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Bryan Mitchell wild from the start in Padres' loss

Jeff Sanders

A wild finish marred Bryan Mitchell's start in Houston. On Thursday, Mitchell was simply wild from the start.

The Padres' experimental addition to the rotation walked five more batters, struck out only two and watched from the bench in the third inning as Clayton Richard replaced him with a historic pinch-hit single, the Padres' only hit in a 7-0 loss to begin four-game series against the NL West-rival Giants.

"He's got work to do," Padres manager Andy Green said. "It's obvious there's a lot to like. If (the fastball) is driven down the zone, you saw that in the Houston game. You saw when he attacked down, attacked in, attacked with intent, he missed barrels. He didn't get barreled up today, either ... but you're not going to walk five guys in three innings in the major leagues and be successful.

"The challenge is out in front of him. We believe in his stuff. We believe in what he can do. It's time to do it."

To say Mitchell's results have been mixed, to date, would be an understatement.

He allowed five runs in five innings in his Padres debut. He was lucky to escape his previous start in Houston without yielding one after issuing three of his six walks in the sixth inning.

That start – a three-hitter in 5 2/3 innings – began with Mitchell throwing 21 pitches (five balls) through the first two frames. He nearly doubled that total in the first inning Thursday and paid for three early walks on Hunter Pence's broken-bat single to right to open a 3-0 lead.

The game's first run crossed the plate when Evan Longoria beat out a double play.

"I simply have to throw the ball over the plate more," Mitchell said. "I'm trying to be too fine and just missing off the plate to both sides. It's hard enough to pitch as it is. If you're giving free passes and falling behind, it's even harder."

Mitchell walked two more in the second without giving up a run, had catcher Austin Hedges bail him out of a third-inning jam on a diving catch on a popped-up bunt to start a double play and watched from the bench as another pitcher – Richard – replaced him with a pinch-hit single in the bottom half of the frame.

He threw 32 of his 61 pitches for strikes, gave up four hits and struck out two, giving him three punchouts through 13 2/3 innings since the Padres acquired him and Chase Headley from the Yankees this offseason. He has walked 14 in that span and the curveball that landed him on the Padres radar has not really been an equalizing factor through his first three starts.

“There’s plenty of starts of his in the minors where you look at it and think that’s really going to play,” Green said. “It wasn’t this kind of walk problem, either. He’s got plenty in his history that you can look at and say, ‘Hey, that’s going to play.’”

“He has to find that and have it show up more often.”

Said Mitchell: “I just need to be more aggressive in the zone, early and often. It’s simple. I have to get ahead of guys. I can’t try to be too fine and put myself in bad counts.”

Colten Brewer’s first inning in the majors wasn’t any better – at all.

Called up Thursday, the 25-year-old right-hander allowed four unearned runs in 2/3 of an inning. Christian Villanueva’s throwing error on a grounder with the bases loaded allowed two to score and two more came home on [Buster Posey](#)’s ensuing double, one of four hits surrendered in the inning. Brewer also walked two batters.

[Jordan Lyles](#) threw two scoreless innings before Brewer’s debut and [Robbie Erlin](#) saved the rookie of further damage by getting the final out of the sixth inning, the start of his 3 1/3 scoreless frames.

Outside of Richard’s pinch-hit single, the Padres had no answers for Giants starter [Chris Stratton](#).

Like none – at all.

They walked three times, including twice in a row with one out in the fifth. But Hedges’ 12-pitch battle ended with a fly ball to left and pinch-hitter [Matt Szczur](#) bounced into a fielder’s choice to end the inning as Stratton settled in a groove that saw him retire eight in a row to end his evening.

Stratton struck out four and threw 101 pitches (67 strikeouts) in seven innings to hand a 7-0 lead over to his bullpen with only one hit yielded – to Richard.

Derek Law recorded the final six outs without incident, leaving the Padres to become the first team since 1935 to have a pitcher who did not start the game record its lone hit.

It had never happened in Padres history.

“We were swinging at balls outside the strike zone, curveballs down, fastballs above the zone, some expand (the zone) strikes,” Green said. “It was us more than anything. We didn’t have good at-bats.”

Clayton Richard makes history in Padres' loss

Jeff Sanders

Clayton Richard made history Thursday night.

The Padres would have preferred he didn't.

Rather, they would have preferred they didn't *need* him to.

And then they were glad he did.

His pinch-hit single in the third inning provided his team's only hit in a 7-0 loss to the Giants, a first in Padres history and a first in the modern era of baseball (since 1900), according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The last time a pitcher who did not start the game recorded his team's only hit was when Mace Brown doubled after entering as a relief pitcher for the Pirates in an 8-0 loss to the Cubs on June 28, 1935.

Richard's base-hit came in the pinch with one out in the third inning with the Padres trailing, 3-0.

The Padres had burned through three relievers Wednesday, were operating with a four-man bench and needed a solid option for an at-bat in place of the wild Bryan Mitchell.

Richard, who homered Monday in Colorado, was the choice.

"It's a hitting pitcher that we like right now," Padres manager Andy Green said. "He's swinging the bat well right now. It's a relatively thin bench. It's the third inning of a ballgame. You're looking for someone to get on base in that situation. He did it.

"Without him it would be a lot different story today."

As in, we'd be talking about another Giant no-hitting the Padres.

San Francisco pitchers already account for three of the nine times the Padres have been held without a hit: Jonathan Sanchez in 2009 and Tim Lincecum in 2013 and 2014.

Chris Stratton might have been flirting with history (he left after seven innings with a 7-0 lead) had Richard not pulled a 3-1 fastball into right field with one out in the third.

Not that Green was entirely crediting the Giants' right-hander for the team's second shutout loss in the last six games.

“We were swinging at balls outside the strike zone, curveballs down, fastballs above the zone, some expand (the zone) strikes,” Green said. “It was us more than anything. We didn't have good at-bats.”

Outside Richard's, that is.

Two more homers for Missions' Josh Naylor

Jeff Sanders

Josh Naylor is the early organizational leader in home runs. The power surge is not entirely about pure strength.

The 20-year-old first baseman hit two more home runs in [Double-A San Antonio's 3-2 win in 10 innings](#), including a first-inning, inside-the-park job, to push his total to five through seven games in the Texas League.

Both homers were solo shots, giving Naylor 12 RBIs on the young season – just seven fewer than he collected in 42 games last year with the Missions.

