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# Padres manager Andy Green knows what he saw – a homer that wasn't

Kevin Acee

Andy Green remained adamant after the [Padres'](#) 7-6 victory over the [Rockies](#) that he was justified in being angry about the replay ruling that allowed [Carlos Gonzalez's](#) sixth-inning home run to stand.

“Obviously, you win a baseball game, you can temper it a little bit,” Green said. “But that was really hard for anybody to understand. It looks like the very thing you’d use to teach fan interference.”

Padres left fielder [Cory Spangenberg](#), who did have the ball in his glove before losing it on his way back down, after making contact with a fan’s hands, agreed with Green.

“I was going back on the ball, and I think I timed it pretty well, and I felt it going in my glove, and as I was bringing it back, I felt something unlodge it,” Spangeberg said. “I went to go throw it in and I realized the ball wasn’t there. You could feel when a hand grabs your glove, and I think on the video you could see the ball go in a different direction. I saw it. I don’t know what they saw in New York, but I don’t agree with what they said. I saw the replay, and from my perspective I thought I saw and felt a hand touch the ball. I guess that’s not what they saw in New York.”

It wasn’t. The explanation from [MLB](#) was that there was not definitive evidence fan interference had occurred.

“You’ve got 15 angles where you see his left hand touches his glove on the field of play,” Green said. “You’ve got other angles where you see his right hand spin the ball in his glove. Like, OK. I don’t know that the definition looks like, but touching his glove and touching the ball with his fingers on the field of play, that’s literally what it says. I don’t know how it didn’t impact the play. Really, it doesn’t have to be 100 percent certain that that caused the ball not to be caught. It just has to have a percentage chance – any kind of percentage chance that it impacted the play. So if you feel like he reached over the fence and he touched his glove and touched the ball and that has no percentage chance of impacting the play, then they made the right call. But I obviously don’t think that.”

See what you think:

While it did seem clear the fan made contact with Spangenberg’s glove, the reviewing umpire seems to have not been able to determine whether that contact occurred over the top of the wall or across the top of the wall in fair territory.

If the contact occurred after the ball crossed the field side of the wall, that is considered fair game for spectators.

While Green felt it was obvious, he had a feeling he wasn't going to win the challenge.

"There's the human element of an unwillingness to overturn a home run," he said. "That's a foul ball, interference every time. ... If it's foul, that's getting overturned in a second."

As for the futility of his argument, Green was slightly repentant. His ejection was automatic, as soon as he came out of the dugout to argue the ruling – before he threw his cap on the ground and commenced yelling for a few more seconds.

"You feel like the fool at the airport yelling at the flight attendant that your flight's delayed," he said. "Because Brian (Gorman, the umpire crew chief) didn't make that call. It's not his fault. It's not (third base umpire Dan Iassogna's) fault out there in the outfield. You're not going to make that call. But there's nobody to yell at about that call. I probably would have been smart to put the headset on and yell at them."

# Padres notes: Kirby Yates needs time, so does Dinelson Lamet

Kevin Acee

Upon further assessment of reliever Kirby Yates' ankle and the predicament in which his absence would leave them, the [Padres](#) decided to place reliever Kirby Yates on the 10-day disabled list due to tendonitis in his right ankle.

"It was looking like it was three, four, maybe five days before he felt comfortable going out there again," manager Andy Green said. "Coming here to Colorado, we didn't want to run into a short bullpen."

Left-hander Buddy Baumann was recalled from Triple-A El Paso. He can serve as a long reliever or be used to face left-handed hitters in short relief.

Baumann had just finished pitching, getting the final out of the sixth inning, when the call from the Padres got to the Chihuahuas' dugout with the intent of telling them not to throw Baumann Sunday night.

It was fortunate, then, that he had taken just one pitch to get that out.

### Lamet at least a ways away

After four straight days of throwing, working up to 90 feet, Dinelson Lamet did not play catch Monday.

It is believed the next step is for Lamet, who left the final [spring training](#) game with elbow pain, to move to 120 feet, though that is not a certainty.

What the Padres seem certain of is that Lamet is a ways from throwing off a mound.

"I don't think he's within a week or anything like that," Green said. "It's going to be a steady progression, stretching out the arm and seeing where he's at."

Throwing off the mound is considered the most crucial and telling step in the process.

### Extra bases

- [Freddy Galvis](#) tripled on Monday and is the only Padres player to reach base safely in every game this season. His 11-game streak with either a hit or walk is tied for second-longest of his career. He reached base safely in 14 straight games last season.

- Austin Hedges went 3-for-4 on Monday, raising his batting average to .179, an improvement of 96 points.
- Jose Pirela ended an 0-for-10 stretch with three hits Monday.
- [Eric Hosmer](#) went 2-for-4. While he has yet to homer as a Padre, Hosmer has a team-high six multi-hit games this season, one more than Galvis.

# Austin Allen hits third Double-A homer

**Jeff Sanders**

Austin Allen did not get a ton of Cactus League at-bats this spring.

The [Padres](#) catching prospect, however, seems more than prepared for his full season in the Texas League.

The 24-year-old Allen went 3-for-5 and hit his third homer in [Double-A San Antonio's 5-2 win](#) over host Northwest Arkansas on Monday. He is hitting .350 to start 2018 after pairing 22 homers and 81 RBIs with a .283/.353/.497 batting line last year in the California League.

Allen appeared briefly with the Missions in 2016 and homered for one of his three hits in 11 at-bats that year.

