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# Tatis swats 15th homer with Missions; July 2 signing period opens

**Jeff Sanders**

The Texas League may not be able to contain **Fernando Tatis Jr.** much longer.

The 19-year-old shortstop drove in all of Double-A San Antonio's runs in Monday's [8-3 loss at Arkansas](#) via his 15<sup>th</sup> homer, one off the league lead.

Springfield's **Victor Roche** leads the Texas League with 16 homers. Tatis, Missions catcher **Austin Allen** and Tulsa's **D.J. Peters** all have 15.

Tatis' blast hit the scoreboard at Dickey-Stephens Park, according to the audio in the video below.

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Tatis – who also walked and stole his 14<sup>th</sup> base – is hitting .284/.360/.518 with a Texas League-bests in total bases (162) and runs scored (71).

Designated hitter **Matthew Batten** (.340) went 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Right-hander **Cal Quantrill** (6-4, 4.52) struck out four but allowed eight runs – four earned on eight hits and two walks in four innings.

Right-hander **Andres Munoz** (0.00) struck out one and walked one in in a second scoreless inning since his promotion from Tri-City.

The Missions are 47-34 overall and 5-6 in the second half.

## Amateur additions

With first-rounder **Ryan Weathers** in the fold for a slot deal at \$5.23 million (read about his introduction as a Padre [here](#)) and 26 of their 41 draftees signed, the [Padres](#) have approximately \$500,000 in pool money to work with before Friday's signing deadline.

Depending on how negotiations play out, the Padres could sign up to four more of its draftees.

Meantime, General Manager **A.J. Preller** said the team is expecting a “depth class” as the July 2 international signing period opened as the Padres begin their final season in the penalty. (The Padres can spend up to \$5.5 million on players but cannot sign anyone for more than \$300,000 because of the level to which they exceeded their bonus pool in 2016-17).

As such, none of the 16 players signed thus far, according to [Baseball America's tracker](#), are ranked among the top international prospects in the game.

Here is that running list to date (source: Baseball America):

- Charlie Aquino, ss, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Euribel Angeles, ss, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Albert Fabian, of, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Wilmert Paula, ss, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Reginald Dowston, of, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Axcel Peralta, of, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Enmanuel Rodriguez, of, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Edwin Rojas, of, Venezuela
- Jose Miguel Velez, of, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Justin Diaz, ss, Dominican Republic -- \$300,000 signing bonus
- Eddyson Moreno, of, Dominican Republic. -- \$100,000 signing bonus
- Alex Ramirez, c, Venezuela
- Nerwilliam Cedeno, ss, Venezuela
- Wilfredo Tovar, c, Venezuela
- Eduardo Hidalgo, of, Venezuela
- Victor Duarte, c, Venezuela

## MONDAY'S GAMES

### TRIPLE-A EL PASO (45-39)

- [Chihuahuas 6, Albuquerque 1](#): RHP **Chris Huffman** (3-4, 6.71) struck out five and allowed one run on four hits and a walk in five innings as El Paso won for the 11<sup>th</sup> time in 13 games. **3B Diego Goris** (.270) went 3-for-4 with his sixth homer three RBIs and a run scored. CF **Forrestt Allday** (.245) went 2-for-4 with two steals and a run and 1B **Allen Craig** (.300) went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored.

### HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (4-8, 38-44)

- [Storm 10, Modesto 5](#): RHP **Carter Capps** (5.40) allowed a run on one hit and a walk while striking out one in 1 2/3 innings as he moved from Tri-City to Lake Elsinore. Capps struck out 10 in seven innings (1.29) at Tri-City. RHP **Emmanuel Ramirez**(4-2, 4.93) allowed a run on four hits and a walk in five innings in the start. **2B Eguy Rosario** (.257) went 2-for-5 five with two homers (8) and five RBIs and CF **Edward Olivares** (.279) went 3-for-5 with two triples, three RBIs and three runs scored and LF **Buddy Reed** (.328) and SS **Chris Baker** (.214) each had two hits).

### LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (8-4, 40-41)

- [TinCaps 11, Great Lakes 3](#): LHP **Aaron Leasher** (5-3, 2.59) struck out five and allowed one run on seven hits and a walk in 5 1/3 innings as Fort Wayne won for the eighth time in 10 games. LF **Robbie Podorsky** (.352) and DH **Juan Fernandez**(.237) drove in two

runs on three hits and C **Luis Campusano** (.289) and 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (.250) drove in two runs on two hits. Ruiz also stole two bases.

### **SHORT-SEASON TRI-CITY (9-9)**

- **Boise 4, Dust Devils 2:** RHP **Angel Acevedo** (1-1, 4.09) allowed four runs in five innings in the loss. SS **Owen Miller** (.315) went 1-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored and CF **Grant Little** (.375) went 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

### **ROOKIE AZL PADRES 1 (5-7)**

- **Dodgers 6, Padres 5:** RHP **Jean Cosme** (0-1, 27.00) returned from Tommy John surgery with three runs allowed on four hits in the first inning. SS **Ruddy Giron** (.409) went 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored and RF **Agustin Ruiz** (.234) went 2-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs.

### **ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (6-6)**

- **Padres 10, Giants 3:** LHP Joey Cantillo (0.00) struck out four over 4 1/3 shutout innings of four hit ball. RHP Jefferson Garcia (1-0, 6.30) allowed three runs – two earned – in four innings in the win.

### **ROOKIE DSL PADRES (15-11)**

- **Orioles 6, Padres 5 (10):** DH **Luis Paez** (.242) went 2-for-5 with a triple and two runs scored and C **Brandon Valenzuela** (.266), RF **Cristian Heredia** (.234) and 1B **Emmanuel Guerra** (.235) each had two hits. RHP **Eudi Asencio** (6.41) struck out five and allowed four runs on four hits and a walk in 3 2/3 innings in the start.

# Padres' first-rounder Ryan Weathers set to follow father's path

**Jeff Sanders**

Last fall, as a busy offseason tournament circuit eased up and the Astros and Dodgers met in the [World Series](#), two pitchers watched from their couch at their home in Loretto, Tenn. The oldest had forged a 19-year career in the majors. The younger hurler was stalking his own future in baseball — likely as a first-round pick — after popping on the [Padres'](#) radar that summer.

Naturally, they talked through each at-bat

*What would you throw here? What did you think of that pitch? How would you finish off this hitter?*

A pivotal moment arrived in Game 4.

Sitting on a no-hitter in the sixth inning, left-hander [Alex Wood](#) had fallen behind, 3-1, to the right-handed [George Springer](#).

The father called for a slider. The up-and-coming son countered: Fastball, either away or up and in.

“In my mind,” David Weathers recalled after watching the Padres unveil his son, Ryan Weathers, as their latest first-round pick on Monday at Petco Park, “as soon as he throws that slider, I was going to look at Ryan and say, ‘See there,’ and as soon as he threw it (Springer) crushed it.

“Ryan goes, ‘See there, Dad, he was looking for it.’ ”

Eight months later, the elder Weathers alternated intermittently between watching his son, a Padres jersey pulled over his button-down shirt, address the San Diego media for the first time, and looking down at the floor as he focused on Ryan’s answers.

The 18-year-old Weathers thanked the Vanderbilt coaching staff for the offer to play college baseball. He relished the opportunity to begin a professional career. He couldn’t wait to board a plane bound for the Padres’ complex in Peoria, Ariz., later Monday.

It all sounded ... *right*.

A pitcher with 1,376 innings on his resume would know.

“It’s been 18 years in the making,” David Weathers said. “ ... I’m so proud of him. This is his day. He’s his own man, but I know the work starts today.”

Thing is, Ryan Weathers knows it, too.

Before signing his \$5.23 million deal as the seventh overall pick in this draft, before earning Gatorade National Baseball High School Player of the Year honors, before striking out 148 batters in 76 innings his senior year, a boy watched his father’s example.

“Nothing is given in this game,” Ryan Weathers said. “There’s a lot of ups and downs. There’s a lot of adversity that comes in this game. He showed me how to get through that.”

