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Eric Hosmer's powers always on display in South Florida

Kevin Acee

Etched on the glass doors at the entrance to the gym where everyone is friendly and the aim is providing every possible service and creating the complete person, are the words: BioCore Sports Performance.

Below that are three more words, smaller in actual size but bigger in that they capture a concept:

Powered by [Eric Hosmer](#).

The gym is nice, like five-star resort nice. It has rooms for chryotherapy and massage therapy and physical therapy. It has a space built in where the organic juice bar is soon to open.

Yet, somehow, it is warm and welcoming.

“We run it the same way he is,” said Scott Foresman, the gym’s perpetually pumped-up proprietor, the first trainer a teenage Hosmer ever had before he became his business partner. “We run it on being genuinely good people. We don’t have clients that will come for two weeks or a month and don’t come back. All the people here are here for a long time. ... We talk to kids about connecting your mind to your muscles. Doing it outside of here.

“We build more here than just athletes. We try to build good human beings. We’re like family.”

And you’d think it was a sales pitch if you hadn’t seen it firsthand – in another organization powered by Eric Hosmer.

The leader

This weekend’s series against the Marlins provides a unique perspective on the man in whose image the [Padres](#) are being made — a convergence of who Hosmer always has been and who he already is for the Padres.

The home team is who Hosmer grew up rooting for, the players whose swings he would emulate, the manager he would call for tickets.

The Hosmers got to know [Jack McKeon](#), who managed the Marlins from 2003-05, when Mike Hosmer Sr. was coaching with McKeon’s son, Kelly.

Eric Hosmer, then hardly a teenager, would call the Pro Player Stadium switchboard and ask for Jack.

“Tell him it’s Eric Hosmer,” he’d say.

McKeon would bust his chops a little bit and then leave him tickets.

It was in two suites inside Marlins Park that the Hosmer family and some friends watched the first two games of the series here.

Before the game, Mike Sr. marveled at his son’s new role as the veteran leader.

“I can’t wrap my head around that,” he said. “I still think of him as the 21-year-old kid.”

But there is no question that a veteran leader is what his son is.

The architects of this Padres roster and rosters to come believe a realistic time frame for truly competing for a championship is two years, possibly three, from now. Yet well before that window cracked open they invested in a 28-year-old first baseman who already has a [World Series](#) ring.

Management said at the time of Hosmer’s signing in February that everything they had heard — every single thing — let them know he was the right player at the right time.

But people say things like that whenever a star player is signed, especially one who is given the richest contract in franchise history.

Even when Hosmer showed up in the clubhouse and immediately went about connecting with young teammates, it was impossible to tell what would come of this grand experiment.

He is one of those people who is so for real you at first wonder if it is actually for real.

Two months later — two short months and still seemingly a long way from where the process might eventually wind up — there is no question.

The winner

This is what [Ned Yost](#) meant.

A few hours after Hosmer was officially introduced as a Padre, his former manager talked about him with an intensity that could best be described as a little angry.

“I have seen very few players like him that are complete personality-wise, maturity-wise and leadership-wise,” Yost said. “He has everything. He’s a phenomenal person. He’s a great player. He’s a phenomenal talent.”

Yost paused, staring at his questioner. He continued, forcefully.

“I can say all these things about what makes Eric Hosmer who Eric Hosmer is,” said Yost, whose [Royals](#) went to the World Series in 2014 and won it in ’15 with Hosmer among the core of homegrown players. “But the best thing I can tell you about him is he’s a winner. I don’t see any higher compliment I can give to a baseball player than that. That’s what he is — a winner.”

Yes, when Hosmer does well, the Padres do well. That has already been manifest. They are 21-18 when he gets a hit, 8-18 when he doesn't. They are 16-8 when he has multiple hits, having won nine straight such games prior to Friday's 4-0 loss here.

But that will mean more later.

For now, in a season about learning, changing and growing, what Hosmer brings is much more about the empty chair in front of his locker.

"He's always preparing," Travis Jankowski said, nothing short of incredulous.