Naylor is hitting .464/.484/1.036 with two walks, five strikeouts and a steal to start his second stint in the league. His athleticism – in spite of a 5-foot-11, 250-pound frame – is one reason he is seeing time in left field this year and helped him around the bases in the first inning.

Shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. (.300) went 2-for-4 with a double.

Left-hander Matt Strahm allowed two runs in 2 1/3 innings in a relief rehab outing (3 Ks, 1 BB, 4 Hits) after right-hander Miguel Diaz (1.80) started the game with 2 2/3 shutout innings (5 Ks, 3 BBs, 1 H).

Left-hander Brad Wieck (4.91) struck out three in 1 2/3 innings and right-hander Rowan Wick (1-0, 0.00) earned the win with two hitless innings.

The Missions (5-2) won the game in the 10th when – under new rules placing a runner at second base to start extra innings – River Stevens moved to third on a bunch and scored on a throwing error.

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (5-3)

- [Salt Lake 9, Chihuahuas 5](#): C Raffy Lopez (.192) went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and an inside-the-park homer for his first longball of the year. 2B Luis Urias (.385) and DH Franmil Reyes (.276) each had two hits and LF Nick Schulz hit his first homer. RHP Brett Kennedy (1.59) allowed two runs – one earned – on six hits and a walk in 5 1/3 innings.

HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (3-5)

- [Storm 6, Lancaster 2](#): RHP Reggie Lawson (1-0, 1.80) struck out five and allowed a run on six hits and a walk in five innings for his first win. RHP Elliot Ashbeck (0.00) followed with one unearned run allowed in two innings and RHPs David Bednar and Gerardo

Reyes each turned in a scoreless game. CF Buddy Reed (.154) and SS Ruddy Giron (.158) each drove in two runs.

LOW SINGE-A FORT WAYNE (1-7)

- [Lansing 13](#), [TinCaps 4](#): RHP Henry Henry (0-1, 24.55) allowed six runs in 2/3 of an inning after LHP Aaron Leasher (4.32) struck out five and allowed two runs on three hits and four walks in 5 1/3 innings. DH Luis Campusano (.263) drove in three runs and went 2-for-4 with his first homer and LF Tirso Ornelas (.296) went 3-for-4.

Transactions

- RHP **Jared Carkuff** was transferred from San Antonio and El Paso.

NL West slate continues as Padres awaits suspension news

Jeff Sanders

The [Royals](#)' march to the 2015 [World Series](#) title, you could say, started with a hard slide into second base. A team took exception. A pitcher took matters in his own hands. Then another and another and another in a heated weekend series that added up to six ejections between the Royals and [Athletics](#), two plunkings and a near-miss and three bench clearings.

Yes, you *could* say that that weekend had something to do with a 15-7 April pointing Kansas City toward October.

A lot of people have.

"I think you know there's a lot of experience with that," [Eric Hosmer](#) said with a chuckle as he recalled Kansas City's fist-flying start to the 2015 campaign. "... If anything, something like that brings you together as a group. It makes you feel better that the guy next to you has your back and if that translates to wins, I don't know.

"It might."

The [Padres](#) could certainly use bottling *something* up over the next two weeks.

They returned to San Diego on Thursday still awaiting news on forthcoming suspensions and/or fines following Wednesday's bench-clearing brawl in Colorado, the first leg of 16 straight games inside the [NL West](#).

Three of those teams were in the postseason last year. One of them advanced to the World Series after winning a fifth straight division title. Another – this weekend's visitors – won three World Series over a five-year span.

It is, indeed, a test for a young team coming off its first series win of the season.

"We know what kind of division it is," Padres manager Andy Green said before Thursday's game against the Giants. "I think everybody came into the season with the expectation that the NL West was the best division in [Major League Baseball](#). It's too early to make a judgment on if it's actually the case or not, but I know that every team we face is really good. Every team we face has the potential to be in the postseason this year.

"We're pretty much been staring down the gauntlet for the first month of the season."

Current circumstances won't help the navigation.

[Wil Myers](#) landed on the disabled list with an irritated nerve in his right arm before the road trip, has only begun to swing off a tee and will not come off the disabled list when eligible to return on Friday. The bullpen lost set-up man Kirby Yates to an ankle sprain in Houston and center fielder Manuel Margot to a bruised ribs on Tuesday in Colorado.

The rotation could also lose [Luis Perdomo](#) for a turn for throwing behind [Nolan Arenado](#) on Wednesday. The commissioner's office has yet to announce disciplinary action for either the [Rockies](#) or the Padres after the two teams combined for five ejections during a fracas the Padres hope serves as a circle-the-wagon moment for a young team.

It certainly provided a lesson after five runs crossed the plate immediately after order was restored.

"We got knocked off kilter," Green said. "We didn't play a good half-inning ... and that half inning was five runs. You have to be able to handle those emotions through the course of the season. It's great experience for a young club to go through. You go through an experience like that and you understand the emotions that ensue and what you have to control.

"For me, I think those things are invaluable as you build a contender. Emotions like that, you learn how to handle them and you show up and win baseball games."

In theory, anyway.

How a team comes together after a brawl, however, is also more anecdotal than anything.

Hosmer's 2015 Royals, after all, won seven straight to open that season — *before* the so-called season-defining brouhahas with Oakland. The Padres had won two games in Colorado to clinch the series *before* Arenado charged Perdomo to empty both benches and bullpens. They'd also already played the defending world champion [Astros](#) tightly over the weekend.

Make of it what you will.

And you will.

"Maybe it does, maybe it doesn't — you never know," reliever [Craig Stammen](#) said. "You can associate (a hot streak) with a (brawl) or it could be just finding your groove. I think we played really good on the road trip.

"I think that gives us more momentum than anything going forward."

Padres' Colten Brewer knocked around in MLB debut

Jeff Sanders

The [Padres](#) signed **Colten Brewer** to a major league contract this offseason. On Thursday, the 25-year-old right-handed reliever officially became a major leaguer.

Brewer was recalled before Thursday's game to replace left-hander **Buddy Baumann**, who was optioned to Triple-A El Paso a day after allowing five runs – two earned – in 1/3 of an inning after [Luis Perdomo](#)'s ejection.

Baumann threw 28 pitches in the game (15 strikes), surrendered two hits and walks two batters before right-hander **Adam Cimber** finished the inning.

