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# Tough second inning sinks Lockett, Padres

By Matthew Martell

CHICAGO -- One poor inning defined [Walker Lockett](#)'s spot start on Saturday against the Cubs, as the five runs he surrendered in the second accounted for all the offense Chicago needed.

Lockett's final line wasn't great -- five runs allowed in five innings of work. But considering he was making just his second career Major League start, facing the National League's best offense and making a last-minute start after [Joey Lucchesi](#) came down with a stomach bug, the rookie right-hander more than held his own in the Padres' 5-4 loss at Wrigley Field.

"There's going to be a learning curve for a lot of these young guys pitching," manager Andy Green said. "To watch a guy, after the second inning -- when he gave up a five-spot in a tough place to pitch on a wind-blowing-out day -- settle in and give me three more innings and give us an opportunity to come back and win a baseball game, that's a positive."

The Padres fell behind early, when the Cubs plated five runs on six hits in the second inning off Lockett before San Diego even had a baserunner. The two big blows in that inning came when [Kyle Schwarber](#) clobbered a leadoff solo shot to right-center field and [Anthony Rizzo](#) launched a two-run homer to straightaway center, which traveled an estimated 444 feet, according to [Statcast™](#).

"It just got a little fast out there," Lockett said of the second inning. "I wasn't making competitive pitches."

Lockett's final three innings looked a whole lot different, though. He walked [Ian Happ](#) with one out in the third before striking out the next two batters. Rizzo roped a one-out double in the fourth, but was stranded. One more hit, a double by Schwarber, and an intentional walk were all the Cubs could muster off Lockett in the fifth.

"It felt like a real adjustment to me," Green said. "Instead of a fastball leaking back across the plate to the lefties, it was getting driven in much better -- which was setting up the offspeed [pitch] to play away better."

Then, the Padres started chipping away at the Cubs' lead. [Travis Jankowski](#) recorded their first hit on an infield single to lead off the fourth, then advanced to second when Chicago starter [Kyle Hendricks](#) fielded the ball and threw it into the seats. He scored on [Manuel Margot](#)'s ground-rule double.

A sac fly, followed by an [Austin Hedges](#) solo home run -- his eighth -- brought San Diego within two runs. Hedges drove in the team's fourth run on a sac fly in the sixth. With the Padres trailing, 5-4, [Matt Strahm](#) relieved Lockett in the home-half of the inning.

Green easily could have let Lockett's shaky second inning dictate his decision in the top of the fifth, when he didn't pinch-hit for him with a runner on first and one out. The Padres were trailing by two at the time and gaining momentum following their three-run fourth.

But for a team that entered play on Saturday 18.5 games out in the National League West, the manager felt it was more valuable to give his 24-year-old pitcher one more inning.

"Had there been guys in scoring position at that time, we would've taken that opportunity to hit for him," Green said. "But I just thought he had built some positive momentum and wanted to see him carry out that positive momentum."

"I like to think I showed some competitiveness," Lockett said. "I was able to keep us in the ballgame, get to the fifth and try to save the bullpen a little bit."

When asked about the difficulties of pitching at Wrigley Field with the wind blowing out against a first-place team, Lockett smiled and simply answered, "Yup. I don't have much to say to that."

### **MOMENTS THAT MATTERED**

The Cubs were in a prime position to pull away from the Padres in the bottom of the seventh against left-hander [Jose Castillo](#), when Chicago loaded the bases with nobody out. However, the 22-year-old southpaw buckled down. He got [Albert Almora Jr.](#) to pop out, struck out [Willson Contreras](#) and retired [Victor Caratini](#) to escape without allowing a run.

"[Castillo is] a guy that isn't afraid of anything," Green said. "That was a dicey situation he put himself into. To work out of it was impressive."

### **MITEL REPLAY OF THE DAY**

It took just 29 seconds for a replay review to overturn the call on the field in the bottom of the fifth. Originally called out trying to stretch a single to a double, Schwarber immediately pointed to the Cubs' dugout for a challenge. He clearly beat [Hunter Renfroe](#)'s throw, upon review, and was ruled safe.

