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Padres offseason primer: To-do list full as hot stove approaches

Jeff Sanders

The best team in 2018 (Boston) won 108 games in the regular season and another 11 in the postseason over the Yankees, Astros and Dodgers to win a championship, a reminder of just how far the Padres must come to turn around their fortunes.

There are no shortcuts to the top of this sport. (They've been searching for 50 years for one). There's not enough luck in the world to overcome talent deficiencies. There is simply a lot of work to do and that work can finally begin after Boston's World Series win over the Dodgers put the finishing touches on the 2018 campaign.

With the offseason officially upon us, here's a look at the Padres' business at hand:

A MATTER OF RECORD

- **2018 finish:** 66-96, 5th in [NL West](#)
- **At home:** 31-50
- **On the road:** 35-46
- **2019 draft position:** 6th overall

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Roster management:** This process hit a new gear when the Padres jettisoned the likes of **Tyson Ross** and **Jordan Lyles** to get long looks at **Jacob Nix** and **Brett Kennedy**. **Chris Paddack** and **Austin Allen** lead a long list of Rule 5 eligible players who have to be added to the 40-man roster this winter and a number of other prospects coming of age in the next season or two will begin to force the Padres to consider which minor leaguers belong in their long-term plans and which could help them net important pieces on the trade market.
- **Still searching:** **Matt Stairs** is the latest scapegoat for an offense that ranked last in on-base percentage for a fifth straight year, marking the ninth time in 12 years that the Padres will be in the market for a hitting coach (infield coach **Josh Johnson** was also fired). Meantime, the Padres will again be in the market for a shortstop, albeit this time for a stop-gap as **Fernando Tatis Jr.** might be a few months away from taking over the position for the foreseeable future.
- **About that rotation:** In recent years, the Padres have turned to the likes of **Jered Weaver**, **Edwin Jackson**, **Trevor Cahill** and **Clayton Richard** to simply get through a season. With starting pitching now a strength of a deep farm system, the

Padres could use their numbers to improve a rotation that ranked last in the NL in ERA (5.09).

FREE AGENTS

- **SS Freddy Galvis:** The veteran, who turns 29 on Nov. 14, earned \$6.83 million in his final year of team control after posting a .659 OPS in five years with the Phillies and a .680 OPS in his lone season in San Diego. Among qualifying shortstops, Galvis' 1.2 WAR ranked 19th in the majors, according to fangraphs.com, but was the best mark for a Padres' shortstop since 2013 (**Everth Cabrera 2.9**).
- **C A.J. Ellis:** The 37-year-old veteran earned \$1.25 million in his lone season in San Diego, where he posted the second-best batting average (.272) of his career. Ellis started just twice in September as the Padres gave the lion's share of the playing time to **Austin Hedges** and rookie **Francisco Mejia**.

SALARY-ARBITRATION ELIGIBLE

- **Third year:** None
- **Second year (3):** 2B Cory Spangenberg (\$1.7M in 2018), RHP Kirby Yates (\$1.06M), LHP Robbie Erlin (\$650K)
- **First year (4):** C Austin Hedges (\$553K), RHP Bryan Mitchell (\$553K), OF Alex Dickerson (\$552K), OF Travis Jankowski (\$550K)

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

- **Already committed to ... 2019 payroll (\$58.4M):** The second year of **Eric Hosmer's** deal will pay him \$20 million, while the commitments to **Wil Myers**, including his final signing bonus installment, add up to \$11.5 million. LHP Clayton Richard (\$3M), RHP Craig Stammen (\$2.25M) and RHP Kazuhisa Makita (\$1.9M) are all in the final year of their deals. Money owed to players not on the Padres roster — **Hector Olivera** (\$7.5M), **Phil Hughes** (\$7.25M) and **Jedd Gyorko** (\$5M) — adds up to \$19.75 million.
- **... 2020 (\$48.5M):** Myers' salary schedule matures to \$20 million a year for the first time, matching Hosmer's payday. Olivera, who is out of baseball, will also get his final \$8.5 million.
- **... 2021 (\$40M):** Both Hosmer and Myers earn \$20 million each.
- **... 2022 (\$40M):** Both Hosmer and Myers earn \$20 million each.
- **... 2023 (\$14M):** Myers is guaranteed \$1 million if the Padres turn down a \$20 million club option. Hosmer's payday drops to \$13 million if he doesn't opt out after the fifth year of his deal. Hosmer would also make \$13 million in 2024 and 2025.