Meanwhile, Brewer's bid to make the Padres' opening day roster lasted until the final week in camp after he struck out 10, walked five and limited opposing hitters to a .194 average in 9 2/3 innings this spring (1.86 ERA). He opened the season with two shutout, hitless innings at Triple-A El Paso. He had struck out four and walked one when the Padres added him to the roster.

"He threw the ball really well," Padres manager Andy Green said. "Not many outings obviously. I think the last outing he punched out the side. It's a really good cutter, a really good curveball. Real stuff. We've been going with a bullpen of guys throwing mostly 80-90. Now we've brought in a guy that throws mostly in the mid 90s, so it's maybe a more traditional look like everybody else has.

"We're excited to have him and really do believe he's going to be a long term guy here and have a lot of value for us."

A fourth-round pick of the [Pirates](#) in 2011, Brewer has a 4.02 ERA, 1.35 WHIP and 262 strikeouts in 291 innings. He advanced as high as Triple-A last year in the [Yankees](#)' system before receiving Thursday's call-up.

It was a call he'd been dreaming about for the longest time, even though the night did not go well. Brewer allowed four unearned runs on four hits and two walks in 2/3 of an inning.

"Probably since I was a little kid, from when I was able to swing a bat and throw a baseball," Brewer said before his debut. "It took a whole lot longer than I anticipated as a little kid not really know how long the road is. I've traveled a lot of miles. I'm very happy to be in San Diego."

Villanueva still starting

Christian Villanueva's first three hits of the season left the yard – all to left field at Petco Park – to force **Andy Green** to play him more often than planned. The Padres' 26-year-old third baseman is 4-for-23 with 11 strikeouts, one RBI and no walks since his historic game.

That adds up to a .174/.208/.261 batting line over that stretch.

Villanueva is starting again at third base on Thursday as the Padres start the homestand with a four-game series against the Giants.

Veteran third baseman **Chase Headley** is on the bench for the 10th time in 14 games. He is 1-for-20 with 10 strikeouts.

Extra bases

- OF **Wil Myers** (arm) hit off a tee for the first time today. He's eligible to come off the 10-day disabled list Friday but that is unlikely. Myers said he's 90 percent but could require a short rehab assignment before returning, perhaps next week.
- RHP **Kirby Yates** (ankle), who returned to San Diego after the Houston series, has thrown on the field the last two days at Petco Park. He was wearing a walking boot while moving through the clubhouse Thursday for protective measures, but believes he could return from the 10-day DL when first eligible April 18. The team will determine if he'll require a rehab assignment

In colorful Tweet, Randy Jones (rightly) applauds Perdomo

Tom Krasovic

Instead of putting us to sleep with another dismal April, the [Padres](#) are starting to show some life.

It's about time.

The relief extends beyond the series victory in Denver.

This team took too much guff last year. Wednesday, it stood up for itself.

Allowing the [Colorado Rockies](#) to get away with serial plunkings would've been a mistake. Appropriately, young Padres pitcher [Luis Perdomo](#) stuck up for his teammates.

You'd rather Perdomo not let his "purpose" pitch sail near the shoulders of Rockies star [Nolan Arenado](#). Too dangerous.

The glutes are the more sporting target.

Regardless, a former Padres great appreciated what was at work.

Beanballs are dangerous, and often cowardly.

Macho baseball is overrated. It can spiral out of control.

Due to the three plunkings, one of which sent Manuel Margot to the disabled list, the Pads had to draw a line.

This was encouraging, yet only a start.

Pads manager Andy Green allowed [Dodgers](#) manager [Dave Roberts](#) to punk him in San Diego last year. When Roberts took offense to a Green comment, he charged him and shoved him in front of the home dugout. Green looked surprised.

Roberts, a former quarterback, came off as the more intense competitor.

Green is a manager of promise who has done some good work. But optics matter.

When [Bud Black](#) was managing the Padres, I wrote that he allowed Dodgers manager Don Mattingly to set an overly aggressive tone — that Black did not counter — in comments about [Carlos Quentin](#) after Quentin charged Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke.

For years now, I've thought the Pads could stand to set more of a don't-tread-on-me standard. (And that's partly why I wanted them to hire Ozzie Guillen, who began his playing career with them and who directed the [White Sox](#) to a World Series title, if they could temper him with a stable bench coach.)

Again, this is baseball, not macho ball. Success is due almost entirely to skill and smarts.

Showing opponents you mean business can't be done in a phony way.

But if a team has an edge to it, you'll see it over the six months.

Though it's not the best look for your pitcher and shortstop to throw gloves at the other guys during a brawl — a Pads spin on “flashing the leather” — Green's team took a step forward. Also, the hard-ballin' in Denver built on the effective inside fastballs the Pads threw in Houston, in the previous series, against the world champs.

Onward.

Padres' offense blanked as Mitchell struggles

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SAN DIEGO -- When the Padres acquired **Bryan Mitchell** from the Yankees in a December trade, they believed they had landed a rotation project with plenty of upside. If that upside is there, it's still waiting to be tapped.

Three games into his Padres tenure, Mitchell has totaled more walks (14) than innings (12 2/3) - though he hasn't exactly gotten much help from his offense. The 26-year-old right-hander lasted only three frames in a 7-0 loss to the Giants on Thursday night, a game in which the Padres were one-hit in historic fashion.

The Padres' lone hit came from starter **Clayton Richard**, who pinch-hit for Mitchell in the bottom of the third. The Padres are the only team in the modern era (since 1900) to have their lone hit come from a pitcher in a pinch-hitting appearance. Otherwise, Giants right-hander **Chris Stratton** held the rest of the Padres hitless over seven innings, and reliever **Derek Law** closed out the one-hitter.

"I don't think at any point in time today could you look at our at-bats and think they were good," Padres manager Andy Green said. "This was not a good baseball game."

The Giants jumped in front with three runs in the top of the first, two of which scored after a controversial no-call on a **Brandon Crawford** check swing. Instead of an inning-ending strikeout, Crawford walked, and **Hunter Pence**'s two-run single plated a pair. San Francisco added four more runs in the sixth, putting the game out of reach.

By then, Mitchell's night was long over. He walked three in the first inning, and two more in the second. The right-hander threw 61 pitches, only 32 for strikes, and recorded only two swing-and-misses.

"[I was] just trying to nibble too much, rather than attacking guys and being in the zone early," said Mitchell, who allowed three runs in three innings and struck out two. "It's hard enough to pitch as it is. When you're giving free passes and falling behind, it's even harder."

