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Inbox: How do Paddack, Myers fit into '19 plans?

Beat reporter AJ Cassavell answers questions from Padres fans

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SAN DIEGO -- The first World Series off-day puts us roughly 7-10 days from the start of the free-agent frenzy. For the Padres, only catcher [A.J. Ellis](#) and shortstop [Freddy Galvis](#) are set to come off the books.

Still, the offseason should be a busy one. Here's a breakdown of some of your most pressing questions.

Does [Chris Paddack](#) have a shot at a rotation spot next year -- kind of like [Joey Lucchesi](#)'s route this year? Guy had a heck of a season.

-- Michael H.

Paddack absolutely has a shot at a rotation spot next year. The [organization's No. 5 prospect](#) will probably be in big league camp. A mid-season callup seems likely.

But he almost certainly won't take the Lucchesi route. Lucchesi was accelerated to the big leagues on the second day of the season when [Dinelson Lamet](#) went down with an elbow injury. He spent most of the rest of the year at the big league level.

Lucchesi was 24 years old and one of the most durable Minor League arms in the organization. Paddack is two years younger, and was sidelined by Tommy John for the entire 2017 season (and part of '16).

Paddack's numbers are straight from a video game. He struck out 120 and walked eight in 90 innings last season. Thing is, *he only pitched 90 innings*. That's the most he's thrown during any professional season. No matter where he pitches in 2019, Paddack is going to be severely limited innings-wise. And that doesn't lend itself to the Lucchesi path.

Is [Wil Myers](#) going to be the team's starting third baseman on Opening Day?

-- Brian S.

I wrote recently about [the four options the Padres have for Myers](#) next season. Two of those scenarios see Myers remaining at third base. But those scenarios are probably slightly less likely than the others.

The likeliest option is a trade -- whether it's Myers himself, or a fellow corner outfielder ([Hunter Renfroe](#) and [Franmil Reyes](#) are also candidates to be dealt.) That would give San Diego two righty-hitting sluggers for the corner outfield spots, with the lefty-hitting [Franchy Cordero](#) supplying the depth.

Earlier this month, the Padres decision makers met and began planning a course for Myers next season. It's unclear what they decided upon, position-wise. But this much is clear: Myers' best position is left field. And if he's in San Diego on March 28, I'd guess that's where he's playing.

What are they going to do to address the starting rotation issues?

-- Emily

By now, you've probably heard that the Padres need starting pitching. Publicly, the team has said that all five places in the rotation are open entering next season. Privately, I'd guess, Lucchesi and [Eric Lauer](#) have secured two of those spots.

That leaves three available. They've got options on hand already -- [Matt Strahm](#), [Robbie Erlin](#) and [Jacob Nix](#), to name a few. But the Padres are going to surprise people nationally with their activity on the trade front. If there's a controllable front-line starter available, general manager A.J. Preller is going to be interested, and he's got a deep farm system to work with.

That being said, there's not a ton of urgency to deal for a starter. The Padres' rebuilding will probably continue in 2019. If the deal isn't right, it's not going to happen. And if it doesn't happen, the Padres will look for value in free agency. Which brings us to ...

Over/under 1.5 starters signed by the Padres this offseason?

-- Derrick

I'll take the over. And the under.

Over on the number of starting pitchers they sign; they're going to bring a couple of experiments on board. And who knows, maybe one of them makes the club like [Tyson Ross](#) did last season.

Under on the number of pitchers they sign who actually crack the Opening Day starting rotation. I'd guess they sign one rotation lock in free agency.

When is [Anderson Espinoza](#) going to pitch against live hitting?

-- Tommy

Next spring.

The Padres' No. 12 prospect spent the season recovering from Tommy John surgery. He's shut down for the year, meaning he'll go through his normal offseason training program. Then, he'll report to camp, where he'll be treated with caution as he builds toward facing hitters for the first time since the operation.

Galvis, Richard named Gold Glove finalists

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Rawlings announced the American and National League finalists for the 2018 Gold Glove Awards on Thursday, spelling out many of the game's premier defenders.