### **UP NEXT**

Left-hander Joey Lucchesi (5-6, 3.74 ERA) will start Sunday in the series finale vs. the Cubs at Wrigley Field after being scratched on Saturday due to a stomach bug. He allowed a career high five runs in his last outing. His breaking ball wasn't working and he relied too much on his fastball. He'll face veteran lefty [Jon Lester](#), with first pitch set for 11:20 a.m. PT.

# Foot bruise lands Myers on disabled list

By Matthew Martell

CHICAGO -- The Padres placed left fielder [Wil Myers](#) on the 10-day disabled list on Saturday with a left foot contusion/bone bruise, retroactive to Friday.

Outfielder [Franmil Reyes](#) was recalled from Triple-A El Paso, and he was available for Saturday's game vs. the Cubs at Wrigley Field, a [5-4 loss](#).

"It's one of those fluke things you really can't do anything about," manager Andy Green said. "You never know with these types of things -- how long it takes to get ... guys to start weight bearing again, to feel good and ready to go. Hopefully, it's not long at all, but we'll wait and see."

Myers was removed from Thursday's game in the sixth inning after fouling a ball off his left foot during a fifth-inning at-bat. X-rays taken after the game were negative, and an MRI and CT scan he received on Friday did not show a fracture.

Luckily for Myers, the foul ball did not directly hit any of his toes -- which are more susceptible to fracturing than the top of his foot. He pointed to the spot on his left foot, just below the divide between his big and second toes, to indicate where the ball got him.

"It would've been bad if it would've caught one of those bones there," Myers said. "It got in the middle of that, so it's more of just the swelling and the bleeding inside. Just gotta get rid of that."

Green did not want to downplay the significance of the injury, despite there being no fracture in Myers' foot.

Myers is expected to need three to five days in a walking boot before he can start putting more weight on his foot again. From there, his return will depend on how quickly he can progress in regaining enough strength in his foot to resume baseball activities -- and, soon after, play at full speed.

"In three to five days, this thing should give," Myers said. "It's more muscular than anything. There's not as much bone or ligaments [there], so the muscle tends to heal quicker.

"[The medical staff] said between the three- and five-day mark is when I'll start to be able to really feel an improvement."

Green said he has "learned not to anticipate" when players will be back in the lineup because, at times, they take longer to recover than originally expected.

The best-case scenario, Green said, is Myers will be healthy enough to play when he is eligible to come off the DL. If Myers is out of action for just those 10 days, Green said his left fielder should still be fresh enough to not need a Minor League rehab assignment. Should he be sidelined for longer than that, a few Minor League games will probably be necessary.

In 38 Major League games this season before Saturday, Reyes was batting .221 with six homers in 111 plate appearances.

## **Lucchesi to start Sunday**

Originally scheduled to pitch on Saturday, left-hander [Joey Lucchesi](#) is now slated to start Sunday's series finale against the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

The Padres scratched Lucchesi from Saturday's start after he caught a stomach bug and was throwing up on Friday. With temperatures in the 90s and the heat index breaking 100 degrees, Green said Saturday's conditions weren't "the ideal conditions for him to throw" while sick.

"We were going to have to put a spot starter in there anyway on Sunday," Green said. "Walker Lockett was fresh enough to go [on Saturday], so it just made sense to push Joey back a day."

Green said Lucchesi was out running and going through his day-before-starting routine before Saturday's game. The Padres planned to send him back to the team hotel once he was finished to rest up and to make sure he doesn't get anyone else sick.

# Big inning enough for Cubs to beat Lockett, Padres

Kevin Acee

It was somewhat curious when Andy Green stayed with [Walker Lockett](#) in a game that was suddenly close Saturday afternoon at [Wrigley Field](#).

But then, curiosity is a big part of what the remainder of this season is about for the [Padres](#), especially when it comes to finding out which young pitchers merit being kept around through the winter.