Mitchell was the centerpiece of a trade that also brought **Chase Headley** to San Diego. The Padres felt that Mitchell, if given the right opportunity, could flourish in the starting rotation. (He had never been given such a chance with the Yankees.)

The Padres still feel that way. Green pointed to his prior start -- 5 2/3 scoreless innings in Houston -- as evidence of what Mitchell is capable of.

"He's had plenty in his history where you look at that and think, 'That's going to play,'" Green said. "We have to find that and help that show more often."

The Padres raved about Mitchell's curveball in the spring, but Thursday marked his third straight start in which he threw more balls than strikes with the pitch. On Saturday in Houston, he limited

damage with an effective fastball down in the strike zone. He couldn't replicate that against the Giants.

Even though Mitchell has plenty of relief experience, he will continue to get an opportunity in the Padres' rotation. He's under team control for four seasons, and the club has already invested in his future as a starter.

"The challenge is out in front of him," Green said. "We believe in the stuff. We believe in what he can do. It's time to do it."

MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Clayton at the bat: Hoping to save a few of his bench options for later in the game, Green used Richard as a pinch-hitter in the third. (On Monday, Richard launched his third career home run -- a three-run shot in Colorado.) Richard hit a blooper over the outstretched glove of second baseman **Joe Panik**, but the rally was quickly stifled when he was doubled off on a **Franchy Cordero** liner to third.

"He's a hitting pitcher that we like right now," Green said. "He's swung the bat well, and we have a relatively thin bench, a four-man bench, and it's the third inning of a ballgame. So you're looking for somebody who can get on base in that situation. He did it. Without it, it'd be a lot different story tonight."

Make 'em earn it: The Padres could've kept the game within reach, if not for a costly error from third baseman **Christian Villanueva** in the top of the sixth. With the bases loaded and two outs, right-hander **Colten Brewer**, who was making his Major League debut, got **Andrew McCutchen** to hit a grounder to third. Villanueva set himself, but he appeared to rush his throw, and the ball kicked away from first baseman **Eric Hosmer**. Two runs scored on the play, and two more scored on the ensuing **Buster Posey** double.

SOUND SMART

The Padres had never previously played a game in which a pitcher recorded their only hit -- whether as a starter, reliever or pinch-hitter. It's been 83 years since a pitcher recorded his team's only hit in a game he didn't start. Pittsburgh reliever Mace Brown did so on June 28, 1935, against the Cubs.

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS

Padres catcher **Austin Hedges** has long been known for his defensive prowess. In the third, he outdid even his own lofty standards. With one out, Giants center fielder **Gregor Blanco** popped a bunt attempt behind home plate. Hedges sprung from his crouch and made an incredible dive to rob Blanco. Then, from his backside, he fired to first base, doubling up **Brandon Crawford**, who had broken for second on the pitch. [More >](#)

UP NEXT

Tyson Ross is the only Padres starter to log six innings in two starts this year. He'll look to do it again Friday night against the Giants at 7:10 p.m. PT. Ross was sharp last time out against the Astros, but he hung a fifth-inning slider, which became a three-run homer. Left-hander **Ty Blach** will start for the Giants.

Hedges makes incredible play, turns two on dive

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SAN DIEGO -- The Padres have long believed that catcher **Austin Hedges** is a National League Gold Glove Award candidate, if not a favorite. Generally, that's because of the little things Hedges does behind the plate. But the 25-year-old Padres backstop makes his share of flashy plays, too.

Hedges' best defensive gem yet may have come in the third inning of Thursday night's **7-0 loss to the Giants**. San Francisco center fielder **Gregor Blanco** attempted a bunt with runners on first and third and one out, and he popped it behind the plate.

Hedges sprung out of his crouch and made an incredible dive to rob Blanco. Then, from his backside, he fired to first for the double play, doubling up **Brandon Crawford**, who had broken for second on the pitch.

"We're not working all Spring Training on diving popups," Hedges said. "But it is cool to get on a highlight reel every now and then, because catchers don't usually get that opportunity."

It was reminiscent of a similar play Hedges made last season at Citi Field, when he laid out to make a catch in foul territory against the Mets. Only this time, Hedges rifled a throw to first baseman **Eric Hosmer**, turning one out into two quashing the Giants' rally.

"Honestly, I didn't even think about the double play," Hedges said. "I kind of stumbled, and I didn't get a good first step. I was just pumped that I caught the ball, and I looked up, and Hoz was just waving at me, so I threw it."

Asked to compare the two catches, Hedges gave the slight edge to last season's grab, because of the distance he had to cover. Still, he noted, "Both were pretty cool plays."

That's understating things quite a bit. Hedges' catch last May was one of the best by a catcher in 2017. This catch is an early contender for the same title in '18.

"That's about as tough a play as you'll see by a catcher," Hosmer said. "Once he caught it, I knew we had a good chance of doubling him up from there."

Hedges' top strength has always been his defense. He led the Majors in **pop time** last year, and he's consistently among the pitch-framing leaders as well. To some surprise in the Padres' organization, Hedges wasn't a finalist for the Gold Glove last season.

"He does a great job receiving the baseball, does an unbelievable job blocking the baseball," Padres manager Andy Green said. "We don't think a ton about the credit he does or doesn't receive. He's obviously one of the best defensive catchers in the game."

Hedges' bat has been fairly quiet this season, and he hasn't put his elite arm on full display yet either, throwing out just two of nine potential basestealers. There's more than one way Hedges

can impact a game with his athleticism behind the plate, however. Even by Hedges' lofty standards, his diving play on Thursday was special.

Day after scuffle, Padres bonding over incident

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SAN DIEGO -- A day after their benches-clearing altercation in Colorado, the Padres chose to view the aftereffects in a positive light.

Right-hander **Luis Perdomo** -- who threw a 96-mph fastball behind Rockies third baseman **Nolan Arenado** on Wednesday -- continues to deny intent with the pitch. But as a whole, the Padres insisted the Rockies merited a stern response after plunking **Hunter Renfroe** earlier that day, **Manuel Margot** on Tuesday night and **Christian Villanueva** last week during his three-homer game.

No suspensions were handed down Thursday. A formal announcement from Major League Baseball is expected Friday.

For now, the Padres feel their response to five plunkings from Rockies pitching in seven games this season could be a spark going forward. Perdomo's pitch -- purposeful or not -- prompted the benches to clear, and the Padres defended their young right-hander.