The left-handed-hitting Allen has slugged .448 and has 35 homers over 291 minor league games since the Padres drafted him in the fourth round in 2015 out of the Florida Institute of Technology.

Designated hitter Kyle Overstreet (.353) went 3-for-4 with a double and his first homer and shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. (.182) tripled in a run in five at-bats.

Right-hander Jesse Scholtens (1-0, 0.00) struck out eight and scattered two hits and a run over six shutout innings.

Right-hander Robert Stock allowed two unearned runs while striking out three in the ninth.

The Missions are 4-1.

## TRIPLE-A EL PASO (4-1)

- [Chihuahuas 14, Las Vegas 0](#): RHP Kyle Lloyd (1-0, 0.00) struck out 10, walked one and scattered five hits over seven shutout innings. LF Franchy Cordero (.429) continued his rehab with a double in a 3-for-6 effort, 2B Dusty Coleman (.167) and 1B Brett Nicholas (.556) hit their second homers and 3B Diego Goris (.385) went 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs.

## HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (1-4)

- [Visalia 7, Storm 1](#): 3B Hudson Potts (.375) hit his first homer, the Storm's only extra-base hit. RHP Ronald Bolanos (0-1, 27.00) allowed four runs – three earned – on three hits and two walks in the start, while RHP Elliot Ashbeck (0.00) struck out three over three perfect innings in relief.

## LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (0-5)

- [Lansing 10, TinCaps 1](#): CF Jeisson Rosario (.294) led off the game with a home run, just his second as a pro. RF Tre Carter (.357) and SS Justin Lopez (.333) both had two hits. LHP Tom Cosgrove (0-1, 11.25) allowed five runs in four innings, while LHP Ben Sheckler (7.11) allowed four runs in four innings.

## Transactions

- LHP **Buddy Baumann** was recalled by San Diego, replacing RHP **Kirby Yates** as he landed on the 10-day disabled list (ankle).
- LHP **Travis Radke** was transferred from extended [spring training](#) to Fort Wayne in place of RHP **Adrian Martinez**, who was placed on the temporary inactive list due to a death in the family.
- RHPs **Caleb Boushley** and **Spencer Kulman** were transferred from extended spring training to Fort Wayne. RHPs **Joe Galindo** and **Will Stillman** took their place in extended spring training.

# Padres' Wil Myers not expected to return from DL when eligible Friday

Kevin Acee

Wil Myers's giant smiling face looked down on the Padres players and coaches on the field Monday afternoon for early batting practice.

As is standard, the video board crew at Coors Field was testing its graphics and chose Myers as the Padres player to display on the 8,369 square-foot high-definition board looming over the left-field seats.

Oh, the cruel irony.

Myers won't play this series. Of all places.

In 110 career plate appearances at Coors Field, Myers' hitting line is .330/.400/.681. A year ago Tuesday, he hit for the cycle in this ballpark.

"I do like playing here," Myers said. "It's killing me."

He also likely won't be playing for the Padres next series, either.

Myers is on this trip as he continues to work back from the nerve irritation in his right arm that has sidelined him since he left a game April 2. He is eligible to come off the disabled list Friday, though that is increasingly unlikely, if not impossible.

While Myers said he feels better every day — "It felt good today; best day so far" — Monday was his first time standing in a batter's box tracking pitches (without swinging) during a bullpen session.

He may resume swinging in the next couple days. However, even if that happens, next week seems a more realistic target for his return. He has also yet to throw, and throws from the outfield are what caused him the greatest discomfort."

"I don't expect him to come off right at 10 days," manager Andy Green said. "He's going to have to swing a bat for a few days. The longer it gets, the more likely a rehab assignment becomes as well. ... We're hoping. It's not coming as quickly as we'd like it to."

Myers had three hits in the five at-bats that preceded his being shut down.

The Padres can only hope he is back by April 20, when the team begins a six-game trip to Arizona and Colorado. Those are the two road ballparks where Myers hits best.

In 237 plate appearances at Coors and [Chase Field](#), he has 13 home runs and a .330/.413/.621 hitting line.

“I wouldn’t mind playing there,” Myers said with a laugh. “I’m doing everything I can to make sure I play those two places.”

# Richard's homer helps Padres edge Rockies

By Owen Perkins Special to MLB.com  
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DENVER -- Heading into Monday night's series opener with the Rockies, the knock against **Clayton Richard** was his past struggles at Coors Field, where he was 1-5 with a 8.82 ERA. By the game's fourth frame, he knocked that rap down as he drove an 0-1 offering from Rockies Opening Day starter **Jon Gray** out of the park for a three-run blast 418 feet into the right-field seats, igniting the Padres en route to a 7-6 win.

"I got lucky. Let's be real," Richard said. "I pretty much swing how I swing. If a ball runs into the bat, I'll be happy. We know he's a tough pitcher with good stuff, and I was just lucky."

Richard's first hit of the season paced the Padres to a five-run rally that gave them a 6-1 lead. It was Richard's third career homer, and his first since Aug. 27 last season in Miami.

"It's nice to get one of those in a win. It makes everything a lot more fun," Richard said. "It's a good win for us. This is a tough place to hold the lead, and the bullpen really stepped up and did a good job at the end."

Gray retired the first two batters in the fourth, then yielded a triple to center by **Freddy Galvis** -- the shortstop's 11th consecutive game reaching safely since Opening Day -- and a run-scoring double to right to **Austin Hedges**. Gray intentionally walked **Manuel Margot**, setting up the three-run blast from Richard.