Plenty of mainstays are joined by exciting newcomers in this year's field for the Gold Glove, which is determined by a combination of votes submitted by Major League managers and coaches and a sabermetric index provided by Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). Eighteen Gold Gloves are given out each year (one for each position in each league), along with the Platinum Glove, which is given out to the game's best overall defender as voted by the fans.

Here's a look at this year's finalist at each position. Winners will be announced on Nov. 4.

Pitcher

National League: [Zack Greinke](#), D-backs; [Clayton Richard](#), Padres; [Julio Teheran](#), Braves

American League: [Dallas Keuchel](#), Astros; [Corey Kluber](#), Indians; [Masahiro Tanaka](#), Yankees

Greinke has won four straight Gold Gloves, and a fifth would tie him with Ron Guidry, Phil Niekro and Kenny Rogers for seventh all-time among pitchers. Keuchel, who induced more ground balls than any other pitcher, is seeking his fourth Gold Glove in five years.

Catcher

National League: [Yadier Molina](#), Cardinals; [Manny Pina](#), Brewers; [Buster Posey](#), Giants

American League: [Yan Gomes](#), Indians; [Martin Maldonado](#), Astros; [Salvador Perez](#), Royals
Molina is seeking a ninth Gold Glove, which would put him closer to Ivan Rodriguez's record 13 at the position, but he has not won the award since 2015. Posey took the honor home two years ago. The Astros acquired Maldonado, the reigning AL winner, in the middle of this season specifically for defense behind the plate.

First base

National League: [Freddie Freeman](#), Braves; [Anthony Rizzo](#), Cubs; [Joey Votto](#), Reds

American League: [Mitch Moreland](#), Red Sox; [Matt Olson](#), Athletics; [Justin Smoak](#), Blue Jays

The AL race is wide open now that four-time winner [Eric Hosmer](#) is in the Senior Circuit, though Moreland claimed this award in 2016. Rizzo and Votto each own one Gold Glove, while Freeman is seeking his first.

Second base

National League: [Javier Baez](#), Cubs; [DJ LeMahieu](#), Rockies; [Kolten Wong](#), Cardinals

American League: [Jed Lowrie](#), Athletics; [Ian Kinsler](#), Red Sox; [Rougned Odor](#), Rangers
Wong totaled 19 defensive runs saved (DRS) at second base, while LeMahieu was close behind with 18. Baez, a staple of defensive highlight reels, is seeking his first Gold Glove.

Shortstop

National League: [Nick Ahmed](#), D-backs; [Brandon Crawford](#), Giants; [Freddy Galvis](#), Padres

American League: [Francisco Lindor](#), Indians; [Marcus Semien](#), Athletics; [Andrelton](#)

Simmons, Angels

Crawford could become the first NL shortstop to win four straight Gold Gloves since Ozzie Smith, who won 13 straight from 1980-92. Ahmed's 21 DRS tied for the MLB lead among shortstops with Simmons, who could join Omar Vizquel as the second shortstop to win multiple Gold Gloves in each league.

Third base

National League: **Nolan Arenado**, Rockies; **Anthony Rendon**, Nationals; **Travis Shaw**, Brewers

American League: **Alex Bregman**, Astros; **Matt Chapman**, Athletics; **Jose Ramirez**, Indians
Chapman's 29 DRS were the most of any defender at any position (eight clear of Ahmed and Simmons) amid a breakout year for the A's young star. He'll face staunch competition from the stellar Bregman, while Arenado seeks a sixth straight NL Gold Glove -- which would tie Buddy Bell and Eric Chavez for the third longest streak by any third baseman.

Left field

National League: **Corey Dickerson**, Pirates; **Adam Duvall**, Braves; **Christian Yelich**, Brewers

American League: **Andrew Benintendi**, Red Sox; **Brett Gardner**, Yankees; **Alex Gordon**, Royals

Dickerson paced all qualified left fielders with eight **Outs Above Average** defensive metric that measures how many outs an outfielder saves over his average peer, while Yelich could pair his second Gold Glove with first NL MVP award, for which he is considered the favorite. Benintendi has dazzled with his defense in the postseason, while Gardner and Gordon are both former winners.