KEY RULE-5 ELIGIBLE PROSPECTS

- **Triple-A:** 3B Ty France, LHP Travis Radke, LHP Jerry Keel
- **Double-A:** RHP Chris Paddack, C Austin Allen, OF Michael Gettys, INF Kyle Overstreet, RHP Trevor Megill

- **Single-A:** OF Edward Olivares, RHP Pedro Avila, RHP Hansel Rodriguez, 1B Brad Zunica
- **Injured:** RHP Anderson Espinoza

KEY DATES

- **First day after the World Series:** Players with expiring contracts become free agents
- **Five days after the end of the World Series:** Deadline to make qualifying offers to pending free agents
- **Ten days after the end of the World Series:** Deadline to accept qualifying offers
- **Nov. 6-8:** G.M. Meetings in Carlsbad
- **Nov. 20:** Deadline to add eligible players to the 40-man roster
- **Nov. 30:** Non-tender deadline
- **Dec. 9-13:** Winter Meetings in Las Vegas
- **Dec. 13:** Rule 5 draft
- **Jan. 11:** Deadline to exchange arbitration figures
- **Feb. 13:** Pitchers and catchers report for [spring training](#)

Yates to represent MLB in Japan All-Star Series

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TOKYO -- Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) jointly announced today the expected MLB roster for the 2018 Japan All-Star Series with Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB). The roster, which is subject to change, accompanies this press release. The All-Star Series will feature seven games (including one exhibition) across Japan from November 8th-15th.

MLB's squad includes four 2018 All-Stars, with Seattle Mariners outfielder **Mitch Haniger** and Miami Marlins catcher **J.T. Realmuto** joining the previously announced **Yadier Molina** of the St. Louis Cardinals and **Eugenio Suarez** of the Cincinnati Reds. The two leading contenders for 2018 National League Rookie of the Year will patrol the outfield for MLB, as **Juan Soto** of the Washington Nationals will join the previously announced **Ronald Acuna Jr.** of the Atlanta Braves.

Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander and Japanese native **Kenta Maeda**, coming off of his appearance in the 2018 World Series, will represent MLB's team. Maeda is a former member of NPB's Hiroshima Toyo Carp and played for Team Japan in the 2013 World Baseball Classic. Relievers **Collin McHugh** of the Houston Astros and **Kirby Yates** of the San Diego Padres are among the other pitchers on the roster, which also includes two members of the 2018 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox, **Brian Johnson** and **Hector Velazquez**.

Other previously announced participants include Philadelphia Phillies teammates **Rhys Hoskins** and **Carlos Santana**; Kansas City Royals second baseman **Whit Merrifield**, who was MLB's leader in stolen bases (45) in 2018; and Dodgers infielder/outfielder **Chris Taylor**, who shared Most Valuable Player honors in the 2017 National League Championship Series. Milwaukee Brewers All-Star **Christian Yelich**, who was previously announced on September 10th, has withdrawn following his Club's extended Postseason run.

The coaching staff under MLB manager Don Mattingly will include Edgar Martinez, the Mariners great and their current hitting coach, and 2009 World Series MVP Hideki Matsui, a legend of the Yomiuri Giants and the New York Yankees; Marlins third base coach Fredi Gonzalez, the former manager of the Marlins and the Braves; and three World Series Championship-winning coaches: bench coach Hensley Meulens of the San Francisco Giants, pitching coach Brent Strom of the Astros and bullpen coach Henry Blanco of the Nationals. Mattingly has managed the Marlins since 2016. From 2011-2015, Mattingly helmed the Dodgers, who earned three consecutive National League West titles in the final three years of his tenure with the Club. In his 14-year playing career with the Yankees, "Donnie Baseball" was a six-time All-Star first baseman, the 1985 American League Most Valuable Player, a nine-time Gold Glove and the captain of the team.

November's All-Star Series will resume a longtime baseball tradition that dates back to 1908, marking the 37th time overall that Major Leaguers have toured Japan for exhibition games. The All-Star Series will be played in Tokyo (Tokyo Dome), Hiroshima (Mazda Zoom Zoom Stadium) and Nagoya (Nagoya Dome). The events will begin with an exhibition game against the Yomiuri Giants in Tokyo on November 8th, followed by three games in Tokyo from November 9th-11th,

one game in Hiroshima on November 13th and two games in Nagoya on November 14th-15th. MLB Network will provide extensive coverage of the 2018 All-Star Series, including live telecasts of the games from November 9th-15th.