"Probably the greatest effect of those is a bonding effect, where you know everybody has each other's back," manager Andy Green said. "Everybody goes to war together, fights together, protects each other when necessary. We'll ... show up with the expectation it'll cause us to jell a little bit more. These guys know they have each other's back. That's a good feeling to have."

Added first baseman **Eric Hosmer**: "It just shows we have each other's backs. That's the main thing."

Margot was sent to the hospital Tuesday night after being hit on the ribs, then went on the 10-day disabled list. Renfroe is still battling some lingering soreness from the fastball he took off his left wrist (though he noted that the padding in his battling gloves prevented further injury).

"At a certain point, they can't keep missing like that, inside," catcher **Austin Hedges** said. "Whether we do something to stop it or whether they do, that can't keep happening to our guys. ... For me, if our guys keep missing arm side and hitting guys, I'm not calling those inside pitches anymore. You've got to earn that right. Otherwise, you know you might get one of your own teammates hurt."

The Padres believe Wednesday's incident could serve as a springboard to a tighter bond as a group. Of course, they aren't concerning themselves with Colorado.

"I'm not even remotely thinking about the Rockies today," Green said. "All of our focus right now is on the Giants coming to town."

Brewer arrives

Creating depth in a beleaguered bullpen, the Padres recalled right-hander **Colten Brewer** on Thursday, sending lefty **Buddy Baumann** to Triple-A El Paso. Baumann allowed five runs (two

earned) in one-third of an inning in his season debut Wednesday. He was called upon to replace Perdomo on short notice.

In his Major League debut in Thursday's **7-0 loss to the Giants**, Brewer gave up four unearned runs on four hits and two walks, striking out one, in two-thirds of an inning.

Brewer signed a one-year Major League deal with the Padres during the offseason. In 41 games across three levels of the Yankees' Minor League system last season, he posted a 2.82 ERA with 69 strikeouts in 60 2/3 innings.

"At first, it was such a shock, I didn't know what to say," said Brewer, who threw two scoreless innings for El Paso before his callup. "It didn't process until I called my dad. ... Before I signed here, I just noticed a group of guys that trusted my stuff. I thought, 'Hey I want to be a Padre.'"

Injury updates

- **Right fielder Wil Myers**, who is recovering from nerve irritation in his right arm, took 25 swings off a tee Thursday. He also made a handful of throws with a medicine ball. Myers' next step will be playing catch, though it's unclear when he'll first do so.

- **Righty setup man Kirby Yates** played long toss Thursday afternoon, as he recovers from right ankle tendinitis that landed him on the 10-day disabled list over the weekend. He's hopeful for a return shortly after he's eligible to come off the DL on Wednesday. Yates is dealing with tenderness when he pushes off and drags his back foot down the slope of the mound.

Giants' visit shows how fortunes can change

Notes on starters' ERA, Galvis, Pirela, Hosmer, Maton

By Bill Center San Diego Padres

Apr. 12th, 2018

Remember the first half of the 2016 season when the San Francisco Giants swept three straight series from the Padres?

After nine meetings, the Giants were 9-0 against the Padres.

Things have changed drastically between the two teams since the All-Star break in 2016. The Padres are 20-9 against San Francisco over the last 1 ½ seasons. Their 12-7 advantage over the Giants was a major reason why the Padres finished fourth in the National League West standings with San Francisco coming in last.

Thursday night at Petco Park, the Padres and Giants play in the first of their 19 meetings in 2017 as the Padres open a seven-game homestand against their California rivals. After four with San Francisco, the Padres host the Dodgers for three.

NOTEBOOK:

--Padres starting pitchers have a 2.92 earned run average the last time through the rotation, which encompasses games at Houston and Colorado. They have allowed 10 runs (eight earned) on 24 hits and 10 walks with 21 strikeouts in 24 2/3 innings.

--SS Freddy Galvis failed to reach base Wednesday afternoon in Colorado. He struck out three time in four at-bats. It marked the first time in 13 games this season that Galvis didn't reach base. He is hitting .318 with a .423 on-base percentage.

--OF Jose Pirela was 8-for-14 for the three games in Colorado with two doubles and two RBIs. Pirela raised his batting average from .233 to .316 over the three games at Coors Field.

--1B Eric Hosmer was 6-for-12 at Coors Field with a double, a homer and four runs scored. Hosmer raised his batting average from .282 to .333.

--RHP Phil Maton has allowed two hits and no walks or runs with six strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings since being recalled from Triple-A El Paso on April 5. He struck out five in 2 2/3 perfect innings against the Rockies Wednesday afternoon at Coors Field.

Stratton shuts down Padres on 1 hit in Giants' 7-0 win

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SAN DIEGO -- [Chris Stratton](#) is the [San Francisco Giants'](#) de facto No. 1 starter because of injuries, and boy did he pitch like it Thursday night.

Stratton and reliever Derek Law combined on a one-hitter in shutting down the [San Diego Padres](#) 7-0.

Stratton allowed San Diego's only hit, a one-out single in the third inning by pitcher [Clayton Richard](#), who was pinch-hitting for starter [Bryan Mitchell](#). Richard was doubled off after [Franchy Cordero](#) lined out to shortstop.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the first time a team's lone hit was by a pitcher who did not start the game since June 28, 1935, when Pittsburgh's Mace Brown did it against the [Chicago Cubs](#).

"That wasn't too long ago," Giants manager Bruce Bochy joked. "That's an odd one, isn't it? If he doesn't get that hit, he's pitching. He's going out there until he (gives up) a hit because he was all right with the pitch count."

[Hunter Pence](#)'s broken-bat, two-run bloop single highlighted a three-run first inning and that was enough to allow Stratton (1-1) to settle in for a career-high seven innings.

"When you get the three runs early it just makes it a lot easier as a pitcher to go out there and pound the zone," said Stratton, who threw 101 pitches. "Give the offense credit to come out tonight and put some runs up early and make it real comfortable."

Giving up the only hit to a pitcher "is just part of the game," Stratton said. "Good swing by him."

Richard hit a three-run homer at Colorado on Monday night in a 7-6 win.

Stratton struck out four, walked three and retired his final eight batters. The only time a runner got into scoring position against him was when he walked [Freddy Galvis](#) and [Carlos Asuaje](#) with one out in the fifth. Stratton then had a 12-pitch at-bat against [Austin Hedges](#), who flied out to left. Law, recalled from Triple-A Sacramento before the game, threw two perfect innings.