"He's one of the smartest baseball minds I've been around," [Cory Spangenberg](#) said. "He's studying pitchers, he's studying counts, he knows what every pitcher likes to throw, what they don't like to throw. ... He basically runs our hitters meeting. He's that knowledgeable of every single pitcher on the pitching staff. He knows what to tell people how to go about attacking the pitchers."

What Hosmer brings is about conversations in the dining room and on the plane, stopping by a rookie's locker to softly offer encouragement after a rough game, jumping out of the dugout to high-five another rookie. It's about a wide smile, an "All right, bro" and a clap on the back.

"What I like about him the most — all the stuff is great, doing the homework, being able to talk to us about all that is great — but to me it's more just being around him," Raffy Lopez said. "He's a guy who wants to talk to guys. You want to be around that. It's how he is as a guy. ... It's really cool to be around that guy."

What Hosmer brings is about taking an extra base many players wouldn't think to do, executing a slide to the backside of the base even more players wouldn't know to do.

"He's a winning baseball player," Spangenberg said. "That's what winners do. They know how to play the game. They know what to do in the right situations. It's good for all the young guys. ... That's the one guy on our team that has been a winning baseball player. It's good for everyone else to see."

The pull

The people who know Hosmer here in South Florida haven't heard any of this testimony from Hosmer's new teammates.

They wouldn't be surprised in the least.

Scott Fitzgerald, his high school coach, recalled Hosmer returning from national showcases and all-star games and giving his free swag to junior varsity players.

"What kid does that?" said Fitzgerald, who coached at American Heritage High in Plantation, Fla. "Not many, I'll tell you that."

Foresman talks about times in the offseason when big-leaguers will come to train.

“Other guys come in, it’s like, ‘Hey, how you doing?’ ” Foresman said with a laugh. “He comes in, everybody just gravitates to him. I don’t know what it is. Some of these guys don’t even speak English, and they’re going over talking to him. That’s the thing I’ve noticed about him that is different than other professional athletes. People enjoy being around him.”

It was the second time in a few days that one word was used — by men on opposite sides of the country from different portions of Hosmer’s life — to describe the pull he possesses.

In his postgame press conference after a victory this past Tuesday, Andy Green answered a question about what had clicked for a team that had won 14 of its previous 22 games.

There was better pitching and situational hitting. And there was a burgeoning bond.

“The guys in this clubhouse genuinely like each other,” Green said.

He paused before adding an unsolicited assessment.

“I point to Eric Hosmer as one of the main reasons,” Green said. “He’s the type of person who unites everybody together. Everybody gravitates to him, feeds off him.”

Padres' Renfroe again provides late lift in win over Marlins

Kevin Acee

Hunter Renfroe was hardly playing, was hardly hitting and then could hardly swing earlier this season.

But he came back from the disabled list just less than two weeks ago and has become the Padres' man in a pinch.

"I wasn't getting a lot of playing time then," Renfroe said Saturday night. "I wasn't getting a lot of hits. But I was swinging well. Now I'm getting to go in and do my thing, figure it out and adjust."

The Padres were as hot as they'd been all season when Renfroe came off his rehab assignment in Triple-A, where he hadn't been tearing it up either. He has helped them get even hotter.

In 11 games since returning from a strained elbow ligament that left him unable to throw the ball effectively from the outfield and made swinging a painful exercise, Renfroe has essentially won three games for the Padres.

He has hit a pinch-hit walk-off infield single, a pinch-hit grand slam that was the difference in a game and on Saturday scored the deciding run after a two-out, pinch-hit double in the eighth inning.

Travis Jankowski's single sent Renfroe home from third base with that run in a 5-4 victory over the Marlins.

Craig Stammen, who relieved starter Tyson Ross in the sixth inning and, with a wild pitch and a Jose Pirela error, allowed the two runners he inherited to score and tie the game at 4-4, pitched a perfect seventh inning and ended up with his third victory in five appearances to improve to 4-0 on the season.

Brad Hand went through the Marlins in order in the eighth. Kirby Yates overcame the leadoff runner reaching base on an error in the ninth to earn his second save of the season (and second in six days).

"It was not a sharp day for us defensively," manager Andy Green said. "We kind of let our pitching staff down."

The Padres, who won for the 10th time in Ross' 13 starts this season, would with a victory on Sunday win a fourth straight series for the first time since 2015. They have won eight of their past 11 games and 16 of 26.