PITCHERS

- **Matt Andriese**, D-backs
- **Scott Barlow**, Royals
- **John Brebbia**, Cardinals
- **Junior Guerra**, Brewers
- Brian Johnson, Red Sox
- Kenta Maeda, Dodgers
- **Chris Martin**, Rangers
- Collin McHugh, Astros
- **Daniel Norris**, Tigers
- **Vidal Nuno**, Rays
- **Dan Otero**, Indians
- **Yusmeiro Petit**, A's
- **Erasmus Ramirez**, Mariners
- Hector Velazquez, Red Sox
- Kirby Yates, Padres

CATCHERS

- **Robinson Chirinos**, Rangers
- Yadier Molina, Cardinals
- J.T. Realmuto, Marlins

INFIELDERS

- Whit Merrifield, Royals
- **Amed Rosario**, Mets
- Carlos Santana, Phillies
- Eugenio Suarez, Reds
- Chris Taylor, Dodgers

OUTFIELDERS

- Ronald Acuna Jr., Braves
- Mitch Haniger, Mariners
- **Enrique Hernandez**, Dodgers
- Rhys Hoskins, Phillies
- **Kevin Pillar**, Blue Jays
- Juan Soto, Nationals

Allen doubles, walks, scores run in AFL

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Here's a team-by-team breakdown of how prospects fared in [Arizona Fall League](#) action on Saturday:

• Gameday: [Glendale 9, Mesa 8](#) | [Salt River 9, Peoria 2](#) | [Surprise 3, Scottsdale 1](#)

AL East

Blue Jays (Surprise)

[Blue Jays top prospect](#) Vladimir Guerrero Jr. ([No. 1 overall](#)) roped a line-drive single off No. 8 overall prospect Forrest Whitley in his first trip to the plate before finishing 1-for-3 with a sacrifice fly. The 19-year-old phenom is hitting .458 with 22 hits and 13 RBIs in 12 games this fall.

Orioles (Glendale)

The [Orioles' No. 12 prospect](#), center fielder Ryan McKenna, was 1-for-2 with a pair of runs and a walk as the Desert Dogs came away with a narrow 7-6 victory against Mesa. Catcher Martin Cervenka also started and went 0-for-4 with a strikeout.

Rays (Peoria)

Shortstop [Lucius Fox, Tampa Bay's No. 9 prospect](#), went 2-for-5 with a pair of singles, a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. He's had a strong AFL season so far, hitting .340 with an .859 OPS. Right-hander Phoenix Sanders pitched an inning in relief, giving up three runs on four hits, walking one and striking out one.

Red Sox (Mesa)

An unranked second baseman, Esteban Quiroz, outshined a pair of highly touted Red Sox prospects by going 2-for-2 with a double, two RBIs and two walks. Third baseman Bobby Dalbec ([No. 6](#)) and first baseman Josh Ockimey (No. 10) went hitless. Dalbec went 0-for-5 with two strikeouts, while Ockimey batted 0-for-4 with a run scored, a walk and a strikeout.

Yankees (Glendale)

[Yankees No. 2 prospect](#) Estevan Florial was 2-for-3 with a double and a triple and drew a key two-out walk in the eighth inning that set up Glendale's winning rally. [Thairo Estrada](#) (No. 16) hit 2-for-4 with a run and a walk, and right-hander Hobie Harris yielded four runs (three earned) on four hits and a walk while striking out three batters in 1 1/3 innings of relief.

AL Central

Indians (Glendale)

Dalbert Siri notched his first save of the fall, tossing a scoreless ninth inning for Glendale. He allowed one hit and one walk and struck out a batter. Southpaw [Rob Kaminsky](#) earned the win with two scoreless innings of relief (one hit, one walk, two strikeouts), and [No. 6 prospect Yu](#)

Chang (1-for-4) contributed at the plate with an RBI single. Designated hitter Li-Jen Chu went 0-for-3 with a run and a strikeout.

Royals (Surprise)

Nick Heath was a catalyst out of the leadoff spot for the Saguaros as he scored two runs and hit a triple as part of a 4-for-4 performance that boosted his Fall League average to .417. **Royals No. 2 prospect** Khalil Lee went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Tigers (Mesa)

Left-hander **Gregory Soto (Tigers No. 14)** started and allowed three runs on six hits and two walks in 4 2/3 innings and struck out six batters. Reliever **Sandy Baez** (No. 26) took the loss after yielding the decisive home run in the eighth inning. Tigers No. 12 **Jake Rogers** went 1-for-4 with a run and a walk, and No. 8 **Daz Cameron** (0-for-3) scored a run, drew two walks and stole a base. Left fielder Daniel Woodrow went 1-for-5 with a run, walk and stolen base.

