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FROM THE OC REGISTER**Angels' Andrew Heaney tosses 1-hit shutout on his 27th birthday**

By Jeff Fletcher

ANAHEIM — They say age 27 marks the prime of a baseball career.

It certainly looked that way for Andrew Heaney, who pitched the best game of his career on his 27th birthday, allowing one hit in the Angels' 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

"That was a masterpiece," Manager Mike Scioscia said.

It was not only Heaney's first shutout, but his first complete game, in his 39th career start. Scioscia let him throw a career-high 116 pitches.

It was the Angels' first one-hitter since Ervin Santana's in 2012, and it was their first complete game of the season.

Despite Heaney's brilliance, there was a down side to the night. Andrelton Simmons suffered a sprained right ankle slipping on the dugout steps just before the first pitch. He started the game anyway but came out after two innings.

Simmons, who was on crutches after the game, said he's hoping to avoid the disabled list, but he conceded it was possible.

"It's sore," he said. "I sprained it pretty decent. ... I've sprained my ankle before. I know it will take two days and then I can move around pretty decent normally, so that's what I'm hoping for."

If the Angels are without Simmons, they could move Zack Cozart to shortstop and have Luis Valbuena or Jefry Marte play third. They could also bring back Kaleb Cowart, who was optioned earlier on Tuesday, if they have to place Simmons on the disabled list.

Beyond his Gold Glove defense, the Angels would also miss Simmons' bat. He has been one of their most consistent hitters all season, carrying a .330 average after Tuesday's game.

Offense has been an issue for the Angels for much of the season, but for one night Heaney made sure they only needed one run.

They got that one with the baseball equivalent of a trick play. With Chris Young at third and Michael Hermosillo at first and two outs in the fifth, Hermosillo took off on a delayed steal, drawing a throw. Hermosillo stopped and got in a rundown, as Young scored.

"We weren't swinging the bats up till that point in the game the way we wanted to," Scioscia said, "and we thought it was a chance to see if we could get a run."

That was the only run the Angels needed, thanks to Heaney.

After giving up five runs in his last start, snapping his streak of six straight starts allowing two earned runs or fewer, Heaney had no trouble with the Royals.

Heaney hit Jon Jay to lead off the game, and then he retired the next 13 hitters. He did not allow a hit until Hunter Dozier's clean single into left field in the fifth. After that, Heaney retired 14 of the last 15.

The Royals barely even hit any balls hard against Heaney, with just two leaving the bat at more than 100 mph.

Heaney threw his 105th pitch to finish the eighth, already five more than his previous career high. Scioscia asked him if he was OK, and Heaney said yes. That was the extent of the conversation, and Heaney returned for the ninth, much to the delight of the Angel Stadium crowd.

Heaney immediately showed Scioscia he'd made the right decision, as he hit 95 mph on his way to an 11-pitch perfect inning.

"He was ready for it," Scioscia said. "He was ready for the challenge. The ninth inning is never easy. He wanted it and he finished it off well."

Heaney punctuated the final out – a Mike Moustakas groundout to Valbuena at third – with a fist pump. It was the first time at any level of professional baseball that Heaney had pitched a complete game, allowing for that 27th out celebration.

On his 27th birthday.

"It's fun," Heaney said. "You want to shake your catcher's hand and shake hands with your teammates. It's a fun feeling. I'll try to do it again."

First-round pick Jordyn Adams wastes little time committing to Angels

By Jeff Fletcher

ANAHEIM — Turns out that Matt Swanson wasn't simply being optimistic when the Angels scouting director said he expected to sign first-round pick Jordyn Adams.

Adams, a prized football recruit who had accepted a scholarship to play football and baseball at the University of North Carolina, said on Tuesday that he has already agreed to terms with the Angels.

Reports prior to the draft indicated Adams might be difficult to sign, but that was apparently not the case.

"I'm glad to make it official that I'm going to be part of the Angels organization," Adams said on a conference call. "I'm ready to go to work."

The 17th overall pick in the draft, Adams won't officially sign with the Angels until he can get out to Southern California for a physical. The amount of his bonus wasn't available, but the slot value for the 17th pick is just under \$3.5 million.

Adams, a wide receiver known for his explosive speed, is passing up the chance to play for the Tar Heels. His father, Deke, is an assistant coach at North Carolina.

"I played baseball my whole life," Adams said. "The opportunity to get better overall as a baseball player was very big for me. I felt I couldn't pass up the opportunity presented to me right now."

ANOTHER OHTANI?

The draft continued through the 10th round on Tuesday, with the Angels drafting pitchers with all eight of their picks. One of them, though, is also an outfielder.

The Angels announced William English as a two-way player when they picked the Detroit high schooler in the fifth round. English had an 0.93 ERA and he hit .419. He has a scholarship to play at Tennessee.

"We're starting to see the evolution of organizations open to drafting players like that, develop them and see where the path takes them," Swanson said Monday night, before they took English.

Other than English, the rest of the Angels' picks were college pitchers, all right-handers. The common thread was they all averaged more than a strikeout an inning this year.

The draft concludes on Wednesday, through the 40th round.

ALSO

The Angels optioned utilityman Kaleb Cowart to Triple-A and recalled reliever Eduardo Paredes on Tuesday, getting some more coverage for a bullpen that worked 7-1/3 innings in the previous two days.

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Shohei Ohtani came through with his second pinch-hit in four at-bats on Monday night, prompting Manager Mike Scioscia to be asked if he's any closer to lifting the self-imposed restriction against using him to pinch-hit the day before or after he pitches. "There's a lot of stuff we're looking at right now, as we get into this program and see what adjustments we might be able to make on usage," Scioscia said. "But we're not quite there." ...

The Angels' game against the Dodgers on July 8 at Angel Stadium has been moved from a day game to a 5 p.m. start for ESPN Sunday Night Baseball. The New York Yankees were originally scheduled to be on that night, but they appealed to Major League Baseball and ESPN to make a change since they now have a doubleheader the next day, a makeup of a rainout. The Angels will have at least three Sunday night games this year, including their April game against the Yankees in Anaheim. Their Sept. 2 game at Houston was also moved into prime time.

UP NEXT

Angels (Shohei Ohtani, 4-1, 3.08) vs. Royals (Ian Kennedy, 1-6, 6.08), Wednesday, 7 p.m., Fox Sports West, KLAA (830 AM)

FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Dugout fall could send Andrelton Simmons to disabled list

By Mike Digiovanna

Andrelton Simmons suffered a gash on his left shin when he was spiked Friday night. The Angels shortstop bruised his left knee when he was hit by a pitch and his left wrist when he jammed it into the ground on a slide Saturday night.

None of those blows managed to do what the floor of the third-base dugout in Angel Stadium did Tuesday night: Knock Simmons out of a game and, possibly, send him to the disabled list.

A few minutes before Angels left-hander Andrew Heaney threw a one-hitter in a 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals, Simmons hopped down the three steps from the dirt track in front of the dugout to the dugout floor, like he has a few hundred times before.

This time, Simmons twisted his right ankle as his foot hit the bottom of the dugout. He crumpled to the ground and got up. He played the field in the top of the first inning, took a walk in the bottom of the first but barely made it to second base on Mike Trout's double-play grounder.

Simmons played one more inning in the field but was removed before the third inning because of a right-ankle sprain. When he finally arrived in the clubhouse long after the game had ended, Simmons was on crutches.

"Nothing is broke, but I sprained it pretty decent," Simmons said. "I tried to stay in the game, but they just thought it was smarter not to let me stay out there and have a chance of making it worse."

Simmons said there is a "possibility" he will go on the 10-day disabled list.

"I don't know," he said. "It's sore, but we'll see how it responds tomorrow and how it feels in the next couple of days."

Simmons has long been considered one of baseball's best defenders — at any position — but he emerged as an offensive force in 2017 and has been the Angels' most consistent and productive hitter not named Mike Trout in 2018.

He has baseball's seventh-best average (.330), a career-high .857 on-base-plus-slugging percentage, four homers, 12 doubles, two triples, 32 runs and 34 RBIs.

He has more than twice as many walks (24) as strikeouts (10) and has a major league-high streak of 69 plate appearances without a strikeout dating to a May 18 game against Tampa Bay.