Center field

National League: **Lorenzo Cain**, Brewers; **Billy Hamilton**, Reds; **Ender Inciarte**, Braves

American League: **Jackie Bradley Jr.**, Red Sox; **Adam Engel**, White Sox; **Mike Trout**, Angels
Inciarte tied St. Louis' **Harrison Bader** for the **MLB lead** with 21 OAA, followed closely by Cain with 19. Engel, who **notably robbed three home runs in the span of a week** in August, led all AL outfielders with 17 OAA.

Right field

National League: **Jason Heyward**, Cubs; **Jon Jay**, D-backs; **Nick Markakis**, Braves

American League: **Mookie Betts**, Red Sox; **Kole Calhoun**, Angels; **Aaron Judge**, Yankees
Betts is widely considered to be MLB's best right fielder, and he led the position with 11 OAA in 2018. Heyward has claimed right field honors in each of the last four years, and in five of the last six overall.

Here's what Padres did in the AFL on Thursday

MLB.com

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

AL East

Blue Jays (Surprise)

Another day, another hitting show for Vladimir Guerrero Jr., [baseball's top prospect](#), who extended his fall hitting streak to 10 games and raised his average to .463 with a 2-for-4 performance, including a double, walk and run. Reliever Jackson McClelland threw 1 1/3 scoreless innings and struck out three, but starter [Shawn Morimando](#) was tagged for six runs and didn't make it out of the first inning.

Orioles (Glendale)

All three Orioles prospects that played in Glendale's rout of Surprise had at least three hits. Center fielder Ryan McKenna, [Baltimore's No. 12 prospect](#), reached base a team-high six times from the leadoff spot, scoring three runs, doubling twice and collecting a pair of walks in a 4-for-5 game. Third baseman [Steve Wilkerson](#) was 3-for-4 with a team-leading five RBIs and two runs, while designated hitter Martin Cervenka had four hits and three RBIs and scored one of his two runs stealing home in the first inning.

Rays (Peoria)

[Rays No. 17 prospect](#) Joe McCarthy was 0-for-3 with a pair of strikeouts as Peoria's designated hitter. He was lifted for a pinch-runner in the eighth inning after being hit by a pitch.

Red Sox (Mesa)

Third baseman Bobby Dalbec, [Boston's No. 6 prospect](#), doubled for the second straight game and was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run. Three Red Sox relievers pitched in relief for Mesa on Thursday, with No. 9 prospect Mike Shawaryn allowing his first run of the fall in 1 1/3 innings as the first man out of the bullpen. [Josh Taylor](#) followed with two runs allowed in 1 2/3 innings, causing Peoria to tie the game before No. 7 prospect Darwinzon Hernandez took the loss by yielding the go-ahead run in the eighth.

Yankees (Glendale)

[Yankees No. 2 prospect](#) Estevan Florial and No. 16 prospect [Thairo Estrada](#) brought home seven of Glendale's 21 runs on Thursday, with Florial, who entered the game late as a pinch-hitter in the fifth, driving in all four of his runs in an 11-run ninth inning with a pair of two-run knocks. Estrada extended his hitting streak to four games with a 3-for-5 game, including three runs and three RBIs. Reliever Kyle Zurak allowed one hit and struck out one in two scoreless innings.

AL Central

Indians (Glendale)

Right fielder Connor Marabell was 1-for-2 with a run before he was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the fifth. Neither Indians prospect that pitched Thursday was effective -- Jared Robinson walked two and allowed a hit while recording only one out, and Dalbert Siri was tagged for four runs on six hits in two-thirds of an inning.

Royals (Surprise)

Royals No. 2 prospect Khalil Lee hit a two-run single in a 1-for-5 game, and center fielder Nick Heath was also 1-for-5 while doubling in his second straight contest.