It was the Giants' third shutout. The Padres have been blanked twice.

Stratton "put on a clinic on pitching tonight," Bochy said. "He had all four pitches going and mixed them up."

San Francisco's top three pitchers, Madison Bumgarner, [Johnny Cueto](#) and [Jeff Samardzija](#), are on the disabled list.

"Now he's one of our guys," Bochy said of Stratton. "He was coming in as the No. 4 starter of this club. Now that makes him the No. 1 guy. He can do that. He can handle it. He could have gone back out if the game was a little closer. I think he's ready to take that on as far as going deeper in the game."

San Diego manager Andy Green said the Padres' poor approach did them in.

"Us, swinging outside the strike zone. Us, more than anything," Green said. "We didn't take good at-bats out there today at all. I don't think at any point in time today you can look at our at-bats and think they were good. This was not a good baseball game. I don't think we did a lot very well today."

The Giants, who lost all three series at Petco Park last season, chased Mitchell (0-2) after three innings. Mitchell was wild again, walking five to give him 14 in three starts. He allowed three runs and four hits while striking out two.

Mitchell loaded the bases with one out in the first on two walks and a single before [Evan Longoria](#) brought in the first run with a fielder's choice. Mitchell walked [Brandon Crawford](#) to load the bases again before Pence sent a single to right to bring in two more runs.

The Giants scored four unearned runs in the sixth off Colten Brewer, who was making his major league debut. Two runs came in on third baseman [Christian Villanueva](#)'s throwing error on Andrew McCutcheon's two-out, bases-loaded grounder, which was followed by [Buster Posey](#)'s two-run double.

Mitchell, acquired from the [New York Yankees](#) in an offseason trade, "has got work to do," Green said.

"There's a lot to like when it's driven down in the zone -- you saw that in the Houston game. You're not going to walk five guys in three innings in the major leagues and be successful. The challenge is out in front of him. We believe in his stuff. We believe in what he can do. It's time to do it," he added.

NICE PLAY

With runners on first and third and one out in the third, Hedges, the Padres' catcher, sprinted several feet and made a diving catch of a pop bunt by [Gregor Blanco](#) and then doubled Crawford off first.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Bochy said closer [Mark Melancon](#), on the disabled list since March 28, received a stem-cell injection to treat the pronator in his right forearm. Bochy said Melancon received the shot from Dr. Joshua Hackel at Dr. James Andrews' clinic in Pensacola, Florida.

UP NEXT

Giants: LHP [Ty Blach](#) (1-1, 4.11 ERA) is scheduled to make his fourth start of the season Friday night against San Diego.

Padres: RHP [Tyson Ross](#) (1-1, 5.25) is scheduled to make his third start.

#PadresOnDeck: Naylor Hits Two More Homers for AA–San Antonio

By Bill Center

First baseman **Josh Naylor** hit two more homers, including an inside-the-park shot, for Double-A San Antonio Thursday night.

The 20-year-old now has five homers in the Missions first seven games. The 5-foot-11, 250-pound Canadian is off to a 13-for-31 start (.464) with a double, the five homers and 12 RBIs. He has a .484 on-base percentage and a 1.036 slugging percentage for a 1.520 OPS.

Naylor, ranked the [Padres' No.16 prospect by MLB Pipeline](#), is three years younger than the average player in the Texas League.

Other Padres prospects off to fast starts:

— Shortstop **Fernando Tatis Jr.**, 19, the Padres' top-ranked prospect, was 2-for-4 Thursday for San Antonio.

— Second baseman **Luis Urías**, 20, was 2-for-5 with a run scored Thursday for Triple-A El Paso. Urías is 10-for-26 (.385) through the Chihuahua's first eight games with six walks for a .515 on-base percentage and a 1.054 OPS.

— Outfielder **Tirso Ornelas** was 3-for-4 with a run scored for Single-A Fort Wayne Thursday. The 18-year-old Tijuana native is hitting .296 (8-for-27) with a .367 on-base percentage.

— Right-handed pitcher **Reggie Lawson**, 20, the 71st overall pick in the 2016 draft, allowed one run on six hits and a walk with five strikeouts over five innings for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. Lawson has a 1.80 earned run average after two starts with the Storm.

Around the Farm:

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (5–3): Salt Lake 9, CHIHUAHUAS 5 — C **Raffy Lopez** (.192) was 2-for-5 with a double, a homer and two RBIs. RF **Nick Schulz** (.357) was 1-for-2 with a homer, two RBI and two walks. DH **Franmil Reyes** (.276) was 2-for-5 with a run scored. 3B **Diego Goris** (.316) was 1-for-3 with a walk. 1B **Brett Nicholas** (.350) had a double in five at-bats with a run scored. Starting RHP **Brett Kennedy** (2.38 ERA) allowed two runs on seven hits and a walk with two

strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings. RHP **T.J. Weir** (3.86) allowed two runs on a hit and a walk with a strikeout in 1 2/3 innings. RHP **Jonathan Aro** (1-1, 4.50) allowed two runs on two hits in an inning to suffer the loss. RHP **Jared Carkuff**, who was promoted from San Antonio earlier Thursday, gave up three runs on three hits and two walks with a strikeout in an inning.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (5-2): MISSIONS 3, Arkansas 2—RHP **Miguel Diaz** (1.80 ERA), who played with the Padres as a Rule 5 pick in 2017, got the start and allowed a hit and three walks with five strikeouts in 2 2/3 scoreless innings. RHP **Colby Blueberg** (8.10) issued a walk with a strikeout in an otherwise perfect 1 1/3 innings. RHP **Matt Strahm** (6.23) allowed two runs on four hits and a walk with three strikeouts in 2 1/3 innings as he continued his rehab assignment. LHP **Brad Wieck** (4.91) struck out three in 1 2/3 perfect innings. RHP **Rowan Wick** (1-0) issued a walk with three strikeouts in two otherwise perfect innings to get the win. LF **Rod Boykin** (.263) backed Naylor and Tatis, with a double in four at-bats.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (3-5): STORM 6, Lancaster 2—RHP **Elliot Ashbeck** (0.00 ERA) followed Lawson allowed an unearned run on two hits and a walk with three strikeouts in two innings. RHP **David Bednar**(3.00) issued two walks with a strikeout in a hitless, scoreless inning. RHP **Gerardo Reyes** (2.08) allowed a hit and a walk with two strikeouts in an inning. CF **Buddy Reed** (.154) was 1-for-4 with a stolen base and two RBIs. SS **Ruddy Giron** (.158) was 1-for-2 with a sacrifice fly, two RBIs and a run scored. 2B **Eguy Rosario** (.241) had a double in three at-bats with a RBI and a run scored. 3B **Hudson Potts** (.310) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. DH **Nate Easley** (.333) was 1-for-2 with a RBI and a walk. RF **Jorge Oña** was 0-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (1-7): Lansing 13, TIN CAPS 4—Starting LHP **Aaron Leasher** (4.32 ERA) allowed two runs on three hits and four walks with five strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. But the bullpen gave up 11 runs in one inning. RHP **Henry Henry** (24.55) gave up six runs on four hits and three walks with a strikeout in two-thirds of an inning. RHP **Spencer Kulman**(27.00) allowed five runs (four earned) on two hits and four walks with a strikeout in two-thirds of an inning. Two position players—catcher **Jalen Washington** (two hits and a walk allowed in 1 1/3 scoreless innings) and first baseman **Carlos Belen** (a walk with a strikeout in a hitless, scoreless inning)—finished the game. Belen (.269) was also 2-for-4. 3B **Justin Lopez** (.223) was 1-for-3 with a run scored. C **Juan Fernandez** (.235) had a double in four at-bats with a run scored. 2B **Reinaldo Ilarraza** (.143) was 1-for-4 with a RBI.