Twins (Salt River)

Infielder Travis Blankenhorn, **Minnesota's No. 18 prospect**, played second base and went 0-for-1 off the bench. He's batting .161 during the AFL season thus far.

AL West

Astros (Scottsdale)

Astros No. 2 prospect Forrest Whitley (No. 8 overall) was impressive but took the loss in his fourth Fall League start for Scottsdale. Working five innings, the 21-year-old right-hander allowed two earned runs on six hits while striking out four. Trent Thornton (Astros' No. 24) was tagged for two earned runs and four hits over two innings out of the bullpen. Outfielder Ronnie Dawson tripled off the wall in right-center field before finishing 2-for-4 at the plate.

Mariners (Peoria)

Seattle's No. 2 prospect, Evan White, served as the designated hitter and went 1-for-5 with a single. Right-hander David McKay surrendered two runs on three hits over two-thirds of an inning.

Rangers (Surprise)

Rangers No. 2 prospect Julio Pablo Martinez (No. 56 overall) showed off his wheels when he beat out a bunt single, his lone hit in four trips to the plate. Yanio Perez, meanwhile, was held hitless. On the mound, right-hander Demarcus Evans tallied a strikeout during a scoreless ninth inning to close out the game.

NL East

Braves (Peoria)

Center fielder Cristian Pache, **Atlanta's No. 6 prospect** (No. 68 overall), went 2-for-5 with a triple and a run scored. He's hitting an even .300 during AFL play. Left-hander **Thomas Burrows**, the Braves' No. 19 prospect, tossed a scoreless eighth inning with a walk and a strikeout, lowering his AFL ERA to 2.45. Right fielder Izzy Wilson turned in a 1-for-4 performance with a walk, double, RBI and two runs scored. Third baseman Ray-Patrick Diddy went 1-for-3 with a pair of walks and three runs scored.

Marlins (Salt River)

Outfielder [Monte Harrison](#), [Miami's No. 2 prospect](#), played right field and was 1-for-5 with a single. He's batting .325 during AFL play. Marlins No. 12 prospect Brian Miller played left field and went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Right-hander [Tommy Eveld](#) worked around three hits to turn in 1 1/3 scoreless relief innings.

Mets (Scottsdale)

[Mets top prospect](#) Andres Gimenez (No. 55 overall) and No. 2 Peter Alonso (No. 58) both finished 0-for-3 with a walk. Gimenez was also thrown out attempting to steal.

Nationals (Salt River)

Shortstop Carter Kieboom, [Washington's No. 2 prospect](#) and the No. 37 prospect overall, went 3-for-4 with three singles and a walk; he's hitting .265 with an .856 OPS during AFL play. Nationals No. 7 prospect Daniel Johnson played center field, going 1-for-4 with a single and three strikeouts. Catcher Tres Barrera (No. 15) went 1-for-3 with a single, RBI and run scored. And No. 23 prospect Luis Reyes was hit hard for six runs on six hits -- including two home runs - over 1 1/3 innings as Salt River's starter.

Phillies (Scottsdale)

Arquimedes Gamboa ([No. 11](#)) went 0-for-2 with a walk from the bottom of the order, while Austin Listi finished 0-for-3.

NL Central

Brewers (Peoria)

[Brewers top prospect](#) Keston Hiura (No. 30 overall) went 2-for-4 with a three-run homer and five RBIs on the day. The second baseman is hitting .340 with 1.074 OPS during AFL play. Milwaukee's No. 19 prospect, outfielder Trent Grisham, went 0-for-5 and is hitting just .094 in AFL play. First baseman Weston Wilson went 3-for-5 with a two-run homer and is hitting .333 during AFL play with a .915 OPS. Left-hander [Bubba Derby](#) started the game on the mound, tossing four scoreless innings while giving up three hits, walking one and striking out four.

Cardinals (Surprise)

Lefty Evan Kruczynski tossed five scoreless frames en route to the win in his fourth start for the Saguaros. He mixed three hits with two walks and struck out five. Overall, he owns a 1.72 ERA through 15 2/3 frames this fall. Tommy Edman struck out twice and went 0-for-4, while outfielder [Lane Thomas](#) picked up a single in four trips to the plate. [Conner Greene](#) (IP, H, BB, K) and Will Latcham (2 IP, H, BB, K) both turned in scoreless relief appearances.