But one little slip on the dugout steps could force Simmons to the DL, a move that would push third baseman Zack Cozart to shortstop and Luis Valbuena and Jefry Marte to third.

"I don't even remember exactly how it happened, but I know I was coming in," Simmons said. "It's simple and stupid, but it happens every once in a while, I guess."

What was going through his mind?

"It's just like, I hope I can keep playing, that's all I was thinking about," Simmons said. "I could play; I just wasn't moving at my best. I could have stayed out there, but I guess it wasn't the best solution. It is what it is. We'll see how it responds."

Simmons said he is not concerned about the injury sidelining him for an extended period of time.

"I know I'm going to be OK, it's just a matter of when I'm going to be ready to play," he said. "That's the only question I have. I know tomorrow is going to be a little tough. I've sprained my ankle before, so it's going to take one, two days, and after that I can move around pretty normally. So that's what I'm hoping for."

Andrew Heaney showcases the heater in a one-hitter against Royals

By Mike Digiovanna

Andrew Heaney walked through the clubhouse Tuesday afternoon with a backpack in one hand and a cheesecake in the other, the dessert baked by his wife to mark the Angels left-hander's 27th birthday.

How sweet it was: Heaney could have lighted one candle for every out he recorded in the best game of his four-year career, a one-hitter to beat the Kansas City Royals 1-0 in Angel Stadium.

With virtually no margin for error on a night his offense literally stole its only run, Heaney struck out four and walked one. His only blemish was a clean one-out single to left in the fifth inning by Hunter Dozier.

Mixing a fastball that hit 95 mph in the ninth inning with pinpoint location of his curve and changeup, Heaney threw a career-high 116 pitches, 81 for strikes.

It was his first complete game as a professional on any level, giving Heaney the rare chance to hug his catcher after recording the 27th out.

"It was fun," Heaney said. "You want to shake your catcher's hand, then go shake hands with your teammates. It's something I'll never forget."

Heaney's gem was the first one-hitter for the Angels since Ervin Santana on June 16, 2012, against Arizona and the first by an Angels left-hander since Chuck Finley on May 26, 1989, at Boston.

“The quality of his pitches, maintaining stuff, pitching with his back against the wall the whole game and finishing it off ... his stuff in the ninth inning was as good as it was all game,” manager Mike Scioscia said. “That was a masterpiece.”

The taut game might have helped Heaney.

“I think it keeps you locked in,” Heaney said. “It’s a one-run game, one guy can tie it up, change the whole game. You’re throwing a 2-0 fastball, trying to put it where you want to, and if you don’t, they can make you pay.”

Heaney, who sat out 2016 and four months of 2017 because of elbow ligament-reconstruction surgery, had 105 pitches through eight innings. There was no doubt he was pitching the ninth.

“There was no exchange,” Heaney said about talking with Scioscia. “He said, ‘You good?’ I said yeah.”

Heaney needed only 11 pitches to retire the side in the ninth, getting John Jay to ground to second, Whit Merrifield to fly to right and Mike Moustakas to ground to third.

“I was just trying to stay on my legs,” Heaney said of the final inning. “There was a little bit of adrenaline, the crowd was going a little bit. It was exciting.”

The third straight win for the Angels contained one potential loss. Shortstop Andrelton Simmons twisted his right ankle while descending the dugout steps before the game and was pulled before the third inning because of a sprain.

Simmons was on crutches and said it’s “possible” he might have to go on the 10-day disabled list.

Simmons is one of baseball’s best defenders and is batting .330 with an .857 on-base-plus-slugging percentage.

The Angels scored their run in the fifth inning with a play that you usually see on a high school or college field. Chris Young singled to center with one out and took third on Michael Hermosillo’s single.

Ian Kinsler flied to right. With an 0-and-2 count on Jefry Marte, Hermosillo took off for second and stopped when catcher Salvador Perez threw through. Young took off from third on the throw and scored before Hermosillo was tagged out in a rundown.

“It was one of those plays where you’re just trying to steal a run,” Young said. “You’re gambling from third base. If he holds onto the ball, I’m just out. It’s a pure gamble, and I’m glad it worked out.”

Angels and first-round pick Jordyn Adams agree to terms

By Mike Digiovanna

It took the Angels a year to sign **Jered Weaver** after they chose him in the first round of the 2004 amateur draft, coming to terms with the former Long Beach State ace only hours before he would have re-entered the draft in 2005.

There will be no such haggling with this year's top pick. Outfielder **Jordyn Adams**, the 17th pick of Monday's first round of the draft, announced Tuesday that he has agreed to terms with the Angels and will sign in the next few days. The assigned slot value of his pick is about \$3.5 million.

"I'm thrilled, very happy to be in this spot," Adams, a two-sport star from Green Hope High in Cary, N.C., said on a conference call. "I felt like the earlier I can get out there, the better I can acclimate to the organization."

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound Adams, a speedy receiver who had committed to play baseball and football at North Carolina, is graduating high school June 13. He will report to the Angels' complex in Arizona shortly thereafter.

Adams, 18, hit .453 (34 for 75) with five doubles, three triples, one home run and 15 runs batted in as a senior. His father, **Deke**, is the defensive line coach at North Carolina, but Adams felt no pressure to attend college or continue his football career.

"He was behind me every step of the way," Adams said. "He made it clear since all this started that what's best for me is what's best for him. He's always been that kind of parent."

Two ways about it

Scouting director **Matt Swanson** said Monday that **Shohei Ohtani's** success as a pitcher and hitter would increase his willingness to draft players with similar potential. Tuesday, the Angels did just that, announcing fifth-round pick **William English** as a two-way player.

English, a 6-4, 190-pound right-hander, starred on the mound and in center field for Western International High in Detroit. His fastball has touched 95 mph, he has power potential and his athleticism plays well on defense.

Tampa Bay announced compensation-round pick **Tanner Dodson**, a pitcher and outfielder from the University of California, as a two-way player.

"Obviously, I think if any organization is open to it, it's us," Swanson said. "I think you're starting to see an evolution in organizations that are open to drafting a player like that and just saying, 'We'll see. We'll develop you and see where your path takes you.' "

The right stuff

After taking high school position players with their top two picks Monday, the Angels made a run on right-handed pitchers Tuesday, using all eight picks on right-handers, seven from college.

Third-round pick **Aaron Hernandez** (Texas A&M Corpus Christi) has a 94-mph fastball and a slow breaking ball. Fourth-round pick **Kyle Bradish** (New Mexico State) mixes a 91-93-mph fastball with an overhand curve. Sixth-round pick **Austin Warren** (North Carolina Wilmington) struck out 64 batters in 51 relief innings and has a 91-mph fastball.

Seventh-round pick **Andrew Wantz** (North Carolina Greensboro) has a 92-mph fastball and struck out 81 batters in 55 relief innings. Eighth-round pick **Tyler Smith** (Canisius) relied on a slider-curve mix to pick up 10 saves and finish with a 0.98 earned-run average.

Ninth-round-pick **Jake Lee** (Oakland University, Michigan) struck out 112 batters and has a 94-mph fastball plus a slider, changeup and split-fingered pitch. Tenth-round pick **Ben Morrison** (Western Kentucky) has a low-90s fastball.

Down time

Albert Pujols, who has started 35 games at first base after playing six games in the field last season, is nursing a sore left knee that kept him out of the lineup Tuesday night and will probably sideline him Wednesday.

"I could have played today, but it's not September, it's June," said Pujols, who is hitting .252 with eight home runs and 32 RBIs. "I'm going to take [Tuesday] and [Wednesday] off, and with Thursday's off-day, it will give me three days to get my legs fresh."

Short hops

The July 8 game against the Dodgers in Anaheim has been picked up by ESPN for its Sunday Night Baseball telecast and will start at 5 p.m. ... The Angels recalled reliever **Eduardo Paredes** from triple-A Salt Lake and optioned utility player **Kaleb Cowart** to Salt Lake.

FROM ANGELS.COM

Heaney spins one-hit shutout on 27th birthday

CY's dash home in 5th is only run lefty needs to top Royals

By Maria Guardado

ANAHEIM -- Left-hander **Andrew Heaney** celebrated his 27th birthday in style, firing a one-hit shutout to lead the Angels to a 1-0 win over the Royals on Tuesday night at Angel Stadium.