“There is going to be a learning curve for a lot of these young guys pitching,” Green said later. “... You watch a guy after the second inning, he gives up a five-spot in a tough place to pitch on a wind-blowing-out day – to settle in and give me three more innings and give us a chance to come back and win the game, that’s a positive. You want to win the game. But for him, that’s a step forward. That’s what we’re looking for right now.”

Lockett, who was making his second big-league start just more than two months after making his debut, at least demonstrated some gumption in a 5-4 loss to the [Cubs](#).

After giving up rocket home runs by Kyle Schwarber and Anthony Rizzo and six hits in all during that five-run second inning, the 24-year-old Lockett reined in a leaky fastball and closed with three scoreless innings.

“I’d like to think I showed some competitiveness,” he said after striking out six. “I was able to keep us in the ballgame and get to the fifth and try to save the bullpen a little bit. I tried to hang in there and give the best I could.”

This is not where the Padres want to be, talking about consolation prizes. Green can imagine managing differently in a more relevant August contest. But the fact is 2018 has largely been about seeing how certain players perform.

To that end, what Lockett (0-2) did was an achievement in a season that no longer finds its significance in the final score of games but rather what happens within them.

So it really should not have been a surprise that after the Padres put up three runs in the third inning – on Manuel Margot’s RBI double, Hunter Renfroe’s sacrifice fly and Austin Hedges’ home run that rode the jet stream to the bleachers in left field – Lockett was sent out for two more innings.

“I just felt he had built some positive momentum and wanted to see him carry out that positive momentum,” Green said. “We definitely weren’t handing the game over by any stretch. But at the same time, we wanted to give him a chance to build on what he was doing.”

After Lockett made it through the fifth, the Padres got to within one run when Hedges’ sacrifice fly drove in [Eric Hosmer](#) and drove Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks (8-9) from the game with two outs in the sixth.

The Padres got scoreless innings from relievers Matt Strahm, Jose Castillo and Phil Maton. But the offense also went down in order in the final three innings.

It is not clear whether Lockett’s effort will lead to another chance.

Questions abound, as they figure to for the organization over the next two months and into the offseason.

Did Lockett (0-2) do enough to be the fill-in for the injured Eric Lauer on Friday at home against the Phillies?

“He’s definitely in consideration,” Green said. “I don’t think we’re going to be committed to anything at this point in time.”

What will determine who it is?

“Context of what we want to do as an organization, who we want to provide opportunity to,” Green said. “He’s definitely one of the guys that is going to be right at the top of the list for the conversation. Those last three innings bode well for his future opportunities, for sure.”

If the Padres decide to extend Lockett's audition, he would almost certainly need to have more than three good innings to earn another encore.

Lauer, who is expected to start throwing early in the week as he works back from a forearm strain, could miss just one more start. Robbie Erlin, who with his solid outing here Thursday earned another start, is expected to pitch Wednesday in Milwaukee. And Brett Kennedy's major league debut is likely just around the corner, as he is 10-0 with a 2.72 ERA in 16 Triple-A starts.

The Padres also might want to give a glimpse to 26-year-old Dillon Overton and at least one more shot to Luis Perdomo, who went on the disabled list July 28 with a shoulder strain. They could also call up Jacob Nix, depending on how he fares in Triple-A after being promoted on Friday and making his first start there Saturday. There remains the possibility, too, they jump Logan Allen from Double-A to the majors for a look, as the 21-year-old lefty has a 1.02 WHIP and 122 strikeouts in 117 innings.

"We've got guys we're talking about in the minor leagues and guys we're talking about here," Green said before the game. "Over the next two months, there is a strong likelihood you'll see a number of guys have an opportunity to start for us. We'll find out who takes advantage of it."



# Padres' Hunter Renfroe looks to finish strong, come back better

[Kevin Acee](#)

Hunter Renfroe is getting a chance to be an everyday player again as he tries to finish out a “growing year” strong.

It afford him, in his estimation, a chance to hit the ground running in the offseason and return next year with an edge as he tries yet again to prove he belongs on a [Padres](#) team that expects to be better in the future.