"Clayton really got us going," manager Andy Green said. "It's not what you expect, but that ball was absolutely crushed."

**Carlos Asuaje** followed with a solo shot to right, giving the Padres back-to-back homers for the second time this season.

Richards needed the cushion, as he gave up three runs in the bottom of the inning, when Rockies catcher **Chris Iannetta** hit his first homer of the season with one out and runners on first and second. Richard had given up a solo homer to **Ian Desmond** in the second, and he faced traffic in the fifth with a hit and a walk, but he left the game with a 7-4 lead, allowing four runs on five hits and three walks while striking out three over five innings.

"He was gutsy today," Green said. "It wasn't the finest command he's had, but he gives you absolutely everything he's got. He puts his leg in the way to knock down a missile up the middle so we get an out there. He gives you everything every single time out. He competes, guys feed off his energy, and his life in the dugout."

Richard was happy the Padres came away with a win against a good team. The sweet taste of vengeance on the ballpark that has haunted him for years was a bonus cherry on top.

"It's given me enough," Richards said. "It's nice to take something away."

### **MOMENTS THAT MATTERED**

**End of Story:** Richard faced the potential tying run when **Trevor Story** stepped to the plate in the fifth with two out and two on and a 7-4 Padres lead. Story had homered in back-to-back games entering the series. After showing him four consecutive pitches at 90 mph, Richard threw him an 83-mph slider for a swinging strikeout to end the threat.

"It was pretty solid," Richard said of his outing. "There were a couple at-bats where I didn't execute pitches, but fortunately we were able to put up enough to withstand it."

**Bulletproof:** The Padres' bullpen continued its run of excellent outings, with **Craig Stammen** entering the seventh with a one-run lead and runners on first and third and nobody out. He started by striking out **Nolan Arenado** and retiring Story and Desmond on the way to two scoreless innings, setting up **Brad Hand**, who struck out the side in the ninth to earn his third save. Stammen has yet to allow a run in six games spanning 8 1/3 innings, and he has retired 25 out of 26 batters he has faced, not including an intentional walk.

"He's been huge," Green said of Stammen. "That's a tough situation. That's one of the absolutely best hitters in baseball, runners on first and second, nobody out, hitter's environment, and to get that punchout on a chase slider was good. And to come back the next inning and give us a clean one and go 1-2-3 there in the eighth is bigger than you can even realize, because you keep Nolan Arenado in the on deck circle with the game on the line in the ninth."

### **SOUND SMART WITH YOUR FRIENDS**

Hedges matched his career high with three hits -- a bunt single to the pitcher in the second, a double to left that eluded Gold Glove third baseman Arenado, and a single to center in the eighth. The last time he had three hits in a game was Sept. 23, 2017, against the Rockies.

### **MITEL REPLAY OF THE DAY**

In the sixth inning, Gonzalez hit a high-arching bloop that barely cleared the right-field wall. A fan in the first row attempted to make a two-handed catch, but the ball was already in the glove of a leaping **Cory Spangenberg**. There was a little contact, but it appeared that Spangenberg's impact with the wall was what caused the ball to drop into the bleachers. Crew chief Brian Gorman initiated a review for fan interference, but the call would stand. Green came out of the dugout to protest and earned an automatic ejection for arguing a replay decision.

"I felt the ball go in my glove, and then all of a sudden when I was bringing it back I felt the ball change directions, which I don't think happens by just hitting the wall," Spangenberg said. "I think the replay says it all."

"It was an awesome feeling. I've never done that in my career. Obviously it didn't last too long."

### **WHAT'S NEXT**

The Padres send lefty **Joey Lucchesi** to climb the hill Tuesday in a 5:40 p.m. PT game against

the Rockies. Lucchesi has no decisions through his first two career starts, posting a 2.79 ERA through 9 2/3 innings as he gears up for his Coors Field debut.

# CarGo's homer leads to Green's ejection

Shot stands after review to determine whether fan interfered with Spangenberg's robbery attempt

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DENVER -- The Rockies' **Carlos Gonzalez** could crack a slam-dunk joke after his two-run bloop homer to left field, which bounced out of the glove of the Padres' **Cory Spangenberg** in his jump ball with a fan at Coors Field, survived a replay review in Monday night's **7-6 Padres win**.

"He made the catch, but when he was coming down, on video it looks like he dunked the ball -- like it was an alley-oop or something," said Gonzalez, whose homer off former Rockies teammate **Jordan Lyles** brought the Rockies within one run in the sixth inning.

Convinced the homer only happened because of interference by a fan in the front row, Spangenberg and Padres manager Andy Green believed it should have been a slam-dunk reversal for replay officials. However, it was allowed to stand because a review couldn't definitively determine the fan, rather than Spangenberg's impact with the wall, caused the ball to jar loose.

Green argued the decision with crew chief Brian Gorman -- the second-base umpire -- and earned an automatic ejection, the sixth of his career and first this season.

"You feel like the fool at the airport yelling at the flight attendant that your flight's delayed, because Brian didn't make that call," Green said. "It's not his fault. It's not [third-base umpire Dan Iassogna's] fault out there in the outfield. You're not going to make that call, but there's nobody to yell at about that call. I probably would have been smart to put the headset on and yell at [the replay officials]."

Spangenberg said he felt the fan hit his glove.

"I felt the ball go in my glove, and then all of a sudden when I was bringing it back I felt the ball change directions, which I don't think happens by just hitting the wall," Spangenberg said. "I think the replay says it all.