Heaney took the mound in the ninth with a pitch count of 105 and promptly retired **Jon Jay**, **Whit Merrifield** and **Mike Moustakas** to cap his first complete game on a career-high 116 pitches. The lefty allowed only three baserunners, walked one and struck out four. It marked the first shutout by an Angels pitcher since **Ricky Nolasco** on July 1, 2017, against the Mariners.

"You can't say enough about what Andrew did," manager Mike Scioscia said. "Just the quality of his pitches, maintaining stuff, pitching with his back against the wall the whole game and doing a great job finishing it off. His stuff in ninth inning was as good as anytime during all game. ... That was a masterpiece."

Heaney, who improved to 3-4 and lowered his ERA to 3.12, looked dominant from the outset, effectively mixing his fastball, slider and changeup to befuddle the Royals' lineup and deliver the best performance of his five years in the Majors.

"It's first time I've ever done it in pro ball," Heaney said. "It was fun. You want to shake your catcher's hand, then go shake hands with your teammates. It's something I'll never forget. I'll try to do it again."

After hitting Jay with his second pitch of the game, Heaney retired 13 in a row and didn't allow a hit until **Hunter Dozier** lined a one-out single to left field in the fifth inning. Heaney also issued a two-out walk to **Jorge Soler** in the seventh, but he did not allow any other baserunners.

"Really good," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "Sneaky, sneaky fastball. Got it up to 94 in the eighth inning. Mixed in some good changeups, curveballs. We just couldn't center his fastball."

Heaney outdueled **Brad Keller**, a 22-year-old right-hander who is transitioning from the bullpen to the rotation for the Royals. Keller was charged with one run on five hits over 4 1/3 innings before reaching his prescribed 75-pitch limit in his second career starting assignment.

Keller stymied the Angels early on, matching Heaney with four scoreless innings to start the game. The Angels threatened in the fourth after **Mike Trout** reached on an infield single and advanced to third on **Justin Upton**'s single off Mike Moustakas' glove, but Keller induced a pair of flyouts to shallow center field from **Luis Valbuena** and **Zack Cozart** to strand the runners.

But the Angels wouldn't be denied in the fifth. After **Chris Young** and **Michael Hermosillo** strung together back-to-back singles with one out, Yost opted to replace Keller with reliever **Kevin McCarthy**.

Ian Kinsler flied out to center field for the second out, but the Angels then scored the only run of the evening during an at-bat by **Jefry Marte**. Hermosillo broke for second and drew a throw from **Salvador Perez**, allowing Young to score before Hermosillo was tagged out in a rundown.

"It's the play [Scioscia] put on, and it was a great time for it," Young said. "They pitched a great game today, and neither team was allowing too much. You're just trying to steal one. You're gambling from third base. If [Perez] holds on to the ball, I'm just out. It's a pure gamble, and I'm glad it worked out."

SIMMONS DEPARTS

Shortstop **Andrelton Simmons** exited the game after two innings with a sprained right ankle. Simmons suffered the injury after slipping on the dugout steps before the game. The Gold Glove infielder said he hopes to only miss a couple of games, but he acknowledged that the disabled list is a possibility. Cozart moved from third base to shortstop at the beginning of the third inning to replace Simmons.

SOUND SMART

Heaney is the first Angels pitcher to throw a shutout on his birthday since Andy Messersmith blanked the Twins on Aug. 6, 1971.

UP NEXT

Shohei Ohtani (4-1, 3.18 ERA) returns to the mound on Wednesday at 7:07 p.m. PT as the Angels try to sweep their three-game series with the Royals at Angel Stadium. Ohtani will be facing Kansas City for the first time and start opposite right-hander **Ian Kennedy** (1-6, 6.08 ERA), who has the highest ERA among qualified starters in the American League. The Angels are 6-2 when Ohtani takes the mound.

Angels' top Draft pick Adams agrees to deal

'I'm glad to make it official that I'm going to be part of the Angels organization'

By Maria Guardado

ANAHEIM -- Jordyn Adams won't graduate from Green Hope High School in Cary, N.C., until next Wednesday, but he's already ready to begin the next chapter of his life with the Angels.

Adams, an 18-year-old outfielder who **was drafted** by the Angels with the 17th overall pick on Monday night, said he has already agreed to terms with the club and expects to travel to Los Angeles in the coming days to officially sign. The slot value for his pick is \$3,472,900.

"I feel really good," Adams said Tuesday during a conference call with reporters. "Very blessed to be in this spot. I'm glad to make it official that I'm going to be part of the Angels organization. I'm ready to go to work."

A two-sport star, Adams has a scholarship to play football and baseball at North Carolina, but he plans to forgo that commitment to begin his professional career with the Angels. Though his father, Deke, is the defensive line coach for the Tar Heels, Adams said his family fully supports his decision to stick with baseball.

"He was behind me every step of the way," Adams said. "He was proud of me. He made it clear since all this started that what's best for me is what's best for him. He's always been that kind of parent, been behind me, to find the best position for me."

Adams was a four-star wide receiver recruit, but he said he has a longer history playing baseball. A right-handed hitter, Adams batted .453 with five doubles, three triples, a home run and 15 RBIs during his senior season at Green Hope.

"I played baseball my whole life," Adams said. "The opportunity to get better overall as a baseball player was very big for me, stuck out. I felt I couldn't pass up the opportunity presented to me right now."

Worth noting

- **Albert Pujols**, who went 2-for-4 with two RBIs on Monday, received a "recharge" day and was not in the lineup against the Royals on Tuesday. **Mike Trout** also received a partial day off, starting at designated hitter in Pujols' place.

"There's a lot of different things we're looking at," manager Mike Scioscia said. "You need to catch your breath a little bit, and that's what we're doing."

With Pujols out of the lineup, the Angels moved **Andrelton Simmons** up to the No. 2 spot, ahead of Trout and **Justin Upton**, but Scioscia seemed to indicate that the change was temporary.

"That's just a function of what the lineup is today," Scioscia said.

Simmons entered Tuesday batting .330 with an .857 OPS, but the Angels have preferred to keep his bat in the middle of the order to give him more opportunities to hit with runners on base.

- The Angels optioned infielder **Kaleb Cowart** to Triple-A Salt Lake and recalled right-hander **Eduardo Paredes** on Tuesday to amplify their bullpen depth. The club is currently carrying eight relievers on its roster.

Halos' third-round pick a story of perseverance

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi ace Hernandez leads Day 2 picks

By Avery Yang

ANAHEIM -- After drafting two high-school position players on Day 1 of the Draft, the Angels took seven right-handed college pitchers among their eight selections for Rounds 3-10 on Tuesday.

The Draft concludes on Wednesday, with exclusive coverage of Rounds 11-40 beginning on MLB.com at 9 a.m. PT.

Round 3: RHP Aaron Hernandez, 21, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

Hernandez missed the 2017 season for academic reasons, but bounced back to have a solid 2018, posting 4.45 ERA with a 102/41 strikeout to walk ratio over 14 starts as the ace of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's rotation. His comeback was tough, and coach Scott Malone wasn't sure Hernandez would return.

"I was down, call it what it was, I was disappointed," Malone said.

Hernandez failed two classes, and Malone was at the point where he did not want Hernandez back. When Corpus Christi's pitching coach suggested Malone allow Hernandez to return, he had a terse response.

"For what? Forget that guy, man," Malone said.

But after sleeping on it, Malone knew he would have to serve as a mentor, a guiding light for a young man with so much talent. In a small town like Corpus Christi, word travels fast.

"You go out to dinner, and the guy serving me dinner tells me, 'Hernandez better be making his grades, or I'll whip his tail,'" Malone said. "He's a borderline celebrity in our town, and to have an entire year off the radar was very humbling for a 20-year-old kid."

Malone said the ordeal ultimately helped Hernandez grow as a person.

"It humbled him, it changed his demeanor," Malone said. "He became more of a leader for us. I think our guys looked up to him a little bit more because of what he had been through."

Through it all, Hernandez persevered, remaining with the school when he could have transferred, and he showcased the stuff that made him the No. 93 overall pick on Tuesday.

And that stuff is electric. Hernandez's repertoire is highlighted by his fastball, which ranges from 92-98 mph with sink. He also has three offspeed pitches that are regarded as above-average.

