the Pirates) for Archer made the payout too high. As [others have pointed out](#), the Padres just didn't need an Archer right now. Once they get a better handle on when, exactly, they'll be good again — and which of their many prospects they really want to keep around — *then* they can acquire a pitcher (or two), either by signing one in free agency or by finally trading for one. Much like pitching prospects are risky, so, too, are big-league ones, where one clutch of the elbow can wipe out a year-and-a-half.

The interest in Archer wasn't just a sideshow, though. That the Padres were sniffing around for a veteran staff anchor is another sign that they believe in the collection of talent they've assembled throughout the organization, even if the results have steered well clear of Petco to date. For now, the rebuild moves forward.

# This Day in Padres History—8/2

*By Bill Center*

*Aug. 2, 1976*—Outfielder **John Grubb** goes 6-for-9 with two homers, 4 RBIs and four runs scored at the Padres sweep a doubleheader in Atlanta by 7–3 and 7–0 scores.

*Aug. 2, 1989*—First baseman **Jack Clark** is 4-for-5 with a homer, four RBIs and three runs scored in the Padres 9–7 win at Atlanta.

*Aug. 2, 1990*—Center fielder **Joe Carter** is 3-for-5 with a homer, five RBIs and two runs scored as the Padres defeat the Reds 8–5 in Cincinnati.

*Aug. 2, 2001*—**Ryan Klesko** hits a grand slam homer in the bottom of the eighth at Qualcomm Stadium to defeat the Chicago Cubs 4–3.

*Aug. 2, 2007*—Right-hander **Jake Peavy** and two relievers combine on a three-hit shutout and third baseman **Morgan Ensberg** drives in four runs with a pair of homers as the Padres defeat Arizona 11–0 at Petco Park.

*Aug. 2, 2010*—Third baseman **Chase Headley** is 4-for-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored and outfielder **Will Venable** homers and drives in four runs in the Padres 10–5 win over the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

# #PadresOnDeck: Paddack Turns in Another Excellent Start

Easley has 4 hits; Potts hitting streak reaches 17 straight games

*By Bill Center*

Right-hander **Chris Paddack**, 22, the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>5 prospect](#), allowed one run on four hits and no walks with seven strikeouts Tuesday night for Double-A San Antonio, lowering his earned run average with the Missions to 1.30.

Left fielder **Nate Easley** (.276) was 4-for-4 with three doubles and two runs scored for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. Third baseman **Hudson Potts**, 19, the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>23 prospect](#), was 1-for-5 with a run scored to extend his hitting streak to 17 games (the longest at Lake Elsinore this season).

C **Juan Fernandez** (.229) hit a three-run homer in the ninth to break a tie and lead Single-A Fort Wayne to a win at Bowling Green. Fernandez was 2-for-5.

*Around the Farm:*

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (58–49): The Chihuahuas had Tuesday off.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (21–17, 63–45): CORPUS CHRISTI 5, Missions 4—DH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.268) had a three-run homer in three at-bats. 3B **Ty France** (.260) was 2-for-4 with a home run. 1B **Kyle Overstreet** (.231) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. RHP **Chris Huffman** (6.14 ERA) followed Paddack and allowed a walk with a

strikeout in two innings. RHP **Eric Yardley** (3.31) allowed two runs on two hits in two-thirds of an inning. RHP **Andres Munoz**(1–1, 1.80 ERA) allowed two runs on two hits and a walk in one-third of an inning to take the loss.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (19–20, 53–56): RANCHO CUCAMONGA 19, Storm 6–2B **Eguy Rosario** (.254) backed Easley and Potts, going 2-for-4 with a double, a homer, a hit-by-pitcher, a RBI and a run scored. RF **Jorge Oña** (.240) had a double in three at-bats with a hit-by-pitcher and a run scored. C **Luis Torrens** (.291) had a two-run double in four at-bats. CF **Edward Olivares** (.268) was 1-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored. 1B **Brad Zunica** (.243) was 1-for-4 with a RBI. SS **Allen Córdoba** (.195) was 1-for-4. Starting RHP **Reggie Lawson** (6–5, 4.90 ERA) allowed 11 runs on 10 hits and two walks with a strikeout in 2 1/3 innings. RHP **Emmanuel Ramirez** (5.43) allowed five runs (four earned) on five hits with four strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings. RHP **Blake Rogers** (3.75) allowed a run on two hits with a strikeout in an inning. RHP **Elliot Ashbeck** (2.27) struck out two in a perfect inning. RHP **Colby Blueberg** (3.24) allowed two runs on two hits and two walks with a strikeout in an inning.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (17–20, 49–57): TinCaps 7, BOWLING GREEN 4–2B **Kelvin Melean** (.304) backed Fernandez, going 4-for-5 with a double, a stolen base and a RBI. CF **Jeisson Rosario** (.283) was 2-for-4 with a double, a sacrifice and two runs scored. LF **Jack Suwinski** (.203) had a double in four at-bats with a run scored. DH **Esteury Ruiz** (.254) was 1-for-4 with a sacrifice. RF **Aldemar Burgos** (.190) was 1-for-4 with a walk. 3B **Luis Almanzar** (.175) was 0-for-3 with two walks and a run scored. Starting RHP **Luis Patiño** (2.49 ERA) allowed four runs on seven hits and a walk with two strikeouts in five innings. RHP **Jose Quezada** (6.75) issued two walks with three strikeouts in 1 2/3 hitless, scoreless innings. LHP **Travis Radke** (2–4, 1.77) struck out three in 2 1/3 perfect innings to get the win.