The at-bats for portions of Saturday's game, from top to bottom in the lineup and on to those who came in as substitutes, might have collectively been the most disciplined of the season.

Beginning with Jankowski's single on the eighth pitch of the game's first at-bat, the Padres put together a three-run first inning. All three runs came with two outs, and three of the hits came with two strikes. In all, they forced Marlins starter [Dan Straily](#) to throw 34 pitches in that inning, including the one that [Eric Hosmer](#) lined off his ribs.

[Freddy Galvis](#)' home run to lead off the fourth gave the Padres a 4-0 lead, and Straily would leave with two outs in that inning, having thrown 87 pitches and allowed nine hits.

However, the Padres were an out away from their fourth straight scoreless inning when Renfroe went to bat for Stammen in the eighth.

The guy who was previously borderline inept against right-handed pitching lined a 1-1 cutter from right-hander Drew Rucinski to left field. (He is 9-for-20 with three of his four doubles and the grand slam off righties since his return)

Raffy Lopez was intentionally walked, and Matt Szczur drew his second walk in two innings to load the bases, which brought up Jankowski.

His single over second baseman Starlin Castro also came on a 1-1 cutter from Rucinski.

"The last swing from Travis was huge," Green said. "What a great at-bat. We flipped the lineup over. We got great production off the bench."

Renfroe, who only with the aid of a cortisone shot was able to play the final few games before going on the DL in mid-April, was batting .200/.281/.440 in 57 at-bats at that time.

He is 10-for-28 since coming back, with a .357/.455/.607 hitting line. He was 1-for-6 as a pinch-hitter before his recent 3-for-4 run.

"I've done it enough now, I'm used to it," he said. "I get up there, and I'm not a nervous wreck. ... I just go up there, I'm relaxed and try to put the ball in play and let the power do its thing."

Joey Lucchesi rehab start set

Kevin Acee

Joey Lucchesi's return is at least foreseeable now.

The rookie left-hander, on the disabled list since May 15 with a hip strain, could be with the [Padres](#) by the time they return from this 10-game trip that runs through June 17.

Lucchesi threw three innings in an extended [spring training](#) game Friday and, following a scheduled bullpen session on Monday, is expected to start a minor-league game Thursday for one of the Padres' affiliates.

It is possible Lucchesi, who is 3-2 with a 3.23 ERA in nine starts, could require a second rehab start before returning.

"We'll see how it comes out of it on Thursday," manager Andy Green said.

Other injury updates:

- Catcher [Austin Hedges](#) (elbow) took batting practice again at Marlins Park prior to the team's Saturday afternoon game and, barring setback, is expected to resume a rehab assignment in the coming days.
- Outfielder [Franchy Cordero](#) (forearm) has started swinging a bat, and Green said Cordero could hit on the field "very soon."
- Outfielder [Wil Myers](#) (back) continues to do drills at the team's complex in Peoria, Arizona. Green said he has experienced "no setbacks, no issues at all." Myers remains weeks from away from playing in games.

Austin Allen hits two more homers for Missions

Jeff Sanders

May proved a relatively quiet month for **Austin Allen**.

That's not the case in June.

The 24-year-old catcher homered twice in [Double-A San Antonio's 9-4 win](#) at Corpus Christi, tying him with **Franmil Reyes** for the [Padres](#) system lead with 14.

Allen (.333) also singled twice, drive in three runs and scored three runs.

He 13-for-28 to start June after hitting .270/.327/.370 in May. Allen was the Texas League's player of the month after hitting .364/.423/.773 in April and now leads the Missions (39-22) with 133 total bases.

Left fielder **Josh Naylor** (.321) drove in two runs on three hits, including a double, right fielder **Rod Boykin** (.236) went 3-for-5 with a run scored, and shortstop **Fernando Tatis Jr.** (.282) went 1-for-2 with a triple, an RBI, three walks and a run scored.

Right-hander **Cal Quantrill** (5-3, 4.20) struck out two and allowed three runs on six hits and a walk in 5 2/3 innings.