“Obviously we have a lot of pieces still here,” Renfroe said. “... We have all these other guys. I just have to keep healthy, keep growing as a player and go into spring next year and be better than them. They’ll have their chances, and I’ll have my chances. When I get my chance, I’ve got to go prove I can do it.”

[Wil Myers](#)’ return from the disabled list along with Manuel Margot’s excellence over the past two months and Travis Jankowski providing a spark at the top of the order cut into Renfroe’s playing time of late.

But even before Myers left Thursday’s game with what turned out to be a bone bruise on his left foot that landed him on the disabled list Saturday, the plan was for Renfroe to play all four games here against the Cubs.

In large part, that was because Renfroe has started every game against left-handed starters since he he returned from the disabled list at the end of May and the Cubs were running out three left-handed starters in this four-game series.

It is also because it is time to see Renfroe perform.

“Confidence hasn’t wavered in Hunter,” manager Andy Green said. “He’ll get back out there and get some consistent opportunities on this road trip.”

Thursday’s start was just Renfroe’s seventh in the past 16 games after starting 29 of 42 games when he first came off the disabled list at the end of May. He is 1-for-4 in each of the first two games here.

After going 2-for-5 with a double and a home run on July 1, Renfroe hit .164 with a .203 on-base percentage in his final 18 games in July.

The fluctuation is the latest twist in his second major league season, one that saw him miss more than a month with a strained UCL in his right (throwing) elbow and then hit .267 with a .330 OBP in his first 27 games back.

From the outset, Renfroe was charged with learning how to pinch-hit. He has responded by going 6-for-13 in that role, the .462 average ranking third in the [National League](#) and on pace to be the highest by a Padres player since 2002.

“Obviously, it’s a lot more fun to start and get four at-bats,” Renfroe said. “... I’m a team player. I’m out there doing my thing. When I get my chance to play, I’m going to give it my all.”

For the improvement he has shown at various times this season, Renfroe sits in pretty much the same place he did in [spring training](#). He’s one of several outfielders attempting to earn some job security.

“It’s a growing year – for me, especially,” he said. “I’ve learned what it takes to be an everyday player and I’ve learned what it takes to come off the bench. I’ve learned to go out there take some pitches. “I’ve got to keep going, keep learning.”

Renfroe has upped his walk rate to one every 11.5 plate appearances, from one in 17.7 and his on-base percentage from a paltry .284 to a respectable .304. He also has provided balance his left-right splits. He batted .202/.244 against righties and .316/.392 against lefties in 2017. Those numbers this year are .219/.270 against righties and .253/.355 against lefties.

But his power numbers are down. After setting a Padres rookie record with 26 homers in 2017, he has eight this season. That's a homer every 17.1 at-bats last year to one every 25.9 at-bats this season.

Melding power and selectivity, he said, is one of his prime focuses.

“I know I can go into the offseason and focus on some things I did well – things like walks and what can I do to improve that even more – and when I come back next spring be a different player,” he said. “I’m going to work on a lot of things this offseason and keep growing these two months – figure out what I can grow even more these two months and go into spring next year and focusing on keeping going.”

# Bone bruise lands Wil Myers on DL again

[Kevin Acee](#)

The anemic Padres offense lost one of its best bats again.

For the third time this season, left fielder [Wil Myers](#) has been placed on the 10-day disabled list. This time, it is a bone bruise suffered when he fouled a pitch off his left foot Thursday night that will rob him of at least 10 games.

The good news appears to be the minimum stay on the DL may be the maximum time Myers will miss.

“They said three to five days I’ll turn a corner and be able to start putting some pressure on it and hopefully get back rather quickly,” Myers said after the Padres lost 5-4 to the Cubs on Saturday.

Franmil Reyes was recalled from Triple-A El Paso to take Myers’ place on the roster. The 23-year-old Reyes is batting .221/.270/.423 in 38 games between his two stints in the majors. He will start Sunday’s series finale in right field.

Myers, who on Saturday missed his 69th game this season, fouled the third pitch of his fifth-inning at-bat on Thursday down onto the top of his foot. He grounded into a double play two pitches later.