Pirates (Surprise)

[Pirates No. 5 prospect](#) Cole Tucker is hitting .341 in the AFL after finishing 1-for-4 in Saturday's contest. He also impressed defensively, showing plus range to his right as well as a strong arm from shortstop .

Reds (Scottsdale)

[Reds No. 3 prospect](#) Taylor Trammell (No. 17 overall) went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts but made a highlight-reel-caliber catch against the wall down the left field line. Alfredo Rodriguez hit a double as part of a 1-for-3 showing. Wyatt Strahan tossed a scoreless inning out the bullpen.

NL West

D-backs (Salt River)

D-backs No. 3 prospect Jazz Chisholm played shortstop and hit out of the leadoff spot, going 1-for-3 with a single. He's hitting .412 during AFL play. No. 9 prospect Drew Ellis played first base, going 0-for-2 with a pair of walks, and right-hander Tyler Mark gave up a run over an inning of relief (no hits, one walk).

Giants (Scottsdale)

Giants No. 28 prospect C.J. Hinojosa collected a pair of hits, going 2-for-3 from the two-spot in the Scorpions' lineup.

Padres (Peoria)

Catcher Austin Allen, **San Diego's No. 25 prospect**, doubled, walked and scored a run in a 1-for-4 performance. Right-handers Blake Rogers and Dauris Valdez pitched a combined 2 1/3 innings, with Rogers allowing an inherited runner to score on an RBI double in the sixth before working around two hits in a scoreless seventh, and Valdez walking one and striking out the side in the ninth.

Rockies (Salt River)

Rockies No. 11 prospect Tyler Nevin was the designated hitter and went 2-for-5 with a triple and an RBI. He's been red-hot during AFL play, batting .467 with a 1.253 OPS. Right-hander Justin Lawrence (No. 17) pitched a scoreless ninth inning, picking up a strikeout and lowering his AFL ERA to 2.70. Right-hander **Jesus Tinoco** (No. 20) was charged with a run on one hit over 2 1/3 innings, walking one and striking out two. Third baseman Josh Fuentes was 1-for-4 with a double, walk and RBI. He's hitting .289 with an .814 OPS during AFL play. And left-hander Mitch Horacek pitched 1 1/3 innings, allowing two hits and striking out one.

San Diego's Mark Prior charts unexpected path to World Series

Bryce Miller

He is walking, talking perspective about the strange and wholly unpredictable road that is [Major League Baseball](#).

Yes, Mark Prior signed for a record \$10.5 million as the No. 2 overall pick in the 2001 amateur draft. Yes, he was barely old enough to drink and had played just nine minor-league games when he rocketed into the [Cubs'](#) clubhouse at 21.

And yes, he and teammate [Kerry Wood](#) were labeled “Chicago Heat” by Sports Illustrated when Prior became an All-Star by punching out 245 hitters in 211 1/3 innings in 2003.

Then, baseball happened.

The injuries — a jarring collision with Atlanta’s Marcus Giles, a broken elbow on a line drive from Colorado’s [Brad Hawpe](#), a sprained elbow, two shoulder surgeries and more — wadded up the spiffy Hollywood script and jammed it into a wood chipper. For the University of San Diego High School star, all those dreams of a [World Series](#) became dreams altered and long delayed.

But there was Prior, 38 and a dozen years out of big-league baseball, overseeing the [Dodgers](#) bullpen Friday as Game 3 of the World Series against Boston unfolded at [Dodger Stadium](#).

“The longer it takes to get to the World Series, the more you enjoy it and don’t take it for granted,” Prior said during a 20-minute interview outside the Dodgers’ clubhouse. “For the most part, there’s an appreciation of how hard it is and how everything has to go right to get to this point.

“Then it hits you — wow, you’re really going to the World Series.”

Prior offers lessons in both pain and patience. He reminds, then and now, that nothing is guaranteed when you mix elite athletes and finicky bodies — other than grinding gumption. Yet that’s the unique tool Prior provides the Dodgers after working as the [Padres'](#) minor-league pitching coordinator.

[Rich Hill](#), the Dodgers’ Game 4 starter, said relaying that kind of context is pure messaging gold.

“He can speak to the younger guys about, and have them understand, that the time that they have when they go out there might be fleeting, too, so you’ve got to make the most of it,” Hill said.