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (31-32)

- [Chihuahuas 4, Iowa 2](#): SS **Javier Guerra** (.200) hit his sixth homer and finished a triple shy of the cycle, 3B **Carlos Asuaje** (.317) went 3-for-5 with a double and a run scored and 1B **Diego Goris** (.271) went 2-for-4 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored. 2B **Luis Urias** (.257) went 2-for-5 with an RBI. LHP **Dillon Overton** (3-2, 2.50) allowed two runs – one earned – in seven innings, RHP **Trey Wingenter**(4.05) struck out two in the eighth and RHP **Robert Stock** (2.55) struck out two in the ninth for his fourth save.

HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (31-31)

- [Storm 9, Lancaster 5](#): LHP **Adrian Morejon** (4-3, 3.66) struck out seven and allowed three runs on four hits and three walks in the win. 1B **Brad Zunica** (.234) drove in two runs on his eighth homer and CF **Edward Olivares** (.268) went 3-for-5 with a double, an RBI and three walks. 3B **Hudson Potts** (.264) drove in four runs on two hits and RF **Buddy Reed** (.330), 2B **Eguy Rosario** (.245), C **Luis Torrens**(.280), LF **Nate Easley** (.241) and SS **Kelvin Melean** (.250) each had two hits.

LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (27-33)

- **Lansing 6, Tincaps 3:** RHP **Luis Patino's** strong start continued with five hitless innings in which he walked just three and struck out four before the bullpen allowed six runs over the final three innings. Patino is 2-2 with a 3.22 ERA, 23 strikeouts and seven walks in 22 1/3 innings. He hasn't allowed an earned run in his last three starts (14 IP). 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (.252), 1B **Nick Feight** (.200) and LF **Jack Suwinski**(.219) each had two hits and Ruiz swiped his 19th bag.

ROOKIE DSL PADRES (4-3)

- **Padres 3, Blue Jays 1:** LHP **Jesus Gonzalez** (1-0, 1.50) struck out four over four scoreless innings after RHP **Miguel Rondon** (0.00) allowed an unearned run in three innings in the start. LF **Adrian Antunez** (.176) went 1-for-2 with a triple, an RBI, a walk and a run scored.

Jankowski's clutch knock, Galvis' HR lift Padres
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MIAMI -- Padres manager Andy Green insists it's not worth reading too deeply into his team's splits with two outs and men in scoring position. The sample is small, and the parameters are undeniably cherry-picked.

But the Padres are hitting .288 in those situations -- easily the best mark in the Majors -- and Green is just fine with that production, however long it lasts.

In Saturday's 5-4 victory over Miami at Marlins Park, the Padres once again came up big with two outs. They took a 3-0 lead in the first, scoring all three runs with two down. Their go-ahead rally in the eighth began with a two-out [Hunter Renfroe](#) double, followed by a pair of walks and [Travis Jankowski's](#) RBI single.

Jankowski, who gave the Padres the lead by lining a fastball from Marlins reliever [Drew Rucinski](#) into right field, has an interesting theory for the Padres' success in those big spots.

"It's pregame study, watching the pitchers, knowing what they like to throw with guys in scoring position," Jankowski said. "All the credit goes to Hoz."

That would be first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#), who spends serious time dissecting film every day. Hosmer has been happy to clue in some of the younger Padres as to what they should be looking for when they do the same.

"He does a ton of work that we buy into and use and look at," Jankowski said. "It's the homework side that he's done a lot of and is starting to pass down to the younger guys so that we can run with it."

How, exactly, does that explain the Padres' numbers in those spots?

"You can simplify a lot of things," Hosmer said. "Some pitchers have three or four pitches, but they like to eliminate pitches with guys on base because it might be their third or fourth pitch. It just helps as a hitter when you can simplify things. If a guy doesn't throw his slider with men in scoring position, and it's just fastball-change -- that's useful information."

Hard to argue with that logic. Hosmer's pregame film habits have been an undeniable boon to the Padres, especially their youngsters.

That said, it's completely fair to be skeptical of the team's ability to sustain their clutch numbers, especially with a .234 overall average.

"It's about having quality at-bats in all situations," Green said. "It's great that we're coming through. ... You win a lot of baseball games by getting two-out hits with runners in scoring position. But expecting it to continue on, with the variance being so wide from what we're doing in other situations, is probably a little bit naive."