"That's what's made him, obviously, a third-round pick for the Angels," Malone said. "He's throwing 96, 98, throwing a tight slider for strikes, and he's still got an above-average changeup."

"But I knew that he was gonna have nights when his slider was his best pitch, like he did in a home game against UC Santa Barbara, when he struck out 12 or 13. ... Andrew Checketts [head coach of UC Santa Barbara], who has been to a College World Series, point blank told me, 'Malone, that's hands down the best starter we're going to see all year.' That's a pretty high comment for him to make the second week of the season."

Round 4: RHP Kyle Bradish, 21, New Mexico State

Bradish is the highest drafted prospect out of New Mexico State in the program's history.

"Another special day in putting the finishing touches on a special season for Aggie baseball," head coach Brian Green said in a statement. "Congrats to Kyle and the Bradish family. Absolutely tremendous people and Kyle has beyond earned this opportunity."

His best pitch is the fastball, which sits at 90-94 mph, and he has a solid curveball and changeup to go with it. In 17 starts this season, Bradish has posted a 2.67 ERA with 140 strikeouts.

Round 5: RHP/OF William English, 17, Western International High School (Detroit)

English is listed as an outfielder and right-handed pitcher, making him a potential two-way player in an organization that already showcases phenom **Shohei Ohtani**.

"I think if any organization is open to it, it's us," director of scouting Matt Swanson said. "I think you're starting to see an evolution of organizations who are open to drafting a player like that and just saying, 'We'll see. We'll just develop you and see where your path takes you.'"

English is committed to Tennessee and was the 2018 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American (Central - All Region 1st Team).

Round 6: RHR Austin Warren, 22, UNC Wilmington

Warren is 8-0 on the season with a 1.75 ERA and two saves over 51 1/3 innings in 28 appearances in relief.

In his team's CAA Tournament, Warren threw 57 pitches in relief on Friday before going back out to pitch the final three innings of Saturday night's championship, striking out five and allowing no runs to earn his second save of the tournament.

Round 7: RHR Andrew Wantz, 22, UNC Greensboro

Wantz, a right-handed closer from Holly Springs, N.C., had 19 career saves for UNC Greensboro, tying a program record. He struck out 278 batters and had a 3.80 ERA -- with two All-conference honors -- over his three seasons with the Spartans. This season, he went 6-0 with a 2.95 ERA over 26 relief appearances, with 10 saves and an 81/18 strikeout to walk ratio.

Round 8: RHR Tyler Smith, 22, Canisius College

Smith anticipated being drafted in 2017, but he wasn't. So he was especially relieved when he heard his name called in the eighth round on Tuesday.

"It's an absolute honor," Smith told TribLive. "I'm blessed beyond words."

Smith has gone 2-3 with a 0.98 ERA over 25 relief appearances with 10 saves for his junior college this season.

Round 9: RHS Jake Lee, 22, Oakland University

Lee, from Highland, Mich., tossed a one-hit complete game earlier this season, breaking a program record with a career-best 14 strikeouts in Oakland's victory over UIC in March. This season, he has gone 7-4 with a 4.54 over 13 starts and 75 1/3 innings, with a 112/35 strikeout to walk ratio.

Round 10: RHR Ben Morrison, 23, Western Kentucky University

Morrison missed the 2016 season with a torn labrum, something that actually was a bit of a blessing in disguise. Morrison, a biology major and pre-med student, said that the experience helped him intensify his interest in medicine, according to Western Kentucky University. It's something he wants to pursue later in his career -- to help athletes through their injuries.

As the team's closer this season, he went 3-4 for a 2.21 ERA, with seven saves over 36 2/3 innings in 19 relief appearances.

Andrelton injures ankle slipping on dugout steps

Angels shortstop thinks he'll miss a couple of games; DL possible

By Maria Guardado

ANAHEIM -- Shortly before first pitch on Tuesday, Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons slipped on the dugout steps and sprained his right ankle. He proceeded to take the field when the game started just four minutes later, but he was eventually forced to depart after two innings.

Following the Angels' **1-0 win over the Royals**, Simmons could only shake his head at the fluky nature of the injury.

"I don't even remember how exactly it happened, but I know I was coming in," said Simmons, who was using crutches after the game. "It's simple and stupid, but it happens every once in a while, I guess."

Simmons said he's hoping to only miss a couple of games, but he acknowledged that the disabled list remains a possibility.

"I feel OK," Simmons said. "Sore, but we'll see in the next couple days how it feels. Nothing broke, but I sprained it pretty decent. I tried to stay in the game, but they just thought it was smarter not to let me stay out there and have a chance of making it worse."

If Simmons is unable to avoid the disabled list, the Angels could easily move Zack Cozart to shortstop and deploy Luis Valbuena at third base. Still, losing Simmons for any extended period would be a significant blow for the Angels. The 28-year-old infielder has been one of their most consistent hitters this season, batting .330 with an .860 OPS while providing his usual Gold Glove defense at shortstop.

"I just want to be back as soon as possible," Simmons said. "Not concerned. I know I'm going to be OK, it's just a matter of when am I going to be ready to play. That's the only question I have. I know tomorrow is going to be a little tough again. I sprained my ankle before, so after that, it's going to take one, two days. After that, I can move around pretty decent normally, so that's what I'm hoping for."

FROM MLB.COM

Standouts earn separation in early MVP poll

By Richard Justice

Mike Trout was already the best player of his generation and on track to be in the "Best Player Ever" conversation. So how is it that as he approaches his 1,000th game for the Angels he still has the ability to surprise us?

Haven't we already seen the best of Trout?

Power? Check.

Baserunning? Check.

Defense? Check.

Yet here we are with Trout getting even better than he has ever been, having arguably his best season and leading the American League in walks, runs and on-base percentage. He's also a close second in home runs and total bases.

Trout is on track to become the 11th player in history to win three Most Valuable Player Awards. He has also finished second three times and fourth once. Even with Red Sox outfielder **Mookie Betts** having his best season and Indians third baseman **Jose Ramirez** continuing to get better, Trout was the runaway winner in MLB.com's poll of 37 reporters and editors.

Meanwhile, Braves first baseman **Freddie Freeman** outdistanced Rockies third baseman **Nolan Arenado** and Nationals ace **Max Scherzer** to win the NL poll.

Our 37 voters were asked to rank their top three players, with five points going to a first-place vote, three points for a second-place vote and one point for third-place vote. Therefore, the maximum number of points a player could get was 185.

Here's how the voting went:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

1. Mike Trout, Angels (171 points)

Trout is on pace for a cool 50-homer, 39-double, 133-walk, 136-run season. His on-base percentage is up for the fourth straight season, and his **defense is better**, too. Trout's career WAR is closing in on 60 before his 27th birthday, and if he has six more seasons like his first six, he'll be in a neighborhood in which only Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, Stan Musial and a few others reside. Fans of another era got to watch Williams and Musial. We can tell our grandkids we were the lucky ones who got to watch Trout.

2. Mookie Betts, Red Sox (119 points)

Betts has gotten MVP votes in all of his first three full seasons, and that'll be true again this season. If not for Trout, Betts would likely be the runaway winner this year as he flirts with a batting title (.359) and also leads the Majors in OPS (1.187). Oh, he's also headed for a third Gold Glove Award for his play in right field.

3. Jose Ramirez, Indians (28 points)

Ramirez was third in AL MVP Award voting last season, behind only **Jose Altuve** and **Aaron Judge**, and he's putting together another tremendous year. He's on track for more than 50 homers and nearly 50 doubles, and he could also top 20 stolen bases for the second time in his career.

Others receiving votes: J.D. Martinez (Red Sox), **Manny Machado** (Orioles), Altuve (Astros)

NATIONAL LEAGUE**1. Freddie Freeman, Braves (150 points)**

The Braves' rise to prominence has once more shone the spotlight on one of baseball's best players. Freeman is leading the NL in intentional walks, which is a tribute to the problems he presents opposing teams. Both his batting average (.339) and OBP (.435) are career highs, and he could flirt with his first 50-double season.

2. Nolan Arenado, Rockies (89 points)

Arenado's offensive game is so complete that his defense at third sometimes gets overshadowed. He makes the spectacular play look routine, and some older scouts say he compares to any third baseman they've ever seen. On top of all that, Arenado is having his best offensive season, headed for a 30-double, 30-homer season, with the NL's highest OPS and his name dotted across the leaderboard in an assortment of areas.