Tigers (Mesa)

Tigers No. 8 prospect Daz Cameron tallied his second three-hit game of the fall, going 3-for-4 with a walk and a run. Though he was picked off and caught stealing in the first inning, he was also part of a spectacular catch in the outfield to end the second. First baseman Daniel Pinero hit an RBI infield single, and No. 12 prospect **Jake Rogers** walked and scored. Left fielder Daniel Woodrow was 0-for-4 with a strikeout.

Twins (Salt River)

Minnesota's No. 18 prospect, Travis Blankenhorn, played left field and went 0-for-4 with a pair of strikeouts. Right-hander Griffin Jax started and went four innings, giving up a run on three hits while walking one and fanning three.

White Sox (Glendale)

Second baseman Laz Rivera, the **No. 28 prospect in the White Sox system**, was one of three Glendale hitters with four hits in the Desert Dogs' 21-run outburst on Thursday. He scored three runs and hit an RBI single. Glendale starter Tanner Banks allowed three runs in 4 2/3 innings but still earned his second win of the fall, while Zach Thompson earned his first save by finishing the game with 1 1/3 hitless frames.

AL West

A's (Mesa)

Right fielder Luis Barrera was 0-for-4 with an RBI groundout but made an impact in the field, recording an outfield assist at second base in the eighth inning.

Angels (Mesa)

Angels No. 4 prospect Jahmai Jones had his fourth multi-hit game in the last five contests with a 2-for-4 game, including a double and an RBI single. Roberto Baldoquin was 0-for-4 with a pair of strikeouts.

Astros (Scottsdale)

Astros No. 21 prospect Abraham Toro went 1-for-4 with an RBI double, and is hitting .353 with a .979 OPS in AFL play. Center fielder Ronnie Dawson was 1-for-3 with an RBI triple and a walk, hitting .324 with a .993 OPS.

Mariners (Peoria)

Ian Miller, the **Mariners' No. 20 prospect**, scored the go-ahead run after entering the game as a pinch-runner in the eighth inning. Peoria starter and No. 27 prospect **Anthony Misiewicz** was

solid in four innings, allowing a run while striking out four, walking two and picking off a runner. Wyatt Mills, Seattle's No. 9 prospect, allowed a run as he pitched the seventh inning in relief.

Rangers (Surprise)

Joe Barlow pitched a hitless sixth inning and Charles LeBlanc was 1-for-4 with a run, but [Rangers No. 15 prospect C.D. Pelham](#) and Joseph Kuzia were hit hard in the ninth inning, combining to allow 11 runs on nine hits and four walks.

NL East

Braves (Peoria)

First baseman Braxton Davidson was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI singles, the second of which drove in the game's winning run in the eighth inning. Shortstop Ray-Patrick Didder was 1-for-3, while [No. 6 prospect Cristian Pache](#) went 0-for-4 to snap a seven-game hitting streak.

Marlins (Salt River)

Center fielder [Monte Harrison, Miami's No. 2 prospect](#), was 0-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. He's hitting .343 with an .823 OPS. Marlins No. 27 prospect [Bryson Brigman](#) started at second base and was 0-for-4 with a strikeout, dropping his AFL average to .206.

Mets (Scottsdale)

The Mets' top two prospects were in action Thursday, with Andres Gimenez ([New York's No. 1 prospect](#), No. 55 overall) going 0-for-1 in a pinch-hit appearance, and Peter Alonso (New York's No. 2 prospect, No. 58 overall) turned in a 2-for-3 performance with an RBI double in the seventh. He's hitting .320 with a 1.037 OPS in AFL play.

Nationals (Salt River)

The Nationals had several players appear for Salt River against Scottsdale on Thursday, including three who are among their top 30 prospects. [No. 2 prospect](#) Carter Kieboom -- No. 37 overall -- went 1-for-3 with a double, walk and two runs scored. Right fielder Daniel Johnson, Washington's No. 7 prospect, took an 0-for-4 with a strikeout. No. 15 prospect Tres Barrera was 2-for-4 and drove in three runs.