Closing Time: Here comes Franchy Cordero

Scott Pianowski

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If you like category juice, you're probably going to like [Franchy Cordero](#). Is he finally ready for his close up in San Diego?

Cordero's profile took a big step forward last summer. He posted a monster **.326/.369/.603 slash at Triple-A El Paso, with 17 homers and 15 steals over 93 games. Sure, it's the Pacific Coast League, but they don't hand out stats like that at the airport.** Cordero also had 18 triples.

He struggled with his first Padres audition — a **.228/.276/.424 slash over 92 at-bats, with three home runs.** But not everyone hits the ground running in their first chance, and Cordero was just 22. Maybe things will pop this year.

Cordero started 2018 in the minors, in part because he had a groin injury this spring. He ripped seven hits in 17 Triple-A at-bats, and is now headed back to the Padres. The team has a glaring hole in the outfield, with Wil Myers (triceps) and [Manuel Margot](#) (ribs) on the disabled list.

Cordero is just about universally free in Yahoo, owned in a mere one percent of leagues. It's time to consider entry on the ground level. Let's see where this story goes.

- While you're shopping in San Diego, perhaps give lefty [Joey Lucchesi](#) a look. Lucchesi earned [the Behrens seal of approval](#) before his March 30 debut, and although that turn wasn't great, **he's struck out 15 batters in his last two starts. He posted six bagels in Colorado, of all places, Tuesday night, grabbing a victory in the process.**

Add it up and Lucchesi has a 1.72 ERA, a 1.02 WHIP, and 16 Ks against just four walks over 15.2 innings. **He's at home against the Giants on Sunday.**

- [Asdrubal Cabrera](#) was a big deal in his Cleveland days. Remember his 25-homer, 17-steal **season back in 2011? He's downshifted into boring veteran status in his 30s, and he's bounced** around a bit. The Nats had him for part of 2014. He spent a year with the ~~Siberia~~ Tampa Bay Rays **in 2015. He's** now entering his third year with the Mets.

New York is off to a blistering **9-1 start, with Cabrera a big factor in Tuesday's victory (two homers). He's carrying a .341/.400/.534 slash; obviously unsustainable, but he did bat .280 in each of the last two years.** He hit 23 homers as recently as 2016, and he qualifies at three infield positions. Sounds like someone who should be owned in more than 44 percent of Yahoo leagues.

- When the Red Sox said [Xander Bogaerts](#) (ankle) would be out a mere 10-14 days, I was instantly suspicious. Teams are notorious for being overly optimistic with these types of timetables. But **maybe the small fracture in Bogie's left ankle isn't that big of a deal. He's already shed his walking boot** and is aiming for a return this month. Bogaerts was off to a ridiculous start, with a **.368/.400/.711 slash and nine extra-base hits (seven doubles, two homers).**

No one took [Hanley Ramirez](#) seriously when he talked about a **30-30 season, but he's backed up** the talk thus far: three steals, along with a **.359/.395/.487 slash.** Just one homer to this point, but the No. 3 spot in the Boston order is perfect for run production. Hanley has 11 RBIs and six runs through nine games.

- We've already had a lot of [Tim Anderson](#) talk, so this is going to be a brief note on the way out.

When Anderson wants a bag, he takes it. He's 31-for-34 for his career, and he went 15-for-16 last year. He's always had the upside for a monster-steal season, it's just getting the green light and wanting to do it.

Maybe this is **the year he wants to do it. Anderson grabbed Bag No. 6 in Tuesday's game — a steal of third while the White Sox were down five runs. This is the sort of aggressiveness we're thrilled to see.**

Anderson's batting-average risk has generally been an overplayed card — he's hitting .263 this year, .268 for his career. That's not going to hurt you in the shape of today's game. And if his lack of walks turned you off (and ramped up the average fear), note that he's already collected four walks in 2018 after a mere 13 last year.

This is a 24-year-old player with a first-round pedigree. Sometimes young players improve, talented players put things together. It could be a fun summer on the South Side of Chicago.

Padres look to bounce back against Giants

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SAN DIEGO — It's going to be pretty difficult for [Giants'](#) left-hander [Ty Blach](#) to top what [Chris Stratton](#) did Thursday night in the opener of San Francisco's four-game visit to San Diego.

But if he does, he will have pitched the game of his career.

On Thursday, Stratton and reliever [Derek Law](#) held the [Padres](#) to one-hit — and that hit was a third-inning, pinch-hit single to right by pitcher [Clayton Richard](#). Not since Pittsburgh's Mace Brown in 1935 had a non-starting pitcher got the only hit in a game.

So, top that Ty Blach.

He might have a chance were he lined up against the Dodgers. In five starts against the Dodgers — including Opening Day this season when he outdueled Clayton Kershaw — Blach has a 1.52 ERA.

Blach hasn't been quite that tough on the Padres.

In five career appearances (four starts) against the Padres, Blach is 0-2 with a 3.65 ERA and a 1.176 WHIP. He is 0-1 in two starts at Petco Park with a 5.19 ERA.