For now, the Padres are happy to ride the clutch wave. They've won eight of 11 and are 20-16 since the start of May.

"That's what separates winning teams and losing teams," Hosmer said. "There always seem to be those two or three big situations in a baseball game. That's really what we've been doing lately, is getting that big hit."

Bullpen game? 'You like your chances'

Right-hander [Tyson Ross](#) was sharp for five innings, but he allowed three hits in the sixth and exited with just one out. His defense did him no favors after that. One run scored on a wild pitch, and another came home on a [Jose Pirela](#) error that tied the game at 4.

The Padres, however, are generally content with a tie game in the seventh -- especially with the trio of [Craig Stammen](#), [Brad Hand](#) and [Kirby Yates](#) at the back end.

"You like bullpen games," Green said. "When it comes down to your bullpen versus their bullpen, you like your chances."

Stammen worked a perfect seventh. Hand, pitching an inning earlier than usual because the matchups favored him, mowed down the heart of the Marlins' order in the eighth. In the ninth, leadoff man [Lewis Brinson](#) reached on an error and advanced to second on a groundout. But he was stranded there, when Yates struck out pinch-hitter [Bryan Holaday](#) and got [Cameron Maybin](#) to fly out to right.

MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Galvis goes deep: The Marlins clawed a run back in the third on [Derek Dietrich's](#) RBI single. [Freddy Galvis](#) negated that almost instantly. He led off the fourth by cranking a leadoff homer into the right-center-field seats, his third of the season.

Renfroe in a pinch: Renfroe has seven pinch-hit plate appearances this season. He has walked once, singled twice, hit a grand slam last Sunday and scored the go-ahead run after his double on Saturday. Said Green of Renfroe's eighth-inning mettle: "That's a game-winning at-bat for us today."

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS

Maybin's game-ending flyout wasn't of the routine variety. He sent it into the right-center-field gap where Jankowski and [Franmil Reyes](#) converged.

Jankowski, playing center, attempted to call Reyes off. But the 6-foot-5, 275-pound right fielder never heard him. He barreled toward the baseball and corralled it with his glove, as Jankowski ducked out of the way just in time.

"We got the out," Jankowski said with a wry grin. "I'll take it. But it was a little scary, for sure."

UP NEXT

[Clayton Richard](#) has worked at least six innings in six consecutive starts, and if he can go

seven in Miami, he'd move into the National League innings lead. A year ago, Richard homered at Marlins Park. He'd be content with a solid pitching performance on Sunday, opposite Marlins right-hander [Jose Urena](#). First pitch is slated for 10:10 a.m. PT.

Trading Hand no longer a foregone conclusion
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MIAMI -- New season, new trade chatter surrounding Padres left-hander **Brad Hand**.

Once again, Hand has been one of the best relief pitchers in the Majors. And once again, his name is certain to be thrown around in trade discussions as the non-waiver Deadline nears.

For one important reason, this year is different in the eyes of the Padres' front office.

San Diego now has Hand under team control through 2021, the result of a two-year extension Hand signed during the offseason. The Padres will pay him \$18.75 million over the next three seasons, with a \$10 million option for the '21 campaign.

That changes everything.

Hand's name came up in trade talks at the 2016 and '17 Deadlines, as well as during the offseason in between. It once seemed like a foregone conclusion that Hand would be moved. Now? Not so much.

Before signing his deal, Hand's time under contract did not align well enough with the Padres' window for contention. There was little point in keeping such a valuable asset if he wasn't helping a push for the postseason.

"When I signed the contract, that was the big part of it," Hand said. "I wanted to be here, I wanted to help the young guys come up, and I wanted to win a World Series here."

One team source said that -- before anything else -- the Padres will weigh the team's window for contention against any trade offers for Hand this summer. The Padres, who boast the best farm system according to MLB Pipeline, are 5 1/2 games back in the National League West entering play Saturday. Realistically, they feel that window might open next year when a handful of those youngsters arrive.

Now, instead of having Hand on hand for (maybe) one postseason push, the Padres could have him for three. That's not an asset they're going to part with lightly.