His mother’s teaching certificate afforded the opportunity for that education in baseball to coincide with home-schooling as David Weathers’ career shifted from the New York Mets to the [Cincinnati Reds](#).

From as young as 4 and 5 years old, a son was on his father’s heels as he moved through a major league clubhouse and through the early work that fills up the hours before the first pitch.

He’d watch [Joey Votto](#) and [Brandon Phillips](#) in the batting cages. He’d sidle up next to the hitting coach. He’d chat up pitchers like [Aaron Harang](#) and Kent Mercker, the latter later becoming Ryan Weathers’ adviser.

He soaked it all in. Every last bit of it.

“He was a non-typical kid,” David Weathers said. “He would sit and watch the whole ballgame. He wasn’t bouncing all over the place. All those things led him to seeing this is how you go about your business if you want to be the type of player he wants to be.”

The Padres have an idea of what that player is.

Ryan Weathers combines a fastball that sits 93-94 mph with a hard, downward-biting slider and a low-80s change-up. The mettle he showed in his high school state championship in May in particular — when the left-hander was holding his velocity in the ninth inning of a 12-inning, 1-0 loss — was reason enough to line him up behind the likes of MacKenzie Gore, Adrian Morejon and Logan Allen in a southpaw-rich farm system.

“What really intrigued us, what made us think he was as good as anybody in the country,” Padres General Manager A.J. Preller said, “was the competitive aspect and the intangibles he brings to the table. You see it on the mound and you see it when you sit down to talk to him.”

The two Weathers, as it happens, were talking the other day about the state championship game that wowed the Padres so much.

David Weathers, Loretto High’s pitching coach, called for a squeeze play that ended up costing the team the game.

To this day, it eats at him. His son, dispensing the kind of wisdom that wouldn’t arrive in Weathers’ career until he was in his mid-to-late 20s, implored his father to let it go.

The elder Weathers smiled as he recounted the exchange.

“At this level,” David Weathers said, “the separator is above the shoulders. ... I’ve always preached to him that you’ve got to absolutely let your mind for the game and your confidence and your convictions be above your physical talent.

“That will be the separator. He’s sold out for that.”

## Allen, Paddack make Pipeline Team of the Week

By Mike Rosenbaum MLB.com

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This week has four different players making their second appearance on a Prospect Team of the Week, though none have been quite as hot as **Francisco Mejia**.

After combining for a .189/.258/.293 batting line during the season's first two months, Mejia rebounded in earnest with a torrid month of June, hitting .455 with a 1.193 OPS. What's more, Mejia is raking at a .526 clip with 20 hits during his nine-game hitting streak, during which he's improved his season average from .251 to .291.

Among other PTOW returnees, **Tyler O'Neill** is back for the first time since the season's opening week after clubbing four home runs in five games in the Pacific Coast League, and Brandon Lowe is making his second straight PTOW appearance after another loud showing with Triple-A Durham.

The Padres are well represented on the latest PTOW with pitchers **Logan Allen** and **Chris Paddack**, both Top 100 overall prospects. It's the second time this season that two pitchers from the same organization garnered PTOW honors after Cardinals hurlers Ryan Helsley and **Austin Gomber** back in April.

Here's the complete Prospect Team of the Week for games of June 25 through July 1.

### LHP: Logan Allen, San Antonio Missions (Double-A)

(Padres' No. 9 prospect/No. 100 overall)

1-0, 1.29 ERA, 1 GS, 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 10 K, 0.71 WHIP

Allen is making his second PTOW appearance in five weeks after the 21-year-old southpaw completed seven innings for the third time in four starts while striking out 10. He owns a stellar 0.36 ERA with 26 strikeouts and a .350 OPS against over 25 innings in those four outings, during which he's improved his overall ERA from 3.65 to 2.66, the second best mark among qualified pitcher in the Texas League. He also leads the circuit in WHIP (1.10) and strikeouts (95).