The 6-foot-1, 213-pound Blach features a five-pitch mix and owns a 10-13 career record with a 4.41 ERA in 41 games (29 starts). He is not overpowering. But on the plus side, he's one of the best defensive pitchers in the game. Blach is 1-1 this season with a 4.11 ERA.

Blach is paired against Padres right-hander [Tyson Ross](#), who is 1-1 with a 5.25 ERA in his first three starts since returning to the Padres as a minor league free agent last winter. Ross had thoracic outlet surgery following the 2016 season.

"We're not really worried about his health anymore," Padres manager Andy Green recently said of Ross. "He proved this spring that he's healthy. Now we need him to again be the pitcher he was."

Ross owns a 3-4 career record against the Giants with a 3.61 ERA in 10 appearances. He has 57 strikeouts in 52 1/3 innings. The Giants have hit .246 against Ross with a .332 on-base percentage.

Ross, however, has excellent numbers while at home in Petco Park. He is 13-17 in the Padres' downtown home with a 2.84 ERA in 48 games (39 starts) with 266 strikeouts in 262 2/3 innings. Ross' other figures at the Padres downtown home are just as formidable — a 1.112 WHIP, a .213 opponents' batting average, a .281 opponents' on-base percentage and a .346 slugging percentage for a .627 opposition OPS.

“We all know that Tyson’s slider is one of the best in the business,” Greren said recently. “That is his wipeout pitch. But he’s doing a better job commanding the fastball. If he’s got both those pitches working, he’s going to be successful. No one has worked harder to get back to where he was than Tyson Ross.”

Before injuring his shoulder, Ross was the Padres’ All-Star representative in 2014 when he finished 13-13 with a 2.81 ERA in 31 starts.

San Francisco’s [Evan Longoria](#) continues to dig himself out of an early-season slump, going 2-for-5 on Thursday to raise his average to .163 and giving him three hits in his last two games.

Padres mid-game report: Mitchell struggles, prospect Naylor hits two home runs

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SAN DIEGO— [Bryan Mitchell](#) struggled yet again with his command on Thursday night in what was his third start of the season. The right-hander walked five, giving up three runs in three innings of work. He was removed for a pinch hitter in the bottom of the third after throwing only 32 of 61 pitches for strikes.

This start comes on the heels of a six-walk outing against Houston. Although Mitchell did not allow a run in his 5.2 innings of work against the Astros, his command was spotty and he was fortunate to tip-toe around danger throughout his start.

Obviously, if Mitchell wants to stay in the rotation long-term, he will have to improve on his command.

Naylor hits two home runs

1B/OF Josh Naylor, who has had an excellent start to his minor league season, continued to impress tonight. He went 3-4 with two home runs in the San Antonio Missions' 3-2 victory.

The multi-homer effort was the second of the young season for the organization's #10 overall prospect. He is currently hitting .464 with five home runs in seven games played.

Rebuilding Padres say brawl can bring them closer together

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SAN DIEGO -- Showing some fight seems to be a good thing for the rebuilding [San Diego Padres](#). While awaiting word on punishment from Major League Baseball for their brawl Wednesday with the [Colorado Rockies](#), the Padres vowed not to get pushed around by anyone.

After five Padres batters were hit in six games against the Rockies this season, including [Manuel Margot](#) taking a fastball to the ribs Tuesday night and going on the disabled list, the Padres felt enough was enough.

[Luis Perdomo](#) threw a pitch behind [Nolan Arenado](#) in the third inning Wednesday and the All-Star rushed the mound, setting off a brawl that led to five ejections, including Perdomo, Arenado and San Diego catcher [A.J. Ellis](#).

It also led to a sense of camaraderie for the Padres, who were labeled as soft by some when they chose not to retaliate after [Anthony Rizzo](#) of the [Chicago Cubs](#) slammed into [Austin Hedges](#) at the plate last year, sidelining the catcher for a few games. MLB determined that Rizzo violated the home plate collision rule, but didn't punish him.

Manager Andy Green wouldn't say if someone called for Perdomo's purpose pitch or if the situation simply hit critical mass.

"We'll keep stuff like that in house. That's kind of how that stuff should be handled."

Hedges replaced Ellis Wednesday.

"Obviously anytime a thing like that happens it brings your team together a little bit," Hedges said Thursday before the Padres opened a series against San Francisco. "We definitely want to get the impression out there that we're not going to let teams run all over us. We're going to go out there and no matter who you are, we're going to be competing out there to win a ballgame no matter what it takes.

"It kind of brings your team together and that's what it did for us."

Green said there was good and bad that came from the brawl, which sparked the Rockies to a 6-4 win.

"We got knocked off kilter yesterday, honestly," Green said. "We didn't play a good half inning. We came back and played a very good rest of the ballgame ... but it took us a half inning and that half inning was five runs. You've got to be able to handle those emotions.

"It was a great experience for a young club to go through," Green added. "You go through an experience like that and you understand the emotions that ensue and you understand what you've got to control. But for me I think those things are valuable to build a contender. As you go through emotions like that you learn how to handle them."

[Eric Hosmer](#), who joined the Padres as a free agent from the [Kansas City Royals](#), said it was a matter of players policing the situation.

"We handled it on the field, it was done and we finished the game and moved on from it," he said.

"But I do think teams can become stronger from it. You're on a team, you expect to have everybody's back. When you go through something like that and see everybody having your back and seeing everybody coming together, it reassures you that it's true."

Hosmer said Perdomo's pitch sent a message.

"We don't want to feel intimidated by anybody and I'm sure other teams don't want to feel intimidated by us. It's a bunch of competitors and you're competing at the highest level you can possibly compete on and there are going to be some times where tensions are raised a little bit and it's all part of baseball. That's the reason a lot of us are in this position, because of the intensity and competitiveness we all have.

"We all realize we're all competing at a high level out there. Guys got fired up and it was done and it was over after that."

Right fielder [Hunter Renfroe](#) was hit on the hand in the second inning, after Colorado's [Trevor Story](#) was plunked in the first.

Renfroe said his hand was bruised but otherwise fine.

He also thinks things were settled Wednesday.

"I think everything's behind. I think everybody's good with it," he said. "It's hard baseball. We're all big boys here. We can get over it and put things aside, and obviously we're here to play baseball."

The Padres took two of three from the Rockies after losing three of four to them in San Diego last week.

The Padres return to Colorado for a three-game series April 23-25.