3. Max Scherzer, Nationals (50 points)

Did you know Scherzer pitched, too? After he keyed a game-winning rally with a pinch-hit single in Atlanta last weekend, we thought it would be worth reminding people of the thing he's better at than almost anyone. The Nationals are 11-2 when Scherzer starts on the mound and 23-23 with anyone else. His 11th season might be his best, as he leads the Majors in strikeouts (133) and the NL in WHIP (0.83). If Scherzer stays healthy, he will crack 200 innings for a sixth straight season and become the fifth player in history to win four Cy Young Awards.

Others receiving votes: Kris Bryant (Cubs), **Scouter Gennett** (Reds), **Brandon Belt** (Giants), **Lorenzo Cain** (Brewers), **Matt Kemp** (Dodgers), **Bryce Harper** (Nationals), **Aaron Nola** (Phillies), **Jacob deGrom** (Mets)

FROM THE ATHLETIC**Happy birthday, indeed! Andrew Heaney throws first career shutout**

By Steve Dilbeck

Some guys just know how to celebrate a birthday. Trouble is, now Angels left-hander Andrew Heaney will be hard pressed to surpass what he gave himself for his 27th birthday on Tuesday.

Some give themselves a nice dinner or an expensive bottle of wine. Heaney gave himself something a *tad* more unique.

His first complete game, first shutout ... first one-hitter.

“A masterpiece,” said Angels manager Mike Scioscia.

The Angels needed Heaney in all his near-perfection to squeeze out a 1-0 victory over the Royals, their only score coming when they stole a run in the fifth inning.

Knowing his margin of error was razor-thin all night, Heaney never let up. He went after the Royals with a smooth and consistent delivery that left them constantly hitting weak groundouts or popups.

He made the 41st start of his career his best — birthday or not. For the first time in his professional career, he was on the mound and able to greet his catcher when the game ended.

“You want to shake your catcher’s hand and go shake hands with your team,” he said. “That’s a fun feeling. Something I’ll never forget.”

Heaney held Kansas City without a hit until Hunter Dozier lined a clean single to left with one out in the fifth. He hit Jon Jay, his first batter of the game, and then was in total control. He wasn’t exactly overpowering — he struck out four and walked one — but he never flinched. It took him 116 pitches for the one-hitter, 81 going for strikes.

Chris Young took it all in from center field, though he didn’t think it offered any unique perspective.

“Probably how he looked from homeplate and third base and the batter’s box,” Young said. “He had his angle working great today, hitting his spots over and over again. The slider for the lefties looked unhittable. He was able to elevate his fastball. Was throwing 95. He did everything right today.”

It was Young who scored the game’s only run. He singled with one out and took third on a base hit from Michael Hermosillo.

At that point, the Angels weren’t having much more luck with Kansas City starter Brad Keller and a series of relievers, so Scioscia decided it was time to gamble.

Hermosillo broke to steal and Royals catcher Drew Butera fired to second. Young, inching down the line, broke for home as soon as Butera released his throw. Hermosillo stopped and got into a rundown long enough for Young to touch home with the run before he was tagged out.

“It’s just a play you put on and it was a great time for it,” Young said. “Neither team was allowing too much so you’re just trying to steal one.”

“If he throws it, you go. If he doesn’t throw it, you’re probably out. It’s just a gamble.”

Heaney had his run. The left-hander did the rest.

Despite going deeper in the game than at any time in his career, he was still throwing his fastball 95 mph in the ninth. He came into the game averaging 91.6 mph.

“You can’t say enough about what Andrew did,” Scioscia said. “Just the quality of his pitches, maintaining his stuff, pitching with his back against the wall the whole game. Just doing a great job of finishing it off. His stuff in the ninth inning was as good as any time during the game. That’s a great sign.”

After missing most of last season following 2016 Tommy John surgery, Heaney had thrown 100 pitches only once all season. By the end of the eighth, he had already thrown 108.

Scioscia said his conversation with Heaney after he came in the dugout after the eighth about continuing was to the point.

“It was a very quick conversation,” Scioscia said. “He was ready for it. He was ready for the challenge. He wanted it.”

Said Heaney: “There was no exchange. He just said, ‘Are you good?’ And I said, ‘Yeah.’”

The ninth was 1-2-3 breeze and Heaney was off to celebrate more than just a birthday.

“I like to pitch, I like to be out there,” Heaney said. “It’s always fun to continue. It’s a good feeling.”

It was the first one-hitter thrown by an Angel since Ervin Santana on June 16, 2012. The first one-hitter thrown on a birthday by anyone since the Cardinals’ Vicente Palacios on July 19, 1994.

Heaney had himself a birthday to remember.

Andrelton Simmons’ biggest slip-up in an otherwise excellent season could force him to miss critical time

By Fabian Ardaya

ANAHEIM, Calif. — It’s been a hell of a week for Andrelton Simmons.

First, on Friday, he got spiked by Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor on a game-ending double-play ball, leaving a gash on his left shin and sparking a gelato-celebrated mini-war of words. Then, a hard slide into second base on the basepaths left him nursing a sore left wrist.

Then came Tuesday, when as he jogged back into the Angels dugout on the third-base side shortly before the start of a game against the Royals, he slipped on the top step. The tumble resulted in yet another wound, one less typical than what you'd expect on the baseball diamond, as he sprained his right ankle.

"It's simple, and stupid," Simmons said. "But it happens every once in a while, I guess."

Simmons would attempt to play through the injury, conceding a pair of pop-ups and grounders to third baseman Zack Cozart and moving slowly on the basepaths before being pulled in the top of the third inning of a 1-0 victory. A series of tests on the ankle postgame reveal no broken bones, just a "pretty decent" sprain. Simmons was moving on crutches and sporting a heavy wrap on the ankle postgame.

"I just hoped I can keep playing," Simmons said. "That's all I was thinking about. I mean I could, but it just, I wasn't moving at my best. I could have stayed out there, but I guess it wasn't the best solution."

It is unclear if Simmons' injury will result in a trip to the disabled list. That news will come Wednesday, as Simmons' surely-sore ankle will try to bounce back to see if it is just a day-to-day matter or one that will require extra time for the franchise shortstop to heal.

They'll need him healthy, however. The Angels' hot start brought them to the top of the American League West through a month, but Tuesday's win only allowed the club to remain within five games of the lead. Simmons would be a big part of the charge if the Angels were to re-insert themselves with the likes of Seattle and Houston in June, and he'd done so for the better part of this season.

Through Tuesday's action, Simmons has only perpetuated the notion that his season-and-a-half of breakout offensive performance was no fluke, slashing .330/.397/.460 with what would be a career-best 139 wRC+ in addition to his traditional Gold Glove-caliber defense that has contributed to seven defensive runs saved this season, and 57 since arriving in Anaheim in 2016 — second in baseball during that span behind Mookie Betts. Only four teams as a whole have received more Wins Above Replacement from their shortstops than the Simmons-led Angels.

Simmons expects a short-term absence for the embarrassing fall, and the Angels' offseason maneuvering should help to ease the blow. Cozart, an excellent defensive shortstop during his first seven years in the big leagues before signing as a free agent, should slide back over in the short-term. If Simmons hits the disabled list, they could bring back Kaleb Cowart, a versatile defender who excels at third base and was optioned early Tuesday afternoon. If not, Jefry Marte and Luis Valbuena could provide a short-term platoon.

"We'll see how it sets up," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said of a possible DL stint. "He's being evaluated now, and hopefully it's just a minor day-to-day thing, but we'll wait for our medical staff to make a determination."

To say Simmons has been banged up over the course of the week would be an understatement. Tuesday's knock, however, could be the most memorable, with Simmons shaking his head in disbelief when thinking about possibly missing time for a fluke injury off the field, on an event that is such a typical part of his everyday routine.

"I just want to be back as soon as possible," Simmons said. "I'm not concerned, I know I'm going to be OK, but it's just a matter of when I'm going to be able to play. That's the only question I have. I know tomorrow's going to be a little tough again. I've sprained my ankle before, so after that I know it's going to take one, two days and after that I can move around pretty decent, normally. That's what I'm hoping for."