At the Deadline last season, general manager A.J. Preller turned down several offers, and he was mostly criticized for doing so. But in the process, Preller made it clear that he valued Hand more than his counterparts did.

Ten months later, Hand's value hasn't diminished a bit. In fact, the Padres feel it has jumped significantly, given his team-friendly contract and -- perhaps more importantly -- his extended run of success.

Hand is now in his third season with the Padres. (This weekend he's back in Miami, the organization that designated him before the 2016 season.) The question marks as to whether his performance is sustainable no longer exist.

Hand has pitched precisely 200 relief innings for the Padres -- easily the most in the Majors since he arrived. He owns a 2.48 ERA and 264 strikeouts.

This might be his best season yet. Hand has a 2.01 ERA and is striking out more than 14 per nine. He's immensely durable, and he has performed at a high level for long enough that the Padres rate him among the top five relievers.

Top-five relievers, as it would happen, are worth a lot.

Two years ago, [Andrew Miller](#) netted the Yankees a prospect package that included [Clint Frazier](#) and [Justus Sheffield](#). [Aroldis Chapman](#) landed them a package that included [Gleyber Torres](#).

The Padres rate Hand in that class. And now that he's under their control for the foreseeable future, don't be surprised if their asking price is just as high.

"I'm sure if they get offered the right group of prospects, I'll probably be traded," Hand said. "I don't think this year will be any different [with the trade speculation]. ... But I'm used to all that by now, and I love it here."

The Padres love having him. That "right group of prospects" might be a pricey one.

Lucchesi set for rehab

Padres left-hander [Joey Lucchesi](#) pitched three innings in an extended spring game on Friday. He's slated for a rehab start with one of the Padres' Minor League affiliates on Thursday.

Initially, the Padres were hopeful Lucchesi would return from his right hip strain after missing only a start or two. When Lucchesi takes the ball Thursday, it will have been a month between starts in a competitive environment.

"He wasn't getting relief from that feeling," Green said. "We thought it would go away sooner."

Hedges on the mend

Padres catcher [Austin Hedges](#) continued taking batting practice with the team on Saturday, and he went through pregame drills in which he threw to different bases from behind home plate, testing his pop.

Hedges has missed six weeks with right elbow tendinitis, but he could begin a rehab stint next week.

No homers, but Pirela is hitting well

Notes on Lauer, Renfroe, rehabbing Rea and Maton at Double-A

By Bill Center San Diego Padres

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Jose Pirela hasn't hit a home run this season after hitting 10 in 312 at-bats last season.

Of course, all Padres fans are well aware of that fact.

But the 28-year-old Venezuelan is putting up some impressive offensive numbers, particularly since May 25.

Over his last 14 starts - 12 of which have been at second base - Pirela is hitting .346 (18-52) with four doubles, three RBIs and eight runs scored to raise his batting average from .260 to .346. He was 2-for-4 Friday night in Miami.

Also, Pirela has struck out only five times in those 52 at-bats.

Pirela is hitting .270 this season while playing second. He has also made only two errors since he started playing second base regularly at the end of April.

NOTEBOOK:

--There were two notable rehab pitching performances by right-handers at Double-A San Antonio Friday night: Colin Rea (8.27 ERA) pitched the best in his third rehab outing, allowing two runs on four hits and two walks with eight strikeouts in five innings. He threw 90 pitches. Reliever Phil Maton, who had his rehab shifted to Double-A after one outing with the Storm, allowed a hit with three strikeouts in two innings in his debut with the Missions. He threw 21 pitches.

--OF Hunter Renfroe has reached base in nine of the 10 games he's appeared in since returning from the disabled list on May 28. He is 9-for-27 (.333) with three doubles, a pinch-hit grand slam homer, seven RBIs, five runs scored and five walks. The five walks are one more than he had in 17 games before going on the disabled list April 21 with an inflamed elbow. Since his return, Renfroe has had a .438 on-base percentage and a .593 slugging percentage for a 1.030 OPS.

--LHP Eric Lauer's pick-off of Bryan Anderson Friday night was his sixth of the season - the highest total in the National League. His seven walks were the most by a Padres' pitcher since Tyson Ross walked seven Mariners on June 18, 2014.