"[Robbing a homer] was an awesome feeling. I've never done that in my career. Obviously it didn't last too long."

"Seemed pretty simple to me," Green said. "I've had calls overturned on us plenty of times when a fan's fingers or hands are over the railing and they touch the player's glove or touch the ball. Both of those things happened. Left hand touches the glove. Right hand literally spins the baseball in his glove while both hands are over the field. To me, that's literally the definition of spectator interference."

Gonzalez said he thought the hit "was going to go farther," and complimented Spangenberg for getting in position to make the catch.

According to **Statcast™**, it would be hard for Gonzalez to hit a softer homer.

It was Gonzalez's second homer of the season, but totally different from the first. That one, in an **8-3 loss to the Braves in the home opener, was measured by Statcast™ at 113.7 mph. This one** was clocked at 96.7 mph. For perspective, just 11 of the 277 home runs hit in the Majors entering Monday had a Statcast-measured exit velocity of less than 97 mph.

It was also Gonzalez's second-**softest homer since Statcast™ began tracking exit velocity in** 2015. On Sept. 2, 2015, he lobbed one out against the D-backs' **Matt Stites** at 94.3 mph.

# Yates lands on DL; Baumann recalled

By Owen Perkins and AJ Cassavell MLB.com

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DENVER -- Right-hander Kirby Yates threw one pitch in Saturday's game against the Astros and exited with an ailing right ankle. On Monday, the Padres placed him on the 10-day disabled list and called up right-hander Buddy Baumann from Triple-A El Paso.

"We decided to go ahead and put Kirby on the DL with his ankle and let him try to recover quickly," manager Andy Green said before Monday's series opener with the Rockies. "He was looking at three, four, maybe five days before he felt comfortable going back out there again. And coming here to Colorado, we didn't want to run into a short bullpen."

Yates had become the Padres' primary setup man, and he was off to an excellent start to the 2018 campaign. He hasn't allowed a run in five appearances, striking out five over 3 2/3 innings. Yates sustained the ankle injury during Spring Training, but it worsened prior to Saturday's game.

"I just tweaked it today, and it's kind of fresh, and it just didn't feel good," Yates said Saturday. "It's been pretty good and manageable from Spring Training until now."

Yates threw one pitch to [Alex Bregman](#) in the top of the ninth inning -- an 89-mph fastball for a right-hander who lives in the mid-90s. Green sprung quickly from the top step of the dugout, and Yates was removed without much discussion.

"It's my push-off foot, so just trying to load up and get after it is a little different," Yates said.

A waiver claim from the Angels last season, Yates posted a 3.72 ERA with 87 strikeouts in 55 2/3 innings last year. It's not the first time he's felt the effects of a bum ankle. But this time, it was serious enough to warrant his removal.

"It's just a bad ankle," Yates said. "I've sprained it a lot in my life. It's not completely healed, and it's something I'm going to have to deal with."

Bauman had six stints with the Padres in 2016 and '17, posting a 3-1 record and a 2.96 ERA in 34 appearances out of the 'pen, walking 11 and striking out 31 over 27 1/3 innings.

"Buddy threw one pitch yesterday," Green said. "When I called down to say, 'Don't pitch Buddy,' he was already in the game, so we got him out after one pitch and he's ready to go. He's a guy that can provide some length today."

[Jordan Lyles](#) had been the long man out of the 'pen, but he's been pitching in more leveraged situations, Green noted, and should step into the late-inning void left by Yates.

## Other injury updates

[Wil Myers](#) is progressing in his recovery from the right arm nerve irritation that put him on the DL on Wednesday, but he's likely to need more than the minimum 10 days before coming back.

"Wil was out tracking [pitches] in the bullpen today," Green said. "Hopefully he swings a bat in the next few days. Since he hasn't swung at this point in time, I don't expect him to come right off after 10 days. He's going to have to swing a bat for a few days.

"The longer it gets, the more likely a rehab assignment becomes as well. We're hoping he's a couple days away from swinging. He definitely says he's feeling better day after day, it's just not coming quite as quick as we'd like it to."

- **Matt Strahm** threw Sunday and went back to San Diego when the team left Houston as he continues his progression following July knee surgery.

- **Dinelson Lamet** is continuing to rehab his elbow issue, but he is not close to throwing off a mound yet.

"I don't think it's within a week or anything," Green said. "It's going to be a steady progression from throwing, stretching out the arm, and seeing where he's at."

# Clayton Richard reminds the Padres that a rebuild can still be fun

By Dennis Lin

DENVER — Clayton Richard is a 34-year-old pitcher with more than 1,000 innings on his odometer. From afar, it is logical to wonder what he has left to offer. The Padres remain entrenched in a rebuild, a fact reinforced by a 3-8 start to this season. Youth pervades the big-league clubhouse and all levels of the farm system. Richard was born in Lafayette, Ind., where he still lives, when Ronald Reagan was President.

Yet his value extends beyond an ability to protect younger arms from wear-and-tear. Toil does not have to be synonymous with struggle, the veteran has often reminded his teammates. There can be enjoyment on the journey to respectability.

On Monday night, Richard unleashed a toothy grin after a rare trip around the bases. The visiting dugout at Coors Field smiled with him.

“You’re ecstatic for him every time he goes out and performs, because of the impact he has on everybody in this clubhouse,” Padres catcher A.J. Ellis said. “It’s very arguable that he has the most impact of anybody. ... He’s just a tremendous teammate, and he’s that guy who everybody is genuinely pulling for.”