Had the bruise been in the area between his toes or hit another joint, he would have been at increased risk for a stress fracture and his down time could possibly have been much longer, perhaps jeopardizing his season.

The only wait now is for the swelling to be gone, which is expected to take a few more days. Myers was already counting the hours.

“They said between the three- and five-day mark is when I’ll start to be able to really feel an improvement,” he said. “I think it will be 48 hours at 9 o’clock tonight.”

Myers is expected to spend at least the next couple days in a walking boot. If he is ready to go when eligible to come off the DL, he could be activated without a rehab assignment.

Myers, who played 157 games last season and 155 the year before, is batting .273/.317/.517 in 183 plate appearances this season.

Since returning June 21 from a 48-game stay on the DL due to strains in his oblique and back, he is batting .265/.322/.538 with eight home runs, 10 doubles and 27 RBIs. His slugging percentage leads the team in that span, as do his home runs (by three), doubles (by two) and RBIs (by 14).

“I feel good (at the plate),” he said. “I want to continue doing that. It’s been a tough road this year, obviously, with the things. But it is what it is, and you just have to find a way to keep coming back.”

# Padres notes: Wingenter coming; Richard's rest

The [Padres](#) auditioned a starting pitcher on Saturday and plan to run a few more arms currently in the minor leagues through the rotation in the season's final two months.

Sunday, a promising relief pitcher will get his shot, as the team will recall Trey Wingenter from Triple-A. It will be the 24-year-old right-hander's first time in the majors.

The corresponding move is not known at this time. The Padres have an available spot on the 40-man roster, as they did not add anyone besides Francisco Mejia when they acquired the catching prospect for Brad Hand and Adam Cimber last month.

Wingenter, with a fastball consistently in the high-90s and a developing slider that got him an invite to big-league camp in [spring training](#), has struck out 53 batters in 44 1/3 innings for Triple-A El Paso. The 6-foot-7 right-hander has a 3.45 ERA and 1.20 WHIP.

## **Extra, extra**

The Padres are taking advantage of an off-day Monday to give [Clayton Richard](#) two extra days between starts. With his last outing having been Tuesday, his regular turn would have been Sunday.

"Toward the end of the season," Richard said, "it's good to have an extra 48 hours you usually don't get."

Richard has thrown 137 innings in his 23 starts this season, and he has tailed off recently as his typical precision has failed him.

After an eight-start stretch in which he had a 3.03 ERA and averaged .90 walks and hits per inning pitched, Richard has a 7.05 ERA and 1.76 WHIP in his past seven starts. He has not made it past the sixth inning in any of his past six starts after doing so seven times in his previous nine starts.

The 34-year-old Richard, whose 32 starts last season tied Jhoulys Chacin for the team lead, is still on track to make 10 more starts. At his current pace of almost 6 1/3 innings per start, he would surpass his team-leading total of 197 1/3 innings last season.

## Notable

- Joey Lucchesi, who essentially swapped starting days with Walker Lockett after coming down with a stomach bug on Friday, was at Wrigley Field on Saturday morning to run and stretch before returning to the hotel – both to rest and in case what he had was contagious.
- Hunter Renfroe's sixth-inning double was his 25<sup>th</sup> extra-base hit this season – among 49 total hits. Renfroes' home runs are down this season (eight in 210 at-bats versus 26 in 445 at-bats last season), but he has hit 16 doubles. His slugging percentage is .433, 34 points off last year's pace.
- A hitless Friday stopped [Eric Hosmer](#)'s hitting streak after nine games, but a walk Friday and single on Saturday has his on-base streak at 11 games.
- The Padres wasted their challenge in Friday's second inning on a pitch they thought hit Christian Villanueva. Replay revealed it did not. The ball found him Saturday. Villanueva was drilled in the arm his first time up and had ball graze his shirt in his second plate appearance.
- Austin Hedges' solo home run in the fourth inning was his second in a span of five at-bats and fourth in his past eight games. He hit four homers in his first 43 games.