Jake Noll was the designated hitter, and went 1-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Left-hander Ben Braymer tossed a scoreless inning in relief, striking out two. Fellow left-hander Jordan Mills surrendered four runs on two hits, walking two over one-third of an inning. And left-hander Taylor Guilbeau gave up a run on two hits over two-thirds of an inning.

Phillies (Scottsdale)

[Philadelphia's No. 11 prospect](#), shortstop Arquimedes Gamboa, went 1-for-3 with a single. First baseman Darick Hall went 0-for-4 with a pair of strikeouts. Right fielder Austin Listi was 0-for-2, but drew two walks and scored twice. Right-hander Tyler Viza started and gave up five runs (four earned) on six hits over 3 1/3 innings, walking one and striking out two. Right-hander [Seth McGarry](#) pitched the sixth and seventh innings, walking two and fanning two. Left-hander Jonathan Hennigan pitched a scoreless eighth, giving up a hit, walking one and striking out one.

NL Central

Brewers (Peoria)

Second baseman Keston Hiura, the [Brewers' top prospect](#), hit his third homer of the fall, a two-run shot, as part of a 2-for-4 day, raising his fall average to .326. No. 19 prospect Trent Grisham was 0-for-4, but a trio of Brewers prospects had solid relief outings for Peoria, with Miguel Sanchez allowing a run in two innings, Jon Olczak picking up his first win of the fall with a clean eighth and Daniel Brown tallying his first save with a hitless ninth.

Cardinals (Surprise)

Andy Young hit a solo homer -- his second of the fall -- and knocked a two-run double as part of a four-hit game, while catcher Jeremy Martinez collected his first AFL RBIs with a two-run single in the eighth. [Cardinals No. 30](#) prospect Connor Jones bounced back from his rough previous outing with two scoreless innings, striking out two and allowing two hits.

Cubs (Mesa)

[Cubs No. 6 prospect](#) Nico Hoerner is hitting .326 this fall after knocking two hits for the third time in his last four games. Mesa starter Erick Leal threw four scoreless innings, striking out three while scattering two hits, before his bullpen gave up four runs in the final four frames.

Pirates (Surprise)

Shortstop and [Pirates No. 5 prospect Cole Tucker](#) extended his hitting streak to four games with a pair of hits, including an RBI single, and designated hitter Will Craig added a pair of hits for the second straight game. No. 8 prospect [Bryan Reynolds](#) was 0-for-3 with a pair of walks. Matt Eckelman and Geoff Hartlieb were each charged with two runs in relief, though both of Eckelman's runs were unearned.

Reds (Scottsdale)

Left fielder Taylor Trammell, [Cincinnati's No. 3 prospect](#) (No. 17 overall) singled in four at-bats. Mark Kolozsvarly was the starting catcher and went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts. And right-hander Alex Powers pitched a clean ninth inning to pick up the save.

NL West

D-backs (Salt River)

Right-hander Kevin Ginkel tossed a perfect eighth inning, striking out the side. He has a 3.38 ERA during AFL play.

Dodgers (Glendale)

[Dodgers No. 2 prospect](#) Keibert Ruiz was 2-for-6 with a two-run single to cap Glendale's 11-run ninth inning. First baseman Jared Walker was the only Glendale starter without a hit, but he walked twice and scored a pair of runs. Cody Thomas drove in a run in the ninth inning on a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch and scored two runs in a 1-for-4 afternoon.

Giants (Scottsdale)

Right-hander Melvin Adon, [San Francisco's No. 19 prospect](#), tossed 1 2/3 scoreless frames, striking out two, lowering his AFL ERA to 1.13. No. 28 prospect C.J. Hinojosa had one plate appearance as a pinch-hitter, and made the most of hit, delivering a bases-clearing triple in the seventh inning.