Last August, Ellis was behind home plate at Marlins Park when Richard’s bat collided with a fastball thrown by Dan Straily. A low liner cleared the right-field wall by a yard or two. The visiting dugout erupted in response to the pitcher’s second career home run.

In the top of the fourth inning Monday, Ellis watched from the bench as Richard demolished a fastball thrown by Jon Gray. Richard, up after an intentional walk, dropped his bat as a majestic three-run drive soared out to right. His third career home run would prove essential in a 7-6 victory over a Colorado team that had pummeled him, especially at Coors Field.

“Yeah, it’s given me enough,” Richard said of the mile-high ballpark, where he carried an 8.82 ERA before his latest visit. “It’s nice to take something away.”

In the bottom of the sixth, Cory Spangenberg nearly took away a Rockies home run. The utility man leaped to intercept a ball at the left-field fence, only to see it pop out of his glove and into the stands. The Padres contended that Spangenberg was the victim of interference; a spectator had extended his hands atop the barrier, contacting Spangenberg’s mitt and possibly more.

“I felt something in my glove,” Spangenberg said, “and I don’t think that was the ball.”

When the call was upheld as a homer for Carlos González, the visitors’ lead shrunk to a single run. Padres manager Andy Green stormed onto the field and earned himself a swift ejection.

“If you feel like [the fan] reached over the fence and he touched [Spangenberg’s] glove and touched the ball and that has no percentage chance of impacting the play, then they made the right call,” Green said. “But I obviously didn’t think that.”

Had the Padres suffered a loss, the game’s aftermath would have devolved into controversy. A combination of timely offense and shutdown relief ensured a different conclusion. Carlos Asuaje followed

Richard's blast with a solo shot, one of 13 hits for San Diego. Craig Stammen and Brad Hand combined on three spotless innings of relief.

"This is a tough place to hold the lead," said Richard, who allowed four runs over five innings. "The bullpen really stepped up."

San Diego's advantage, of course, would have vanished without Richard's fourth-inning swat. "I got lucky," he said. "Let's be real." An informal poll, meanwhile, revealed little surprise that he had become the first Padres pitcher to go deep this season.

"I thought it might've been Clayton," Spangenberg said, grinning. "He's an all-or-nothing kind of guy."

Richard, his teammates say, takes a much different approach to everything not related to the occasional plate appearance. At 34, he remains one of baseball's more physically-imposing players, a testament to his between-starts routine. The Padres signed him to a two-year extension in September, believing he had more left to offer.

A few months later, Richard hosted pitching prospects Joey Lucchesi and Eric Lauer in Indiana for a series of exhausting workouts. Lucchesi will make his third major-league start Tuesday, following a mentor on the mound.

"It's the consistency of who he is as a person," Ellis said. "He comes to work every day with a smile and an energy and a leadership that's pretty unique in baseball."

# Padres don't expect Wil Myers to return from DL on Friday

8:49 AM PT  
ESPN

The [San Diego Padres](#) don't expect outfielder [Wil Myers](#) back from the disabled list when he is eligible to return Friday.

Myers, who was placed on the 10-day DL on April 3, still is dealing with nerve irritation in his right arm and had not resumed swinging a bat as of Monday.

"I don't expect him to come off right at 10 days," Padres manager Andy Green told reporters Monday, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune. "He's going to have to swing a bat for a few days. The longer it gets, the more likely a rehab assignment becomes as well. ... We're hoping. It's not coming as quickly as we'd like it to."

Myers also has not started throwing yet, and the Padres want him to be able to throw from the outfield without discomfort before activating him from the DL.

Myers, 27, had three hits, including a home run, in 12 at-bats this season before heading to the DL.

# Richard homers, helps pitch Padres over Rockies 7-6

10:25 PM PT  
Associated Press

DENVER -- Pitcher [Clayton Richard](#)'s no-doubt, three-run homer that reached the second deck at Coors Field helped the [San Diego Padres](#) withstand [Carlos Gonzalez](#)'s disputed home run for the [Colorado Rockies](#).

Richard connected for his third career homer as part of a five-run fourth inning in San Diego's 7-6 win over the Colorado Rockies on Monday night.

He drove the first pitch he saw from [Jon Gray](#) (1-2) above the Rockies bullpen in right-center. [Carlos Asuaje](#) followed Richard with a home run, the second time this season the Padres have gone deep in successive at-bats.

"Clayton really got us going (offensively)," Padres manager Andy Green said. "That's not actually what you expect to happen. That ball was absolutely crushed."

Richard, who last homered Aug. 27 at Miami, said his towering home run was pretty much a stroke of good fortune.

"I got lucky. Let's be real," he said.

Richard (1-1) allowed four runs in five innings. [Brad Hand](#) struck out the side in the ninth for his third save.

[Ian Desmond](#), [Chris Iannetta](#) and Gonzalez homered for the Rockies. Gonzalez's two-run drive came in the sixth off [Jordan Lyles](#), pulled the Rockies within 7-6 and led to the ejection of Padres manager Andy Green.

Left fielder [Cory Spangenberg](#) made a leaping attempt at the wall and actually had the ball in his glove for an instant, even as a fan tried simultaneously to make a barehanded catch. The fan appeared to make some contact with the glove and may have even gotten a hand in the mitt before backing his hands away as Spangenberg dropped back to the ground.

Spangenberg's dangling glove hit the top of the wall and the ball bounced out, dropping into the stands. The homer was upheld on replay review, and Green was ejected after vehemently arguing over what he saw as fan interference.