*Staff writer Jeff Sanders contributed to this report.*

# In an injury-wracked season, Wil Myers lands on the Padres' disabled list again

By Dennis Lin

CHICAGO — The Padres placed Wil Myers on the 10-day disabled list Saturday, two days after the outfielder fouled a ball off his left foot and one day after an MRI and CT scan revealed a bone bruise. The precise severity of the injury is unknown, though it was enough to warrant a walking boot and crutches as Myers exited Wrigley Field's visiting clubhouse late Thursday.

Myers is not expected to shed the boot until sometime next week. Beyond that, the timetable is vague enough that the remainder of his season seems in question.

"You never know with these types of things how long it takes for guys to start to get weight-bearing again and start to feel good and ready to go," Padres manager Andy Green said. "Hopefully it's not long at all, but we'll wait and see. ... A bone bruise can be very significant for guys sometimes."

Myers, as he has done when discussing past injuries, skewed toward optimism. On Saturday afternoon, after the Padres' 5-4 loss to the Cubs, he reported noticeable improvement from the previous day.

"Yesterday it was really tough just to walk, but today I can walk pretty slowly," Myers said. "There's a good amount of swelling still in there, but they said hopefully three to five days and then I'll turn a corner and be able to start putting some pressure on [the foot] again and hopefully get back rather quickly."

Myers, 27, said the injurious baseball narrowly missed a bone between his big toe and second toe.

"Luckily, it got in the middle of them, where most of the impact was, so we dodged a bullet," he said. "From what I've been told, in three to five days this thing should [start to heal], and right now it's more muscular than anything. There's not as much bone or ligaments. The muscle tends to heal quicker ... so hopefully we get to that point and we can turn the corner rather quickly."



Of course, Myers also opted for positivity when a left-oblique strain sent him to the disabled list in late April. At the time, he stated his hope that he could return in two weeks. He wound up missing more than seven.

Another prolonged absence would come as a cruel, if not unusual, blow. Prior to the Padres' series here, Myers had spent 70 of the season's first 127 days on the disabled list. The ailments piled up before May: A lower back strain. Nerve irritation in his right arm. The oblique strain that was related to the back problem, which Myers linked to the 25 pounds he gained, at the team's encouragement, during the offseason.

Myers and Padres officials have pointed to fluke occurrences in explaining a sizable portion of his injury history. He missed most of 2015, his San Diego debut, because of a bone spur in his left wrist. The nerve issue that plagued him this April subsided within two weeks. In between, Myers appeared in 312 games across 2016 and 2017.

Then came his fifth-inning at-bat Thursday, when a ricochet off his bat caught him in the foot. Myers attempted to walk off the pain, then grounded into a double play two pitches later. He departed the game after the bottom of the inning.

"It's been a tough road this year, obviously, but it is what it is," Myers said. "You've just got to find a way to keep coming back."

Recovery times for similar injuries have varied. Another Padres outfielder, Travis Jankowski, suffered a deep bone bruise in his right foot last season. Seven weeks elapsed before he began a rehab assignment. (Jankowski also sustained a small fracture, though that did not significantly alter his timeline.)

Rays center fielder Kevin Kiermaier missed only two games in April because of a bone bruise in his right foot. Kiermaier, of course, avoided the disabled list.

Myers' trips this season have magnified the Padres' struggles. In 44 games, he has hit .273/.317/.517 for an offense that entered the weekend with a .232/.296/.365 slash line. If not for his July — he batted .278/.333/.598 and launched seven home runs — the Padres might have finished the month worse than 5-20.

"It's disappointing to have that injury occur to him," Green said. "It's one of those fluke things you can't really do anything about."

While hoping for a swift recovery, the Padres can continue mulling the future of their lineup. Trade discussions involving front-line starters dominated headlines leading up to the non-waiver deadline, but the club also has contemplated its options for adding a controllable corner bat.