'A little bit my fault': On the play that cost the Royals in a 1-0 loss to the Angels

By Rustin Dodd

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A catcher sat at his locker late Tuesday night inside the visitors clubhouse, fiddling with a piece of blue athletic tape on his right wrist. Salvador Perez spoke as he ripped the tape from his skin.

He did not wish to lavish praise on Angels starter Andrew Heaney, the pitcher who had permitted just one hit in the Royals' 1-0 loss. He did wish to shoulder the blame for the night's only run.

"That's kind of a little bit my fault," Perez said.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Angels had executed a perfect double steal attempt, luring Perez into an unwise throw. The moment allowed Los Angeles' Chris Young to sprint home from third base and Heaney to cruise for the rest of the night. It left Perez with a pang of regret.

He did not believe the Angels would attempt a double steal with runners at the corners and two outs, he said. Los Angeles' Jefry Marte stood at home plate. He had collected four hits on Monday night. So when Angels runner Michael Hermosillo took off for second base, Perez unleashed a snap throw to second from his squat position. Young took off from third immediately; Hermosillo stopped and reversed toward first. And when the throw tailed away from Whit Merrifield, Young easily had a steal of home.

"I got to double-check sometimes," Perez said. "But I don't think they're going to go right away. Marte was hitting. Yesterday he got four hits, so I think they're going to let him hit."

The run would hold up. The Royals (21-40) would reach 40 losses at the earliest point in the calendar since 2006. The offense would go into a slumber against Heaney, wasting a strong start from rookie Brad Keller and a promising three innings of work from rookie Trevor Oaks.

Keller, making his second career start, allowed one earned run in 4 1/3 innings while working on a pitch count. (He threw 75 as he continues his transition from the bullpen to the rotation.) Oaks tossed three scoreless innings in relief after allowing eight runs across his first two major-league appearances. It was

the kind of night you could dream on, two young pitchers, both acquired this offseason, helping hold the Angels to just one run. It was the kind of night that felt less important on the march toward 100 losses.

The Royals were shut out while recording just one hit for the 25th time in franchise history — and the first time since last May. Hunter Dozier's single was the only thing standing between Heaney and a no-hitter.

"Sneaky, sneaky fastball," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "He got it up to 94 in the eighth inning. But it was just kind of getting on us. He mixed in some good changeups, some good fastballs. But we just couldn't center his fastball up."

Heaney, 27, took the mound with a 3.66 ERA in nine starts, including a 2.41 mark in May. He had gone one six-start stretch across April and May allowing just six runs. Yet he was perhaps never better in his career than when facing down the Royals on Tuesday night.

"He made his pitches," Perez sad. "He kept the ball down, both sides of the plate."

The Royals have now lost three straight and four out of five. They have been shut out twice in the span. They will face Angels starter and phenomenon Shohei Ohtani on Wednesday night in the series finale before heading to Oakland for a four-game series.

It is in these stretches where it appears that things could spiral out of control at any moment, that another long losing streak could be on the horizon. The Royals achieved mediocrity during the final weeks of May. They have been less pleasant to watch in June.

But there was reason to hope on Tuesday night, so hope it is. One night after the Royals selected five college pitchers on the first day of the MLB Draft, two of the organization's top young arms put in strong performances. Keller, 22, lowered his ERA to 2.12 while striking out three hitters. He leaned on his sinker while navigating an Angels lineup that includes Ian Kinsler, Andrelton Simmons, Mike Trout and Justin Upton. He recorded one out in the fifth before exiting for reliever Kevin McCarthy with two runners on.

"My sinker was working really well today," Keller said. "It was running in on their hands and stuff. That was kind of the game plan. Throw the sinker and let them beat it into the ground."

And then there was Oaks, 25, making his first appearance near his childhood home in Southern California. His first two appearances were marked by inconsistency and poor command. He was much improved on Tuesday after working through a mechanical tweak with pitching coach Cal Eldred.

"I need to drive a little bit more off my back leg," Oaks said. "That kind of seemed to fix some other issues, too. The first two outings, I had some trouble with timing."

It is possible that Oaks could soon return to the rotation at Triple-A Omaha. He came up last week to offer insurance to a tired bullpen, but in the long run, the Royals want him starting.

But for now, in this moment and this season, it was the kind of performance that constituted a small win of sorts. The Royals received 7 1/3 innings from two rookie pitchers on Tuesday and they allowed just

one run. It wasn't enough because Heaney dominated, and the offense offered little, and Perez was a little too aggressive for one moment in the fifth.

"Obviously, you don't want (the run) to score," Yost said. "But it was a play where Salvy made a great, quick throw. The ball had a little tail on it; it took Whit's momentum back to first base, and by then, Young was gone."

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEADING OFF: Sho-time for Angels; Colon chases Marichal

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

SHO-TIME

Shohei Ohtani makes his ninth major league start on the mound as the Angels host Kansas City. Back on his usual once-a-week pitching schedule, the two-way rookie phenom from Japan is 4-1 with a 3.18 ERA. Los Angeles gave him extra rest before his most recent outing in Detroit.

CHASING MARICHAL

Bartolo Colon gets his fourth crack at tying Hall of Famer Juan Marichal's 243 career wins, most for a pitcher born in the Dominican Republic, when the Texas Rangers play Oakland. The 45-year-old right-hander earned win No. 242 on May 16 when he threw 7 2/3 scoreless innings at Seattle. He is 0-2 with an 8.80 ERA over his last three starts. Colon (2-3) has pitched for 11 major league teams — including the Athletics from 2012-13. He was an All-Star for the A's at age 40 in 2013, when he went 18-6 with a 2.65 ERA in 30 starts.

LAST GO ROUND

Baseball's amateur draft comes to an end with rounds 11-40 on Day 3. The Detroit Tigers took Texas second baseman Kody Clemens, the youngest son of seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, with the opening pick of the third round Tuesday. The younger Clemens, selected 79th overall, was the Big 12 player of the year and has helped the Longhorns to the NCAA Tournament super regionals. He's hitting a team-leading .346 with 21 home runs, second-most in school history, and 68 RBIs as one of college baseball's top sluggers. Clemens is a semifinalist for both the Golden Spikes Award and Dick Howser Trophy as the best player in the country. Kody Clemens was a 35th-round pick by Houston out of high school, but opted to go to his father's alma mater to play baseball. The left-handed hitter surpassed his two older brothers, Koby (Astros, 2005) and Kacy (Blue Jays, 2017), who were eighth-round picks in previous drafts.

NEW FACES

After spending most of his career in the American League, Diamondbacks right-hander Clay Buchholz makes his second start against the Giants. The other one also came in San Francisco on June 26, 2010, for the Red Sox. Buchholz signed a minor league deal with Arizona last month after his release by the Royals.

Heaney throws one-hitter on 27th birthday

By Jill Painter Lopez

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Andrew Heaney's day started with the gift of an electric bike he was driving around the stadium and a card from his mom for his 27th birthday.

The day got even better. Heaney pitched a one-hitter to lead the Los Angeles Angels to a 1-0 win over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Heaney only allowed a single to Hunter Dozier with one out in the fifth and needed 116 pitches to pitch his first complete game. He got all 27 outs, which was appropriate on his 27th birthday.

"That's the first time I've done it in pro ball at any point and time," Heaney said. "That was fun. You want to shake your catcher's hand and go shake hands with your teammates. It's a fun feeling. It's something I'll never forget and try to do it again."

Heaney credited a more consistent slider with his fastball to get him through the early part of the game and then started working in his changeup in the fourth inning to keep the Royals off balance.

He was set to celebrate with cheesecake made by his wife Jordan. She used his mom's recipe. The cake was in the Angels clubhouse, and he was set to eat some after interviews if there was any left, he said. After that, he planned to hang out with his wife, dogs and have more dessert, this time tres leches, also made by his wife.

The treats were well deserved after throwing such a gem.

Heaney (3-4) hit Jon Jay to start the game, then retired 13 consecutive batters.

"You can't say enough, just all his pitches and maintaining his stuff," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Pitching with his back against the wall the whole game. His stuff in the ninth inning was as good as any time during the game and that's a great sign."

The Angels, who have won four of their last five, scored their run when Michael Hermosillo was caught in a rundown trying to steal second base. Chris Young ran home from third to score the lone run of the game.

"... It's a play, are you looking for it with two outs in the fifth inning? You're always looking for it with these guys," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "You always know it's a possibility. It was just a good play."