"I've had calls overturned on us plenty of times when a fan's finger or hands were over the railing and they touched the player's glove or the ball and both of those things happened," Green said.

Spangenberg, with his back to the wall, played the ball well and timed his jump perfectly. He was dumbfounded when he came back down to the ground and realized the ball wasn't in his glove.

"I felt it go in my glove and as I was bringing it back I felt something un-lodge it," he said. "I went to throw it back in and I realized it wasn't there. ... From my perspective, I thought I saw and felt a hand touch the ball but I guess that's not what they saw. It was a big home run at the time but we were able to escape with a win and that's that counts."

Gonzalez said he thought the ball was going to clear the fence by a little more.

"But Spangenberg did a good job," Gonzalez said. "He was playing deep and he got to the spot quick and he made the catch. When he was coming down, it looks like on the video he dunked the ball, like that was an alley oop or something. I got lucky on that one. It really gave the team momentum but it was a tough loss."

Gray opened impressively, striking out the side in the first, but then quickly got into trouble. He gave up four singles around a double play, including [Manuel Margot's](#) RBI hit in the second, and was tagged for five runs in the fourth.

Gray, who allowed seven runs and 10 hits in five innings, said he felt he pitched pretty well overall, though he wished he could have the pitch back that he threw to Richard.

"Just a pitch up. That's all I can say," he said. "If it would've been down, it would've been fine. That's all I had to do was throw a fastball down but didn't get it there. It cost me."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: Placed RHP [Kirby Yates](#) on the 10-day disabled list with right ankle tendinitis, retroactive to Sunday. LHP Buddy Baumann was recalled from Triple-A El Paso to shore up the bullpen. "We were looking at three, four, maybe five days before he felt comfortable going out there again, and coming out here to Colorado, we didn't want to run into it with a short bullpen," Green said.

Rockies: CF [Charlie Blackmon](#) was back in the starting lineup after missing Sunday's game with a back injury. He was taken out of Saturday night's game in the 10th inning because of back spasms. "I'm glad it cleared up quickly," Blackmon said earlier Monday. "One game (off) here and there is sometimes a necessity." ... RHP [Jeff Hoffman](#), on the DL with right shoulder inflammation, is slated to make his first rehab start Tuesday for Class A Lancaster.

## UP NEXT

Padres: Rookie LHP [Joey Lucchesi](#) (0-0) is slated to make his first career start on the road.

Rockies: LHP [Tyler Anderson](#) (0-0) pitched six scoreless innings in his previous outing against the Padres, though he came away with a no-decision.

# #PadresOnDeck: RHPs Lloyd, Scholtens Throw Zeroes; Austin Allen Homers

*By Bill Center*

Right-handers **Kyle Lloyd** and **Jesse Scholtens** threw a total of 13 scoreless innings Monday night to lead the Padres' two upper-division affiliates to wins.

Lloyd allowed five hits and a walk with 10 strikeouts in seven innings as Triple-A El Paso scored a 14–0 shutout win in Las Vegas. Lloyd was also 1-for-3 with a RBI and a run scored as every Chihuahuas starter got at least one hit.

Scholtens allowed two hits and a walk with eight strikeouts in six innings as Double-A San Antonio scored a 5–2 win at Northwest Arkansas.

Both El Paso and San Antonio are off to 4–1 starts on the road.

Other notable performances:

— Left fielder **Franchy Cordero**, ranked the [Padres' No.10 prospect](#) by MLB.com, was 3-for-6 with a double as he continued his rehab assignment with El Paso. He is hitting .429

— Third baseman **Hudson Potts**, 19, homered for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. He was 1-for-3 and is off to a .375 start. He is the [Padres' No.17 prospect](#).

— Center fielder **Jeisson Rosario**, 18, opened Single-A Fort Wayne's game with an inside-the-park homer. The [No.19 Padres prospect](#) was 1-for-4 with a walk and is hitting .294.

— Catcher **Austin Allen**, the Padres' No.29 prospect, was 3-for-5 with a solo homer for San Antonio. He is hitting .350. First baseman **Josh Naylor** (No.16) was 1-for-5 with the Missions with a stolen base as his batting average slipped to .476.

There were several roster changes in the Padres' system.

Left-handed reliever **Buddy Baumann** was promoted from Triple-A El Paso to the Padres. Single-A Fort Wayne placed right-handed reliever **Adrian Martinez** on the temporarily inactive list (death in the family) and sent right-handed relievers **Will Stillman** and **Joe Galindo** to extended spring training. Right-handed relievers **Caleb Boushley** and **Spencer Kulman** and left-handed reliever **Travis Radke** from extended spring training to Fort Wayne.