Hall of Fame pitcher Jack Morris, an analyst for MLB.com, said those chapters of Prior’s baseball life underscore how fragile big-league careers can be.

“He can reinforce to them to appreciate every day,” Morris said. “You don’t know how long it’s going to last. You don’t know what’s going to unfold. Make the best of every single day.”

Things happened almost too quickly for Prior, who used his imposing 6-foot-5 frame to deliver a mid-90s fastball and knee-wobbling breaking stuff. Just three seasons after being named an All-Star, however, he managed just nine outings with one win and a 7.21 ERA.

From there, Prior bounced around with four different [Triple-A](#) teams until he finally hung up the spikes in 2013. He acknowledged the bumpy road in a first-person piece for Sports Illustrated in 2016, writing: “When people hear my name, they still think about the hype and the potential. And, inevitably, the injuries.”

Missing out on the chance to experience the World Series as a player lingers, but hardly haunts.

“I think regret isn’t the right word,” Prior said. “Disappointing? Yeah. I would have loved to be out there as a pitcher. Every player dreams of that moment. But it’s one of those things where a lot of things have to go right. It just didn’t work out.”

Rather than run from a game that often felt cruel, Prior sprinted back toward it. The Padres, in his hometown of San Diego, offered a chance to reimagine his baseball life.

That’s what made breaking the news of his Dodgers move difficult. Padres General Manager A.J. Preller took a chance on Prior, allowing him to shape the franchise’s blossoming arms during a critical rebuild.

“Mainly, I thanked A.J. for the opportunity, taking somebody who didn’t have much experience and basically giving him the keys to the entire pitching department in the minor leagues,” Prior said. “It kind of exponentially sped up my learning curve in that role.

“It was a tough decision, but it was a chance to be part of this organization where they’re at in terms of their (championship-contending) window. It wasn’t a fun phone call to think about, all the things I was leaving behind.”

There’s little doubt Prior will continue to monitor the Padres, beyond the times the teams cross paths in the [National League West](#). He saw the sausage being made while the franchise changed direction, getting his hands dirty along the way.

The growth of Joey Lucchesi, Eric Lauer, Jacob Nix and Brett Kennedy, he said, is paving the way for another wave that includes MacKenzie Gore, Adrian Morejon, Luis Patino, Chris Paddack and Anderson Espinoza.

“Obviously, I want to beat them since I’m here, just like they’re working hard to beat us,” he said. “But if the fortunes should have it that they come out on top one of these years, I guess I’ve had a small part in helping them lay the foundation.

“I’ll be happy for them.”

For now, Prior is soaking up his sliver of the World Series experience. He visited Fenway Park for the first time, as the [Red Sox](#) built a 2-0 Series lead. He’s traded notes with Clayton Kershaw, one of the best in the game.

It might not be what he envisioned, but it’s finally real.

“Everything this month has been a blur,” he said.

That’s about as Mark Prior as it gets.

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Trammell: A Hall of Fame mess

Ask Hall of Fame pitcher Jack Morris about Alan Trammell, his uber-dependable teammate with the Detroit Tigers and he dead-pans.

“Never heard of him,” Morris said.

The quick smile betrayed the fib, of course. Trammell, the shortstop who grew up in Serra Mesa and graduated from Kearny High, converted far more of Morris’ ground balls into outs than anyone can count.

That’s why the Hall of Fame stars that allowed both of them to be enshrined in Cooperstown this year felt special beyond words.

“It’s almost surreal, because we both came into professional baseball in the same draft,” Morris said Friday, before Game 3 of the World Series at Dodger Stadium. “And 42 years later, we’re inducted into the Hall of Fame together.

“When you’re first introduced to a new teammate, you have no idea how it’s going to unfold. Tram and I grew in our friendship and our respect for each other as players. It’s so cool.”

Pressed for a Trammell story, Morris hardly hesitated.

“He’s got the best hands on the field, but you don’t want to sit anywhere close to him at the dinner table,” Morris said. “He’ll spill spaghetti on himself and you. All the time. He’d spill and spill and spill every time we had dinner.