Heaney had thrown 105 pitches through eight innings. His 116 were the most in his career, yet he was still hitting 95 mph in the final frame.

“It was a very quick conversation,” Scioscia said of whether Heaney would go back out for the ninth inning. “He was ready for it. He was ready for the challenge. He wanted it and finished it off well.”

Heaney said there was no conversation. They asked if he was OK, and he said yeah.

“It was probably a little bit of adrenalin,” Heaney said. “The crowd was going a little bit. It was exciting.”

Brad Keller (1-2), making his second start, allowed allowed just one run on five hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Albert Pujols was out of the lineup Tuesday for a day off. Shohei Ohtani wasn't in the lineup since he is pitching Wednesday and doesn't bat the day before or after his starts.

Justin Upton was 3-for-3, but it was difficult for the Angels to get much going.

“Get them across how you can, I guess,” Heaney said. “Honestly, when I sit down, its like a human wall in front of me. I can't really see the game. I can just see the scoreboard and the outs.”

FIRST TIMERS

This was the first complete game, one-hitter for the Angels since Ervin Santana did it in 2012 against Arizona ... Heaney is the first left-hander to throw a one-hit shutout since Chuck Finley did it in 1989 at Boston ... Heaney is the first pitcher to throw a one-hit shutout on his birthday since the Cardinals' Vicente Palacios did it in 1994 in Houston ... Heaney is the first Angel to throw a shutout on his birthday since Andy Messersmith did it on Aug. 6, 1971 against Minnesota.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Royals: INF Lucas Duda (right foot plantar fasciitis) participated in live batting practice Tuesday and took ground balls and ran. Ned Yost said he's “getting close.”

Angels: INF Andrelton Simmons came out of Tuesday's game with a sprained right ankle. Mike Scioscia said he was being evaluated for an injury that happened going out to the field before the game.

UP NEXT

Royals: RHP Ian Kennedy (1-6, 6.08) is winless in his last six starts. His last victory came two months ago, on April 7. In his last start, he gave up eight runs on seven hits in three innings and the Royals lost to Oakland, 16-0.

Angels RHP Ohtani (4-1, 3.18) will make his fifth start at home, where he is 2-1 with a 2.35 ERA. The Angels are 6-2 when Ohtani starts.

FROM ESPN.COM

Andrelton Simmons says DL is possibility after ankle sprain

Los Angeles Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons suffered a sprained right ankle and could be headed to the disabled list after injuring himself on the dugout steps Tuesday night.

"Nothing is broke, but I sprained it pretty decent," Simmons, who was on crutches, told reporters after the game. "I tried to stay in the game, but they just thought it was smarter not to let me stay out there and have a chance of making it worse."

Simmons suffered the injury while stepping down the three dugout steps at Angels Stadium prior to Tuesday's 1-0 victory against the Kansas City Royals. He fell to the ground, got up, tried to walk it off and played two innings before exiting. He walked in his only plate appearance, but was erased on a double play as he struggled to reach second base.

"I don't even remember exactly how it happened, but I know I was coming in," Simmons told reporters. "It's simple and stupid, but it happens every once in a while, I guess."

"... I could play; I just wasn't moving at my best. I could have stayed out there, but I guess it wasn't the best solution. It is what it is. We'll see how it responds."

Simmons said he's hopeful he can move around after "one, two days," but said there's a chance he could land on the disabled list.

"I don't know," said Simmons, who is hitting .330 with 32 runs scored and 34 RBIs. "It's sore, but we'll see how it responds tomorrow and how it feels in the next couple of days."

Jordyn Adams will pursue baseball career, won't enroll at North Carolina

North Carolina football recruit Jordyn Adams will not enroll at the school and instead will pursue a professional baseball career after the Los Angeles Angels selected him No. 17 overall in Monday's MLB draft.

Adams, who had been mulling whether to play college football or professional baseball for several months, made the announcement Tuesday on Twitter, thanking Tar Heels coaches and fans for their support.

A center fielder, Adams ranked as the No. 19 draft prospect, according to ESPN's Keith Law. The assigned value of the 17th pick is \$3,472,900.

ESPN also rated Adams as the No. 24 wide receiver and No. 163 overall player in the 2018 class. The Morrisville, North Carolina, native signed with UNC over Clemson, Alabama, Ohio State, LSU and others.

His father, Deke Adams, is the Tar Heels' defensive line coach.

FROM NBC SPORTS

Major League Baseball buys Rawlings

By Craig Calcaterra

Major League Baseball and a private equity firm, Seidler Equity Partners, has teamed up **to purchase Rawlings Sporting Goods, the league's longtime baseball supplier**. The selling price: \$395 million.

Rawlings is being sold by its current owner, Newell Brands Inc., in order to reduce debt load and streamline its operations. Major League Baseball's reason for buying it comes in the form of a statement from Chris Marinak, the league's executive vice president for strategy, technology and innovation:

"MLB is excited to take an ownership position in one of the most iconic brands in sports and further build on the Rawlings legacy, which dates back to 1887. We are particularly interested in providing even more input and direction on the production of the official ball of Major League Baseball, one of the most important on-field products to the play of our great game."

That important on-field product has been in the news quite a bit lately, as Major League Baseball recently revealed that the composition of the ball had, apparently inadvertently, changed, reducing its aerodynamic drag, resulting in a record-setting spike of home runs over the past two and a half seasons.

There's no suggestion that the league's purchase of Rawlings has any connection to this, but it will soon be the case that MLB will be fully responsible for the horsehide being flung.

Wait, they haven't made the ball out of horsehide for over 40 years, so if players are flinging horsehide, someone is gonna get written up.

FROM CBS SPORTS

Royals' Kennedy tries to right ship vs. Angels

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By STATS

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Kennedy is scheduled to make his 13th start of the season for the visiting Kansas City Royals (21-40) on Wednesday night against the Los Angeles Angels (34-28), who will try to sweep the Royals for a second time this season.

Kennedy, an Orange County native, has surrendered 29 earned runs in his past five starts covering 23 2/3 innings, dropping his record to 1-6 and ballooning his ERA to 6.08.

Kennedy is in the third year of a five-year \$70-million contract, the second-largest in club history.

His downturn is reminiscent of his struggles last season, when the 33-year-old right-hander finished 5-13 with 5.38 ERA, the fifth-highest ERA in the majors among starters with at least 150 innings.

Making the challenge even tougher will be Angels rookie right-hander Shohei Ohtani. The two-way star cooled off at the plate during May, but heated up on the mound, going 2-0 in four starts last month with a 2.16 ERA.

In his most recent outing, Ohtani returned after one rain delay at the Detroit Tigers, but didn't come back after a second and was limited to five innings. He was sharp in the conditions, however, allowing one run and three hits in the eventual 6-1 loss by Los Angeles.

"This is my first time experiencing something like this," Ohtani said through an interpreter after the game. "I'm just going to take it as a learning experience for the future."

Ohtani (4-1, 3.18 ERA) did not face the Royals when Los Angeles swept a three-game series in Kansas City in April.

Kennedy's strong start to this season included a tough loss during that sweep.

He allowed one run and seven hits over six innings, but didn't receive support from the offense or bullpen in the 7-1 loss April 12. That run was one of two Kennedy allowed over his first three starts, which covered 18 innings. After blanking the Detroit Tigers over six innings on May 4 to lower his ERA to 2.92, Kennedy dropped off significantly.

In his latest outing, he allowed eight runs in three innings, including three home runs, in a 16-0 loss to the Oakland Athletics.

"For the most part, it's been a grind the last four or five starts," Kennedy told the Kansas City Star after his latest defeat. "I felt like this was the best week of work I've had. I felt really good, really positive. ... But I had zero to show for it. That's what the really, really frustrating thing is. I felt good."

A return to Anaheim could provide a spark, but it hasn't so far in Kennedy's 12-year career. He's is 1-3 with a 5.09 ERA in five career appearances (four starts) at Angel Stadium. Overall against Los Angeles, he's 1-5 with a 3.86 ERA in eight games (seven starts).

The Angels could be without shortstop Andrelton Simmons, who leads the team with a .330 batting average. Simmons slipped while walking down the dugout steps before Tuesday's game and left after two innings with a sprained right ankle.