*Around the Farm:*

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (4–1): Chihuahuas 14, LAS VEGAS 0—Cordero and Lloyd were two of the nine starters who had hits. 3B **Diego Goris** was 3-for-5 with a homer, three RBIs and three runs scored. 1B **Brett Nicholas** (.556) had a double and a homer in four at-bats with a walk, two RBIs and three runs scored. 2B **Dusty Coleman** (.167) was 1-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored. CF **Travis Jankowski** (.300) was 2-for-6 with a RBI and a run scored. RF **Franmil Reyes** (.353) was 2-for-5 with three runs scored. SS **Javier Guerra** (.375) was 2-for-5 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. C **Raffy Lopez** (.111) had a two-run double in five at-bats. RHP **Colten Brewer** followed Lloyd and stuck out the side in his inning. RHP **T.J. Weir** issued a walk in an otherwise perfect inning.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (4–1): Missions 5, NW Arkansas 0—DH **Kyle Overstreet** (.353) backed **Austin Allen** and Naylor, going 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and two runs scored. SS **Fernando Tatis Jr.** (.182) had a triple in five at-bats with a RBI and a run scored. RF **Forrestt Allday** (.267) was 2-for-5 with a run scored. RHPs **Rowan Wick** and **Jason Jester** each pitched a perfect inning. RHP **Robert Stock** allowed two unearned run on a hit and a walk with three strikeouts in an inning.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (1–4): VISALIA 7, Storm 1—Starting RHP **Ronald Bolanos** gave up four runs (three earned) on three hits and two walks with a strikeout in an inning. RHP **Blake Rogers** allowed three runs on three hits with three strikeouts in three innings. RHP **Elliot Ashbeck** struck out three in three perfect innings. RHP **Dauris Valdez** allowed a hit and a walk in a scoreless inning.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (0–5): Lansing 10, TIN CAPS 1—RF **Tre Carter** (.357) was 2-for-5. SS **Justin Lopez** (.333) was 2-for-4. CF **Jeisson Rosario** (.294) homered in four at-bats with a walk. Starting LHP **Tom Cosgrove** allowed five runs on five hits and four walks with three strikeouts in four innings. LHP **Ben Sheckler** allowed four runs on eight hits with a strikeout in four innings. **Kulman** allowed a run on a hit with a strikeout in an inning.

# This Day in Padres History—

## April 10

*By Bill Center*

*April 10, 1969*—The Padres complete a sweep of Houston in their first Major League series. After **Dick Selma** pitched the Padres to a 2–1 win in the season opener, the expansion Padres won back-to-back, 2–0 shutouts behind right-handers **Johnny Podres** and **Dick Kelley** to move to 3–0 and stand atop the National League West standings.

*April 10, 1970*—Relief pitcher **Dave Roberts** takes over for **Mike Corkins** in the second inning and allows one hit and a walk over 7 2/3 shutout innings as the Padres defeat the Dodgers 7–2 at Dodger Stadium.

*April 10, 1984*—The Padres defeat St. Louis 7–4 at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium after pinch-hitter Champ Summers hits a grand slam homer in the fifth that erases a 3–1 Cardinals lead.

*April 10, 1985*—Right-handed starter **Eric Show** shuts out the Giants on four hits and no walks with 11 strikeouts in nine innings as the Padres win 4–0 at Candlestick Park.

*April 10, 1989*—Left-handed starting pitcher **Bruce Hurst** allows one hit, a third-inning homer by **Lonnie Smith**, in a complete game, 5–2 win over Atlanta at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. Hurst also issues a walk while striking out 13.

*April 10, 1998*—Center fielder **Steve Finley** hits a walk-off grand slam in the ninth to give the Padres a 6–4 victory over Arizona at Qualcomm Stadium.

*April 10, 2001*—The Giants defeat the Padres 11–6 before 61,277 at Qualcomm Stadium—both the largest Opening Day and day game crowd in franchise history.

*April 10, 2017*—First baseman **Wil Myers** is 4-for-4 and hits the second cycle in Padres history as the Padres defeat Colorado 5–3 at Coors Field.

# Andy's Address, 4/9

## Andy Addresses Richard, Yates' trip to the D.L., expanded role for Lyles

*By Bill Center*

Before the Padres opened their three game series in Denver Monday night against the Rockies, Padres manager **Andy Green** used his pre-game press conference to announced that **Kirby Yates** was going on the 10-day disabled list with his tender right ankle while left-handed reliever **Buddy Baumann** was being recalled from Triple-A El Paso.

"We decided to go ahead and put Kirby Yates on the disabled list with the right ankle," said Green. "It looked like it could be three, four or five days before he felt comfortable going back out there again. And coming into Colorado, we didn't want to run into a short bullpen. We thought we had a chance to maybe do that but after he felt it was going to be a few days we decided to go ahead and put him on the disabled list and let him try to recover quickly."

"Buddy threw one pitch at El Paso (Sunday). Right when I called them to tell them don't pitch Buddy, he was already in the game. So they got him out of there after one pitch and he's ready to go . . . he finished an inning with one pitch. He was in the dugout when we called. He's good to go. He can provide some length today. If you bring him here, you want a fresh arm that you can count on."

"Sometimes it's the nature of baseball, the timing of when you need a guy. If that guy comes and takes advantage of the opportunity, they end up staying. There's always the conversation of who is the freshest arm and what arm would suit us the best."

"I think **Jordan Lyles** has pitched himself out of that length role right now and he'll be pitching in more leverage situations especially with Kirby down. **Robbie (Erin)** did a nice job against some tough lefties in Houston as well. Buddy might be able to give us two different types of options."

Green discussed **Clayton Richard** before the left-handed starter picked up his first win of the season. Richard allowed four runs on five hits and three walks with three strikeouts in five innings and also hit a three-run homer.

"It shouldn't be drastically different for Clayton," said Green. "I can remember once specifically where I should have had him out two or three innings here earlier and he stuck it out because our bullpen was thin. That skews numbers. I think he has pitched well here at times."

“He’s got to be who he is. He’s not going to re-invent himself to pitch here, he just has to be consistent to who he is and he can have success. You are aware of what pitches play here with guys who have history here. But to take a pitcher into an outing and say ‘don’t throw this pitch’ when they’ve been heavily relying on it, I don’t know of anybody who does that.”