“It was like, ‘How can you have the best hands in baseball and spill all the time?’ ”

Radke throws scoreless AFL appearance

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Here's a team-by-team breakdown of how all 30 teams' prospects fared in Arizona Fall League action on Friday:

• **Gameday: Mesa 8, Glendale 9 | Salt River 9, Peoria 2 | Surprise 3, Scottsdale 1**

AL East

Blue Jays (Surprise)

Vladimir Guerrero Jr., the **No. 1 overall prospect**, continues to rake. The 19-year-old went 2-for-4 with an RBI and is hitting .467 in the AFL. Cavan Biggio (Blue Jays No. 9) hit his first homer of the Fall as part of a 1-for-3 afternoon at the plate. **Santiago Espinal** (No. 22) drew a walk and went 1-for-4 at the plate.

Orioles (Glendale)

Steve Wilkerson went 1-for-5 and is 4-for-9 over his past two games. Tyler Erwin gave up two runs on four hits in 1 2/3 innings. Tyler Flaa threw well as he spun two scoreless innings in relief. Tanner Chleborad gave up two hits and walked two in two scoreless innings.

Rays (Peoria)

Rays No. 9 prospect Lucius Fox hit leadoff and went 1-for-5 with a strikeout in Peoria's 9-2 loss to Salt River. He's hitting .333 with a .855 OPS in the AFL. Left fielder Joe McCarthy (No. 17) went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a strikeout. Left-hander **Matt Krook** was saddled with the loss after giving up three earned runs, including a two-run homer to Dominic Miroglio in the second inning, while righty Brandon Lawson gave up a game-high four earned runs on four hits and a walk in 1 1/3 frames while the game was still close. Lefty Dalton pitched a perfect ninth inning with three strikeouts.

Red Sox (Mesa)

Esteban Quiroz drew three walks, but when he got a pitch to hit, he made it count. Quiroz went 1-for-1 with a double and three RBIs.

Yankees (Glendale)

Jordan Foley gave up five runs over two innings for the second time in as many starts. Matt Wivinis struck out two over two scoreless innings and lowered his ERA to 1.08.

AL Central

Indians (Glendale)

Indians No. 6 prospect Yu Chang went 2-for-6 with a double and two RBIs and has multiple hits in five of his past six games.

Royals (Surprise)

Royals No. 26 prospect Scott Blewett continues to throw well. The right-hander yielded just one hit and struck out six over five innings. Arnaldo Hernandez followed Blewett on the mound

and gave up one run in two innings. Grant Gavin issued one walk, but didn't give up a hit or a run in his inning of work. Walker Sheller then came on and picked up the save with a clean ninth. Nick Heath was 0-for-3 at the plate, but he did draw a walk and score a run. **Meibrys Vilorio** went 0-for-3.

Tigers (Mesa)

No Tigers prospects played on Friday

Twins (Salt River)

Twins No. 18 prospect Travis Blankenhorn went 0-for-3 with a strikeout and a walk, but scored two of Salt River's nine runs. Plate discipline and making better contact have been areas of improvement he's tried to hone in the AFL this year. Right-hander Hector Lujan tossed one inning and gave up an earned run to bring his AFL ERA to 9.64, while lefty **Devin Smeltzer** tossed a scoreless inning and allowed one hit and righty **Adam Bray** pitched the ninth and gave up a hit and a strikeout. Jaylin Davis went 0-for-5 with a golden sombrero, striking out four times.

White Sox (Glendale)

White Sox No. 4 prospect Luis Robert went 2-for-6 at the plate and is hitting .300 in the fall. He's also 4-for-13 since returning from injury.

AL West

A's (Mesa)

A's No. 18 prospect Eli White went 1-for-5 and is now hitting .303. Skye Bolt (No. 30) went 0-for-5 with a trio of strikeouts. **Jake Bray** tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings and has now held opponents scoreless in four of his five appearances. Calvin Coker was stuck with the loss after giving up one run in 1 2/3 innings.

Angels (Mesa)

Angels No. 12 prospect Jesus Castillo got the start for Mesa and gave up one run over four innings. Ryan Clark followed Castillo on the mound, but didn't fare well as he gave up four runs in 1 2/3 innings. David MacKinnon went 1-for-4 and drew a pair of walks. Daniel Procopio walked two, but also struck out two in a scoreless inning. Brett Hanewich struggled on the mound as he walked two, gave up a hit and was charged with three runs in one inning.

Astros (Scottsdale)

Ronnie Dawson showed off some speed with a triple, his lone hit on the afternoon (1-for-3 with an RBI). Erasmo Pinales walked one and struck out one while spinning a scoreless frame. Drew Ferguson went 0-for-4.