Padres (Peoria)

Catcher Austin Allen, the [Padres' No. 25 prospect](#), was solid on both sides of the ball, going 2-for-4 with a run and throwing out speedy Cubs prospect Nico Hoerner trying to steal second base. No. 13 prospect Buddy Reed doubled and scored for the second time in three games, while No. 23 prospect Hudson Potts was 1-for-3 with a walk.

Rockies (Salt River)

[Rockies No. 11 prospect](#) Tyler Nevin played third base and went 1-for-2 with a double and two walks. Right-hander [Jesus Tinoco](#) pitched a scoreless sixth inning, yielding one hit. And Josh Fuentes, playing first base, turned in a 2-for-4 performance with a pair of singles and a run scored.

Galvis, Richard up for NL Gold Glove awards

Jeff Sanders

The Padres' best shortstop in at least five years just might have been the best defensive shortstop in the National League in 2018.

Days away from free agency, Freddy Galvis has been named a finalist for the NL's Gold Glove award alongside the Giants' Brandon Crawford and the Diamondbacks' Nick Ahmed. Padres left-hander Clayton Richard is also up for the award for National League pitchers against the D-backs' Zack Greinke and the Braves' Julio Teheran.

Galvis was also a finalist in 2017 and 2016 but has yet to earn the award.

His .986 fielding percentage this year led all qualifying NL shortstops, edging Ahmed (.985). Crawford — who has won three straight NL Gold Gloves — was seventh with a .975.

Meanwhile, Ahmed was tops in defensive runs saved (21) and third in ultimate zone rating (4.6). Galvis was tied for fifth in defensive runs saved (7) with Crawford and 10th in UZR (minus-4.4).

Galvis' lone season in San Diego was worth 1.2 Wins Above Replacement (WAR, according to fangraphs.com), the best mark for a Padres shortstop since Everth Cabrera's All-Star campaign in 2013.

Richard has also never won a Gold Glove, although his .932 fielding percentage ranks well below Greinke (1.000), who is seeking his fifth straight award.

Here's a list of every player up for this year's awards (previous Gold Gloves in parentheses).

NL

Pitcher

- Zack Greinke, Diamondbacks (4)
- **Clayton Richard, Padres (0)**
- Julio Teheran, Braves (0)

Catcher

- Yadier Molina, Cardinals (8)
- Manny Pina, Brewers (0)
- Buster Posey, Giants (1)

First Base

- Freddie Freeman, Braves (0)
- Anthony Rizzo, Cubs (1)
- Joey Votto, Reds (1)

Second Base

- Javier Baez, Cubs (0)
- DJ LeMahieu, Rockies (2)
- Kolten Wong, Cardinals (0)

Shortstop

- Nick Ahmed, Diamondbacks (0)
- Brandon Crawford, Giants (3)
- **Freddy Galvis, Padres (0)**

Third Base

- Nolan Arenado, Rockies (5)
- Anthony Rendon, Nationals (0)
- Travis Shaw, Brewers (0)

Left Field

- Corey Dickerson, Pirates (0)
- Adam Duvall, Reds (0)
- Christian Yelich, Brewers (1)

Center Field

- Lorenzo Cain, Brewers (0)
- Billy Hamilton, Reds (0)
- Ender Inciarte, Braves (2)

Right Field

- Jason Heyward, Cubs (5)
- Jon Jay, Diamondbacks (0)
- Nick Markakis, Braves (2)

AL

Pitcher

- Dallas Keuchel, Astros (3)
- Corey Kluber, Indians (0)
- Masahiro Tanaka, Yankees (0)

Catcher

- Yan Gomes, Indians (0)
- Martin Maldonado, Astros (1)
- Salvador Perez, Royals (4)

First Base

- Mitch Moreland, Red Sox (1)
- Matt Olson, Athletics (0)
- Justin Smoak, Blue Jays (0)

Second Base

- Ian Kinsler, Red Sox (1)
- Jed Lowrie, Athletics (0)
- Rougned Odor, Rangers (0)