Green said he’d “love to see a big offensive explosion” in Colorado . . . and the Padres scored seven runs on 10 hits in five innings against Rockies starter **Jon Gray** five days after he blanked them on four hits over seven innings at Petco Park.

“Typically, this is the place where it happens,” Green said of offensive explosions. “We’ve had our battles with Jon Gray. We haven’t handled him well. It’s a live arm. He pitched well against us last time. He’s had a lot of success against us, so we’re going to have to turn the tables today.”

And they did.

Green talked more about the Padres struggling offense.

“The offense has been a mix of things,” said Green. “We had three or four innings where we had the lead-off guy on second base in the game we lost 1–0 and we didn’t necessarily get them over . . . got him over one time and didn’t get him in that time, that was a situational or execution thing. Plenty of times we’re not getting enough guys on.”

“We’ve faced good arms. That’s no excuse. You’re going to face good arms, it’s the big leagues. We haven’t grinded bats the way that we can. Then we’ve had opportunities and we haven’t swung well with runners in scoring position. I consider that to be more of a fluke than anything else. A small sample size usually rights itself as the season unfolds. We clearly haven’t executed when we’ve needed to. This group of guys is going to, there is a lot of confidence there.”

“The guys want to hit, they want to succeed. They want to play well and win baseball games. So naturally that creates a feeling of pressure when you are not getting the job done. There are guys who carry that weight, but that weight doesn’t help you. You just have to discard that and play the game the way you always have. Playing it for fun and playing it with aggression, you tend to hit a lot better.”

Green said it is unlikely **Wil Myers** (arm nerve) will come off the disabled list after the minimum 10 days.

“Wil was out tracking in the bullpen today, hopefully swings a bat in the next few days,” said Green. “Basically, since he hasn’t swung at this point in time, I don’t expect him to come off right at 10 days. He’s going to have to swing a bat for a few days. The longer it gets, the more likely a rehab assignment comes as well. We’re hoping he’s a couple days away from swinging. He’s definitely saying he’s getting better day after day, not coming as quick as we’d like it to.”

Green said **Dinelson Lamet** is continuing his throwing program.

“Lamet threw Sunday,” said Green. “I think he and Kirby (Yates) flew back to San Diego today to continue their progressions. I don’t think Lamet is within a week of getting back on the mound or anything like that. I think it’s going to be a steady progression of stretching out the arm and seeing where he is at.”

# Padres look to capitalize on Rockies' home struggles

## STATS

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DENVER — The path to the postseason for the [Colorado Rockies](#) is fairly straightforward. They must dominate at Coors Field and stay around .500 or a tad better on the road.

Indeed, the two times the Rockies had a winning record on the road in their 25 seasons, they went 41-40 last year and in 2009. Those were two of the four times that the Rockies went to the postseason.

Their 7-6 loss Monday night to the [San Diego Padres](#) dropped the Rockies to 1-3 at home this season. It's too early to call that a trend, let alone anything worrisome, but it's a noticeable skid they will try to end Tuesday against the Padres behind [Tyler Anderson](#), who has pitched well at Coors Field.

"It's been pretty bad, the first couple games at home," Rockies right fielder [Carlos Gonzalez](#) said. "Normally we play better than that. Yesterday, offensively, our performance was poor (in a 4-0 loss to the Atlanta Braves). And today it was the opposite. But we have a lot of time to put it together. We understand that we're better than that."

The six runs the Rockies scored Monday night matched their total over the weekend when they dropped two of three games to the Braves.

Tuesday's game against the Padres will be a matchup of left-handers, and Anderson (0-0, 7.56) and [Joey Lucchesi](#) will oppose each other for the second straight start. When they started Thursday at San Diego, the Rockies won 3-1, and neither starter was involved in the decision.

Coming off a poor first start of the season at Arizona, Anderson held the Padres scoreless for six innings, allowing four hits with no walks and four strikeouts before leaving after facing one batter in the seventh.

Anderson is 1-1 with a 1.50 ERA in four starts against the Padres. He has thrived at Coors Field where he is 8-5 with a 3.39 ERA in 20 games (19 starts) with 31 walks and 108 strikeouts in 119 1/3 innings. Against the Padres at Coors Field, Anderson is 1-0 with a 0.73 ERA in two starts.

Lucchesi will make his first career start on the road in his Coors Field debut. In his first two career starts, he has eight strikeouts and three walks in 9 2/3 innings, while yielding three earned runs.

Lucchesi's second start was Thursday against the Rockies when he pitched five scoreless innings and allowed one hit, a single by [Charlie Blackmon](#) to open the game, with three walks and seven strikeouts.

While winning for just the third time in 11 games Monday night, the seven runs the Padres scored were one shy of their total in their previous five games, and they tied their season-high with 13 hits. Two of their victories this season have been against the Rockies, whom they already have played five times.

Padres shortstop [Freddy Galvis](#), acquired from Philadelphia in an offseason trade, doubled and scored San Diego's first run Monday in the fourth. He's hitting .351 with a .455 on-base percentage and has reached base safely in each of the Padres' 11 games. But more importantly, Galvis has stabilized a key position that was a Padres weakness last season.

"When you have someone like that that brings consistent defense at a high level, that alters the course of the game," said Padres pitcher Clayton Richards, who worked five innings Monday, earned the victory and hit the third homer of his career. "When he's able to make plays like that consistently, it puts us in a really good position."