--1B Eric Hosmer was 2-for-4 Friday night with a double. He has reached base in nine straight games against Miami.

Jankowski's bases-loaded single lifts Padres over Marlins

6:27 PM PT
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MIAMI -- [Travis Jankowski](#) tries to have a short memory when it comes to setbacks. That approach helped the [San Diego Padres](#) on Saturday.

An inning after striking out with a runner in scoring position, Jankowski hit a go-ahead bases-loaded single in the eighth to lift the Padres over the [Miami Marlins](#) 5-4.

Jankowski hit a line drive with two outs off reliever [Drew Rucinski](#) (1-1) that scored [Hunter Renfroe](#), who had reached on a pinch-hit two-out double and advanced following walks to [Raffy Lopez](#) and [Matt Szczur](#).

"I've struck out plenty of times in my life so that's something that I know is going to happen," Jankowski said. "I probably think about it 20 or 30 seconds and then it's over and gone. You learn from it and move on.

"I just put a good swing on a pitch I could handle and got an RBI."

[Craig Stammen](#) (4-0) allowed two inherited runners to score over 1 2/3 innings. He has three relief wins in his last five outings.

[Brad Hand](#) pitched a perfect eighth and [Kirby Yates](#) got his second save with a scoreless ninth, locking down San Diego's fifth win in six games.

"You like bullpen games," Padres manager Andy Green said. "When it comes down to it, you like your bullpen versus their bullpen. You like your chances."

The Marlins rallied from a 4-1 deficit with a three-run sixth that chased starter [Tyson Ross](#). [Derek Dietrich](#) hit a leadoff homer and [Justin Bour](#) scored from third on a wild pitch by Stammen. [Brian Anderson](#) scored from second on second baseman [Jose Pirela](#)'s fielding error.

"Our guys kept coming," Miami manager Don Mattingly said. "It was one of those games where everybody kept hanging in there and we felt like we had a chance to win."

Ross pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowed four runs and six hits.

[Cory Spangenberg](#) had a run-scoring single and [Freddy Galvis](#) an RBI double off starter [Dan Straily](#) to key the Padres to a 3-0 lead in the first. Jose Pirela also scored from third on a passed ball in the inning.

Straily was hit around the right side of his chest by [Eric Hosmer's](#) line drive timed at 110 mph in the second at-bat of the game. Straily slumped to the mound and grimaced in pain. Marlins trainers treated him before Straily took a few practice pitches and resumed pitching.

"It definitely took the wind out of me," Straily said. "I felt myself kind of spinning around. I think first I was looking for the baseball down at my feet, but then I just started to really lose my breath so I just went to the ground.

"Once we kind of figured out where I got hit, I knew I would be able to continue. It was just a matter of re-gathering myself and my focus and making sure everything was good."

An X-ray after the game revealed no break, according to Straily, who lasted 3 2/3 innings, allowed nine hits and four runs.

Dietrich's single scored [Starlin Castro](#) in the third to cut San Diego's lead to 3-1. The Padres regained the three-run advantage on Galvis' leadoff home run in the fourth.

BOUR VS HORSE?

Burly Marlins first baseman Justin Bour is not fleet of foot but he legged out a one-out double that resulted in the Marlins' second run in the sixth.

"It looked a lot like that horse at the end when it was shown on the screen out there," Mattingly said, referring Justify's win at the Belmont Stakes to clinch a rare Triple Crown. "Bour and that horse could probably run a pretty race."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: LHP [Joey Lucchesi](#), sidelined because of a strained right hip, continues to make progress toward a return and could make a minor league rehab assignment late next week.

Marlins: 3B [Martin Prado](#) has begun light workouts as he recovers from a strained hamstring that sidelined him May 25.

UP NEXT

Padres: [Clayton Richard](#) (4-6, 4.67 ERA) will start against Miami on Sunday. The Padres have won four of Richards' last five starts, including a 3-2 victory on May 30 in which he got a no-decision.

Marlins: Fresh of his first win of the season Tuesday in St. Louis, [Jose Urena](#) (1-7, 4.60) will start the series finale Sunday. Urena lost his seventh decision in a six-inning, one-run allowed outing against the Padres on May 30.