"He's being evaluated now," Angels manager Mike Scioscia told reporters after the game. "Hopefully, it's a minor day to day thing."

Angels left fielder Justin Upton is 6-for-7 in the series, lifting his batting average from .235 to .254.

"This is a game of adjustments," Upton told Fox Sports West after the game. "Sometimes, you fall into bad habits and you've got to work them out."

FROM USA TODAY

ESPN agrees to move N.Y. Yankees out of 'Sunday Night Baseball' slot

By Steve Gardner

Bowing to pressure from the New York Yankees, ESPN has reversed its decision to move a July 8 game at the Toronto Blue Jays into prime time.

The network will allow the AL East rivals to keep their afternoon start time since the Yankees will have to travel to Baltimore for a doubleheader the next day.

The Yankees had threatened to boycott ESPN reporters if they were forced to play three games in two cities over a 24-hour span. The team reached out to the Players Association and the Commissioner's Office for assistance in settling the dispute.

The *New York Daily News* writes the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Angels will be featured as the national *Sunday Night Baseball* telecast.

FROM THE DETROIT NEWS

Detroit Western ace William English drafted by Angels, will sign

By Tony Paul

The last time the Angels took a high-school kid from Michigan early in the Major League Baseball Draft, they were the California Angels — and the franchise was 11 years old.

That pick, a Detroit Catholic Central flame-throwing lefty named Frank Tanana, worked out pretty darn well.

And so, 47 years after the Angels took Tanana in the first round (13th overall), they dipped into the Detroit talent pool once again Tuesday, selecting Detroit Western right-hander William English in the fifth round (151st overall).

English was with about nine friends and family members in Taylor watching the draft at MLB.com, and was ecstatic to his name pop up on the computer screen.

"We all screamed for joy," English told The News on Tuesday afternoon, before he headed out to play a high-school game. "It was fun, truly a blessing.

"It's been exciting for me and my whole family."

English, widely considered one of the top prep players in the state, received word from his advisers during the fourth round that the Angels were ready to make him their guy in the fifth round.

They stayed true to their word, and English plans to stay true his — and sign (recommended slot value is \$340,300) and forego his college career at the University of Tennessee.

English is a 6-foot-2, 185-pounder who features four pitches — two different fastballs, a curveball and a change-up. The fastball sits between 89 and 93, and can touch 95. He started finding himself on scouts' radars during his junior season at Western.

The Angels emerged as a favorite recently, when English attended a pre-draft workout in Atlanta last week. He stood out among a crowd of about 60 draft candidates.

"It's an honor, truly an honor," said English, who doesn't turn 18 until December. "I didn't expect this at all."

English was the first state player taken Tuesday. Oakland University senior right-hander Jake Lee went in the ninth round (271st overall; \$147,500 slot value), also to the Angels, after striking out 112 in 75.1 innings this season. Lee is from Milford, and also attended Hillsdale College.

Also of note, a big-time Michigan recruit, Kentucky high-school left-hander Drew Rom, went in the fourth round to the Baltimore Orioles.

English has been playing baseball since he was 3, and while he also played some basketball, he decided against playing his senior year at Western so he could turn his attention to baseball.

That decision might've just paid off in a big way.

The MLB Draft picks up again Wednesday at noon, for the final 30 rounds.

FROM BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS**WKU's Morrison drafted by Angels in 10th round**

By Elliott Pratt

Ben Morrison's Las Vegas vacation got a little better Tuesday evening when the phone rang.

Sitting poolside at Mandalay Bay, the Western Kentucky right-handed pitcher got the call sooner than expected.

The Los Angeles Angels selected the Bowling Green native Morrison in the 10th round of the 2018 MLB Draft with the 301st overall pick Tuesday evening. The Major League Baseball club chose Morrison at 5:18 p.m. CDT, with only 13 picks remaining on the second day of the draft.

"It's been really exciting and I'm just overwhelmed right now with all the support and texts and everything that has come my way," Morrison told the Daily News in a phone interview. "It's pretty wild right now."

Morrison is the 55th player drafted in WKU program history, the 13th-highest Hilltopper taken in program history and the 20th WKU player drafted in the past 10 years.

"I was definitely hoping I would get the call, but I don't think the 10th round was really on my radar," Morrison said. "That's pretty incredible. Just grateful for the Angels for giving me a shot. I'm going to do my best."

Morrison was the fourth player from Conference USA selected in the 2018 Draft, behind FAU infielder Tyler Frank (second round to the Tampa Bay Rays), Southern Miss righty Nick Sandlin (second round to the Cleveland Indians) and Rice infielder Ford Proctor (third round to the Tampa Bay Rays). To cap the 10th round, Charlotte lefty Josh Maciejewski was taken 307th overall by the New York Yankees, with Southern Miss infielder Luke Reynolds to follow as the 308th pick to the Chicago Cubs.

The Hilltoppers' most recent draft pick was third baseman Danny Hudzina, who was taken 316th overall in the 10th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the St. Louis Cardinals. Morrison will join Hudzina, outfielder Anderson Miller (third round in 2015) and righty Andrew Edwards (19th round in 2013) as active WKU players in minor league baseball.

"I'm obviously very excited for Ben and all the hard work and effort he's put into it," WKU baseball coach John Pawlowski said. "A wonderful student and has a wonderful opportunity. He's going to put off going to medical school to see what he can do with this baseball deal. He had a great year for us coming back from an injury and has worked extremely hard and it's great to see the reward and given the opportunity to play professional baseball."

Upon signing his deal with Los Angeles, Morrison will become the 107th Hilltopper player to sign a professional contract. MLB's assigned value for the 301st overall pick is \$139,100.

Morrison is the second Warren County native selected by the Angels since 2013. Warren East pitcher Hunter Green was picked in the second round by Los Angeles in 2013, but played just eight games in rookie league before his career ended with an injury.

In his senior season, Morrison had a 1.29 earned run average with 31 strikeouts across 28 innings in C-USA action, allowing only 20 hits for a .189 batting average against. His 2.21 ERA overall across 36 2/3 frames ranks second among Hilltoppers pitchers (with 35-plus innings) dating back to at least 2005.

He also had a career-high seven saves, as he earned a spot on the 2018 All-C-USA Second Team as a reliever. WKU finished with a 21-31 overall record and an 11-18 mark in C-USA play.

“Coming into the season I wanted to have a good senior year and just pitch well and help our team win,” Morrison said. “The results came with that. To have the opportunity to play is overwhelming and I’m super grateful for it.”

Morrison missed his junior season with a shoulder injury. Considering the setback and what he accomplished his senior year, Pawlowski said it made the 10th round selection that much more special.

“It shows how hard you have to work to get back to where you want to be,” Pawlowski said. “It’s a lot of time and a lot of effort going into it. There’s a lot of people involved in it, not just Ben. It’s a team effort and certainly the team did a great job getting him back on the field. Once he got back, we saw him starting to continue to develop and get back to where he was.

“Certainly had a lot to overcome and the reward was there and I’m happy for him.”

Morrison was a CoSIDA Academic All-District and Conference USA All-Academic Team selection in 2018. He graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA studying Biology (Pre-Med) with triple minors in Biophysics, Chemistry and Entrepreneurship. He was also a member of the WKU Honors College and a part of the WKU Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership team.

A redshirt senior in athletic standing, Morrison made the WKU President’s List all 10 semesters on campus and earned the C-USA Commissioner’s Academic Medal every season. Morrison has been accepted to the University of Kentucky for medical school, and has volunteered at the local Bowling Green Medical Center to prepare for a potential career in medicine.

A 2013 graduate of BGHS, Morrison was a four-year letterwinner and a three-year starter for the Purples’ baseball team as an outfielder, earning All-District 14 honors his junior and senior seasons. He earned All-State honors in 2013 after batting .401 with two home runs.

Former WKU baseball coach Matt Myers, who recruited Morrison out of Bowling Green High School, expressed what a pleasure it was to watch Morrison develop into a closing pitcher.

“I told Ben congratulations and how proud I was of him,” said Myers, now the coach at BGHS. “An outfielder primarily in high school, he made the transition to pitcher full time and flourished. Ben worked so hard to perfect his craft and to become the dominant closer that he is. So happy for him to have this opportunity. Not only is he an outstanding pitcher, but Ben is a better human being.”