Shortstop

- Francisco Lindor, Indians (1)
- Marcus Semien, Athletics (0)
- Andrelton Simmons, Angels (3)

Third Base

- Alex Bregman, Astros (0)
- Matt Chapman, Athletics (0)
- Jose Ramirez, Indians (0)

Left Field

- Andrew Benintendi, Red Sox (0)
- Brett Gardner, Yankees (1)
- Alex Gordon, Royals (5)

Center Field

- Jackie Bradley Jr., Red Sox (0)
- Adam Engel, White Sox (0)
- Mike Trout, Angels (0)

Right Field

- Mookie Betts, Red Sox (2)
- Kole Calhoun, Angels (0)
- Aaron Judge, Yankees (0)

Offseason leagues: Miguel Diaz starting well in AZL

Jeff Sanders

The free agent market is days away from opening for business. Whether or not the **Padres** unearth rotation options for the 2019 season via that avenue, **A.J. Preller**'s top-ranked farm system is poised to produce sooner rather than later.

Take, for example, **Miguel Diaz**.

The 23-year-old right-hander is off to a strong start in the Arizona Fall League, allowing three runs through his first 11 innings in the prospect-laden circuit.

His effort includes eight strikeouts, eight hits and three walks allowed in winning two of his three starts for Peoria. The latest saw Diaz allow a run on three hits and a walk while striking out four in Tuesday's 8-1 win over Glendale.

A Rule 5 pick out of the Brewers' system in 2017, Diaz went 5-5 with a 3.33 ERA, 81 strikeouts and a 1.34 WHIP in 78 1/3 innings split between Double-A San Antonio and Triple-A El Paso.

He will enter **spring training** with an opportunity to win a big league job, although it remains to be seen if it will be in the rotation or in a relief role.

ROUNDUP

Arizona Fall League

- 3B **Hudson Potts** (San Antonio) hit his second homer in Tuesday's win at Glendale. Potts is hitting .244/.326/.463 with nine RBIs, five walks and 12 strikeouts in 10 games.

- CF **Buddy Reed** (San Antonio) is 4-for-5 in steal attempts and is hitting .351/.400/.405 with one RBI and eight runs scored.
- C **Austin Allen** (El Paso) is hitting .259/.323/.333 with a pair of doubles and four RBIs.
- LHP **Travis Radke** (San Antonio) has a 5.06 ERA in 5 1/3 innings and
- RHP **Dauris Valdez** (San Antonio) has 3.60 ERA in five innings.

Venezuelan winter league

- OF **Edward Olivares** (Lake Elsinore) is 9-for-32 (.281/.361/.469) with two homers, six RBIs and three steals in eight games for Aragua. Acquired in the **Yangervis Solarte** deal, the Rule-5 eligible Olivares hit .277/.321/.429 with 12 homers and 21 steals this year in the California League.
- RHP **Pedro Avila** (Lake Elsinore) has fanned 10 and scattered five hits and a walk in 10 scoreless innings for Margarita.
- SS **Gabrial Aras** (Fort Wayne) is 8-for-30 with two steals, eight strikeouts and three walks in 10 games for La Guaira.

Dominican winter league

- RHP **Eric Yardley** (El Paso) has thrown 3 2/3 scoreless innings for Cibao, striking out three and scattering three hits and a walk.
- 3B **Diego Goris** (El Paso) is 3-for-14 with two RBIs through his first five games with Aguilas.
- 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (Fort Wayne) is 4-for-10 with two steals and three strikeouts in three games for Este.
- CF **Jeisson Rosario** (Fort Wayne) is 0-for-3 with a strikeout for Licey.

Mexican winter league

- RHP **Chris Huffman** (El Paso) has allowed seven runs on nine hits and four walks in 12 innings for Los Mochis.

- RHP **Gerardo Reyes** (San Antonio) has five strikeouts through 3 $\frac{2}{3}$ scoreless innings for Obregon.
- RHP **Adrian Martinez** (Fort Wayne) has allowed two runs in his first 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings for Mexicali, his hometown team.