Mariners (Peoria)

Second baseman Chris Mariscal went 1-for-3 with two strikeouts and a run scored while batting second for Peoria in its 9-2 loss to Salt River. Mariscal is hitting .526 with a 1.255 OPS in the AFL this year. Also on Friday, right fielder Ian Miller went 1-for-4 and grounded into a double play and first baseman Evan White (**Mariners No. 2 prospect**) went 1-for-4 with a pair of strikeouts. On the mound, right-hander Matt Walker surrendered a pair of earned runs on a hit and two walks.

Rangers (Surprise)

Rangers No. 2 prospect Julio Pablo Martinez's lone hit was a double. Martinez finished 1-for-3 and is hitting an even .300. Charles Leblanc went 1-for-3 to keep up his strong Fall League campaign and now is hitting .355.

NL East

Braves (Peoria)

Braves No. 6 prospect Cristian Pache went 0-for-3 while batting cleanup with a strikeout and walk in Peoria's 9-2 loss to Salt River. Designated hitter Braxton Davidson (No. 24) went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts.

Marlins (Salt River)

It was a big afternoon for Marlins prospects in Salt River's 9-2 win over Peoria. **Bryson Brigman** went 3-for-5 batting leadoff with an RBI and sun scored, Brian Miller went 0-for-3 but scored and drew a walk and Kyle Keller tossed a scoreless inning with two strikeouts and a hit and walk allowed.

Mets (Scottsdale)

Mets No. 1 prospect Andres Gimenez continues to struggle offensively. He went 0-for-4 and is hitting just .125. Peter Alonso (No. 2) went 0-for-3 but is still hitting .302. **Stephen Nogosek** (No. 24) gave up two hits and issued two walks, but he kept Surprise off the board over 1 2/3 innings. Matt Blackham gave up one run on one hit in 2/3 of an inning. **Gerson Bautista** struck out two over 1 2/3 innings.

Nationals (Salt River)

Jake Noll went 1-for-5 with a double and drove in two of Salt River's nine runs in its win over Peoria.

Phillies (Scottsdale)

Phillies No. 11 prospect Arquimedes Gamboa was 0-for-3. Darick Hall entered the game as a pinch-hitter and went 0-for-1.

NL Central

Brewers (Peoria)

No Brewers prospects played on Friday

Cardinals (Surprise)

Andy Young went 1-for-4, but has five hits over his past two games and is hitting .371.

Cubs (Mesa)

Cubs No. 6 prospect Nico Hoerner boosted his AFL average to .373 with a big 4-for-5 day at the plate. The 2018 first-round Draft pick is in the middle of a five-game winning streak that includes four multihit efforts. D.J. Wilson (No. 16) had a tough day at the plate and finished 0-for-6. Trent Giambrone (No. 29) went 3-for-6 with a double and has hits in four of the five games he's played and is hitting .435. P.J. Higgins went 0-for-5. Jhonny Pereda picked up two hits, including a double, and finished 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

Pirates (Surprise)

Pirates No. 16 prospect Will Craig saw his average dip to .262 after going 0-for-4.

Reds (Scottsdale)

Reds No. 3 prospect Taylor Trammell went 0-for-2 at the plate, but also drew a walk and scored a run. Alfredo Rodriguez (No. 23) saw his average dip to .222 after his 0-for-3 performance. Matt Kolozsvary went 1-for-2 with a walk. Austin Orewiler got stuck with the loss after giving up two runs in four innings.

NL West

D-backs (Salt River)

D-backs No. 30 prospect Dominic Miroglio went yard in the second inning of Mesa's 9-2 win with a two-run homer off Rays prospect Matt Krook. No. 4 prospect Pavin Smith went 1-for-4 with a run scored, a strikeout and walk.

Dodgers (Glendale)

Nolan Long gave up one run on one hit in 1 1/3 innings.

Giants (Scottsdale)

Matt Winn went 0-for-2.

Padres (Peoria)

Third baseman Hudson Potts (**Padres No. 23 prospect**) went 0-for-4 with four strikeouts, and on the mound, left-hander Travis Radke was arguably Peoria's best pitcher, tossing 3 2/3 scoreless innings with four strikeouts and just three hits allowed.

Rockies (Salt River)

Rockies No. 10 prospect Ryan Castellani picked up the win for the Rafters after tossing five innings and allowing just four baserunners while striking out seven. It was a major improvement from some of the struggles he's shown during the AFL, where he's posted a 6.08 ERA this year. No. 9 prospect Sam Hilliard went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBIs and two strikeouts.