SHORT-SEASON SINGLE-A TRI-CITY (4–4, 22–24): Dust Devils 4, BOISE 1—CF **Grant Little** (.277) was 2-for-5 with a run scored. 3B

Olivier Basabe (.321) was 2-for-4 with a RBI and a stolen base. RF **Dwanya Williams-Sutton** (.274) was 2-for-2 with two RBIs. 1B **Justin Paulsen** (.265) was 2-for-4 with a hit-by-pitcher, a RBI and a run scored. SS **Owen Miller** (.335) was 1-for-4 with a walk and a run scored. C **Chandler Seagle** (.225) was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. LF **Michael Curry** (.223) was 1-for-4. Starting RHP **Sam Keating** (3-4, 5.55 ERA) allowed a run on two hits and two walks with five strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings to get the win. RHP **Jonathan Guzman** (3.10) pitched 1 2/3 perfect innings. LHP **Dan Dallas** (1.85) struck out two in a perfect inning. RHP **Jordan Guerrero** (0.00) struck out one in a perfect inning to get his fifth save.

DOMINICAN SUMMER LEAGUE PADRES (26-24): Padres 6-1, DIAMONDBACKS 5-6—In a doubleheader that included the completion of a suspended game, LHP **Manuel Partida** (2.58 ERA) pitched both ends, allowing seven runs (six earned) in 13 hits and no walks with four strikeouts in 8 2/3 innings. LHP **Jose Garcia** (1-1, 2.01) got credit for the win in the suspended game, allowing a run on two hits and a walk with two strikeouts in 3 1/3 innings. 1B **Emmanuel Guerra** (.229) had a double and a homer in eight at-bats in the two games with two RBIs and two runs scored. C **Brandon Valenzuela** (.248) was 4-for-8 with two doubles, a RBI and a run scored. RF **Cristian Heredia** (.257) was 4-for-8 with a run scored. 2B **Luis Paez** (.226) was 3-for-7 with a run scored. LF-CF **Adrian Antunez** (.187) was 2-for-7 with a homer, three RBIs and a stolen base.

#### ARIZONA ROOKIE PADRES:

PADRES-1 (14-18): DODGERS 2, Padres 1—RF **Agustin Ruiz** (.252) was 3-for-4 with a double. SS **Xavier Edwards** (.375) was 1-for-3 with a walk. 3B **Jarryd Dale** (.203) was 1-for-4. LF **Greg Lambert** (.220) was 0-for-2 with two walks and a run scored. Starting RHP **Laurbert Arias** (2-3, 2.48 ERA) allowed two runs on three hits and a walk with three strikeouts over five innings to take the loss. LHP **Omar Fernandez** (4.50) issued a walk in an otherwise perfect inning. RHP **Reiss Knehr** (2.84) allowed a hit and a walk with four strikeouts in two scoreless innings.

PADRES-2 (16–17): White Sox 7, PADRES 5–2B **Tucupita Marcano** (.407) was 3-for-5 with a run scored. DH **Blinger Perez** (.261) was 2-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored. 3B **Sean Guilke** (.300) had a solo homer in four at-bats with a walk. LF **Hunter Jarmon** (.229) had a two-run triple in three at-bats. C **Jonny Homza** (.239) was 2-for-5 with a run scored. RF **Yordi Francisco**(.273) was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Starting RHP **Michell Miliano** (10.38) allowed three runs on two hits and two walks with a strikeout in one-third of an inning. LHP **Trent Shelton** (2.50) allowed a run on three hits and two walks with three strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings. RHP **Hansel Rodriguez** (1.80) struck out two in a perfect inning. LHP **Noel Vela** (1–2, 5.32) allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits and three walks with two strikeouts in three innings to take the loss. RHP **Vijay Miller** (5.82) struck out one in a scoreless inning.