### RHP: Chris Paddack, Lake Elsinore Storm (Class A Advanced)

(Padres' No. 8 prospect/No. 98 overall)

1-0, 3.60 ERA, 2 GS, 10 IP, 11 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 14 K, 1.20 WHIP

Paddack, 22, kicked off his week with a dominant four-inning outing in which he allowed just one hit while recording nine of his 12 outs via the strikeout. The right-hander didn't fare as well on Sunday, when he allowed four earned runs in six innings, though the performance still netted the right-hander his fourth win in 10 starts for Lake Elsinore. Fully healthy after Tommy John surgery wiped out his 2017 campaign, Paddack as returned to post a 2.24 ERA with a 0.90 WHIP and 83-to-4 strikeout-to-walk ratio in 52 1/3 innings in the hitter-friendly California League.



# Padres first-rounder Ryan Weathers is his father's son

By Dennis Lin Jul 3, 2018

In the days after he heard his name announced by MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred, after he was fêted by family members and friends, after a lifelong dream materialized on a television screen outside his home in Loretto, Tenn., Ryan Weathers received an education.

Four weeks cannot compare with three years at Vanderbilt University, an opportunity Weathers passed on to accept a \$5,226,500 signing bonus from the Padres. But for the expectant fans of a franchise forever gesturing toward the future, one month felt like an eternity. Why did it take Weathers, the seventh overall selection in June's MLB draft, so long to travel down the path that had been laid before him?

On Monday, after a press conference at Petco Park, the left-hander's father offered a glimpse of what had transpired since June 4. David Weathers had listened intently as his 18-year-old son fielded questions from the assembled media. He came away impressed.

"The business side of this is the tough side," said David, who pitched for nine teams across 19 major-league seasons. "He knew the baseball side; now you have to understand how all of this plays out, how it works, the intricate parts of a negotiation and stuff like that. There were a lot of things in the balance here to try to teach your son. We all know it's a great game to play, but it's also a big business. So he learned all those things. But it's just refreshing. He was very patient, and he handled it really well."

Later Monday, Ryan was aboard a flight headed to Phoenix. The Arizona Rookie League will serve as his first stop as he embarks on his professional career. The Padres will not discount the possibility that he could advance to the Midwest League before the end of the summer.

Weathers has immersed himself in baseball environments for most of his life. Those familiar with his progression believe he could find his way back to Petco within three years.

"He's very advanced for his age," Padres general manager A.J. Preller said. "He's a guy we feel like has a chance to move through the system fairly quickly. We're going to challenge him; we're going to push him. But I think he's going to push a lot of players in our system as well."

Weathers' competition now includes a slew of similarly gifted pitchers, including fellow left-hander and Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year honoree MacKenzie Gore, the third pick in the 2017 draft.

Like Gore, Weathers toyed with amateur-level hitters. As a senior at Loretto (Tenn.) High, he threw 76 innings, yielded only one earned run and struck out 148. In a state championship game five weeks ago, he all but sealed the Padres' decision to draft him, maintaining his velocity throughout nine shutout innings.

Unlike most other prospects, Weathers can lean on the experience of six seasons in close quarters with major-leaguers. He began accompanying his father to work in 2004, when David pitched for the Mets at Shea Stadium. The elder Weathers subsequently became a fixture in the Reds' bullpen before retiring after 2009.

"It was every day," David said. "If we had 81 home games, 75 of them I brought him to the ballpark. His mother (Kelli) has her teaching certificate. We homeschooled him until the season was over, so he got to go as much as he wanted."

Ryan spent afternoons at Great American Ball Park launching non-regulation home runs from the outfield as David patiently tossed him baseballs. But he also took in batting-cage clinics put on by Joey Votto and Brandon Phillips, sat next to Reds coaches during games and witnessed the countless hours the sport requires of its top players. His father's job afforded him an unfiltered view.

"Nothing's given in this game," Ryan said. "There's a lot of ups and downs, there's a lot of adversity that comes with this game, and he showed me how to get through that."

Years later, his maturity is evident.

Last fall, he and his father sat on a couch watching Dodgers lefty Alex Wood work through Game 4 of the World Series. During the bottom of the sixth, David voiced his belief that Wood should throw a 3-1 slider to Astros outfielder George Springer. Ryan countered that Springer was looking for a slider; a fastball would be preferable. One pitch later, Springer ended Wood's no-hit bid by crushing a slider over the left-field wall.

"Dad just walked to his room. He didn't talk to me for, like, the rest of the night because he was mad at me," Ryan recalled, laughing. "It was a lot of fun."

"It took me until I was 27 to have the mental makeup that he has," said David, who now smiles at the memory. "I've always preached to him, 'You've got to absolutely let your mind for the game and your confidence and your convictions be above your talent.' Those will be the separators. And he's sold out to that."

Not long after Monday's gathering at Petco, David and his wife, Kelli, were scheduled to return to Tennessee. The oldest of their two daughters, Karly, will play in an AAU basketball tournament this week. Her brother, meanwhile, was headed to Arizona.

"I'm just proud of him," David said. "This is his day. He's his own man. To me, the biggest part of this day is I know the work starts today."

## Fortunes have flipped since last Padres-A's matchup

STATS Jul 3, 2018 at 12:02p ET

OAKLAND, Calif. — Two teams that began heading in opposite directions at just about the time they saw each other last month hook up again when the [San Diego Padres](#) and [Oakland Athletics](#) open a two-game interleague series Tuesday night.

The Padres were within arm's length of .500 at 34-40, having won nine of 15, when the A's ventured into San Diego and used a ninth-inning, two-out, two-strike, game-tying home run from [Stephen Piscotty](#) off relief ace [Brad Hand](#) to trigger a two-game sweep, winning 4-2 and 12-4.

The Padres now head north well out of contention in the National League West, having lost 11 of 14.

The A's, meanwhile, have won 12 of 15 to surge well above .500 at 46-39 and into contention in the American League wild-card race.

Oakland has made much of its recent run without standout third baseman [Matt Chapman](#), who has taken time off to allow pain in his right hand to subside.

Two cortisone shots later, Chapman had a pain-free hitting session Sunday and was sent to Class A for an injury-rehab game Monday.

It's possible he could be reinstated from the disabled list during this series.

"He hit a few off the back wall in center field, so that tells me enough," A's manager Bob Melvin observed Sunday. "Getting him back in the lineup will be a nice little kick for us."

The A's need no such boost in their pitching. They have allowed two or fewer runs in four of their last five games.

Right-hander [Chris Bassitt](#) (1-3, 2.82 ERA) will look to extend that impressive run while at the same time taste his first career success in interleague play.

The 29-year-old began the A's recent pitching showcase with six innings of two-hit, scoreless ball in a 3-0 win at Detroit last Wednesday.

He has never faced the Padres in his career, and has lost both interleague starts despite a 2.45 ERA.

One intriguing potential matchup in the series is A's closer [Blake Treinen](#) against Padres slugger [Eric Hosmer](#), a pairing that carried a bit of history into a game-ending showdown in the A's earlier 4-2 win in San Diego.

Then a member of the [Kansas City Royals](#), Hosmer bombed a two-run, go-ahead homer off Treinen in the eighth inning of their first career head-to-head last August.

Treinen then extracted a measure of revenge in the June 19 rematch in San Diego, closing out the 10-inning game by striking out Hosmer as he represented the potential tying run.

Bassitt will be opposed by left-hander [Clayton Richard](#) (7-7, 4.29), who had a four-game winning streak stopped in a 5-2 loss at Texas last Wednesday.

He retains a good interleague record (9-5, 3.50) despite not having beaten an American League opponent since 2015.

You have to go back three years before that to find his last appearance against the A's in Oakland, but it was a memorable one. He shut out a playoff-bound A's team for 7 2/3 innings in 2012, allowing five hits in a 2-1 win.

He has faced the A's three times in his career, twice as a starter, and gone 1-1 with a 3.21 ERA.

One A's hitter that Richard will have to deal with is the aforementioned Piscotty, who played last season for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Piscotty has dominated the head-to-heads, going 3-for-4 with a home run and a flyout to deep center field in the only non-hit of the matchup.

A's catcher [Jonathan Lucroy](#), another former National Leaguer, also has a successful history against Richard, going 7-for-18 (.389) with two doubles and a homer.