Acquiring such a commodity is not easy. Eric Hosmer was supposed to alleviate pressure from Myers, but the first baseman has hit .250/.319/.382 with 10 home runs. Fernando Tatis Jr., Luis Urías and Francisco Mejía all could be up by next April, but each prospect will face an inevitable period of acclimation.

Myers can attest to that. For all his ability, he has yet to submit a full season of all-star-worthy production. He will turn 28 in December.

“He’s always been just an incredibly gifted athlete who’s capable of anything on a baseball field,” Green said earlier this week. “But he’s put in work mentally, he’s put in work physically and he’s just growing.

“He’s going through the process of maturing, and I love the way he’s attacking every day. I think he’s doing a really nice job staying even-keel, not getting too high or getting too low, understanding bad at-bats might happen from time to time but not letting them matter too much.”

Another injury will test that resolve while increasing opportunities for players with even more to prove. On Saturday, the Padres promoted outfielder Franmil Reyes from Triple A for the third time this season; Reyes will receive consistent, if not everyday, at-bats, Green said. Meanwhile, in Myers’ stead, Jankowski made his second consecutive start in left field. Hunter Renfroe started in right field for the third day in a row.

# Schwarber, Rizzo HR homer, Cubs hold off Padres 5-4

Associated Press

CHICAGO -- With the wind blowing out on a warm Saturday at Wrigley Field, the [San Diego Padres](#) and [Chicago Cubs](#) appeared to be headed for a wild finish.

Then Chicago's bullpen took over.

[Steve Cishek](#), [Brandon Kintzler](#) and [Pedro Strop](#) combined for 3 1/3 perfect innings in relief of [Kyle Hendricks](#), and the Cubs held off the Padres for a 5-4 win.

"It didn't look like a one-run ballgame the way they were pitching," Hendricks said. "Coming in attacking the strike zone and making huge pitches when they had to, that was awesome to see."

Cishek replaced Hendricks after [Austin Hedges](#)' sacrifice fly trimmed Chicago's lead to 5-4 with two out in the sixth. With a runner on third, Cishek retired [Freddy Galvis](#) on a grounder to second.

Cishek then worked the seventh and Brandon Kintzler got three outs before Strop earned his seventh save.

"It was a tough day to pitch here," Cubs first baseman [Anthony Rizzo](#) said. "We scored early and we hung on."

Rizzo and [Kyle Schwarber](#) homered during Chicago's five-run second inning. [Jason Heyward](#) added three hits and drove in a run for the NL Central leaders.

Hendricks (8-9) allowed five hits, struck out seven and walked none in his second straight win.

San Diego became the first team in the NL with 70 losses. Hedges homered for the second straight day, and [Manuel Margot](#) doubled in a run.

Padres right-hander [Walker Lockett](#) (0-2) allowed five runs and nine hits in five innings. Lockett started in place of [Joey Lucchesi](#), who was scratched on Friday because of an illness.

Lucchesi was able to do his pregame work on Saturday and was sent back to the team hotel as a precaution. The left-hander is expected to start on Sunday.

Schwarber led off the big second with his 20th homer. [Addison Russell](#) added a two-out RBI single and Rizzo followed with a drive to center for his 17th of the season, making it 4-0 Cubs. Heyward capped the five-run burst with an RBI single.

"I just let the game speed up on me a little bit on me and got a little fast out there," said Lockett, who was making his second start and third major league appearance.

San Diego was hitless before closing the gap with a three-run fourth. [Travis Jankowski](#) led off with a bunt single, advanced to second on Hendricks' throwing error and scored on Margot's double. Renfroe hit a sacrifice fly with one out before Hedges connected for his eighth homer.

## ROSTER MOVES

The Padres put outfielder [Wil Myers](#) on the 10-day disabled list with a left foot bone bruise. The move is retroactive to Friday.

Outfielder Franmil Reyes was recalled from Triple-A El Paso. Reyes has played 38 games for the Padres this season, batting .221 with six homers and eight RBI in 104 at-bats.

This is Myers' third stint on the DL this season.

"There's a good amount of swelling still in there, but hopefully, in three to five days I'll turn the corner and start putting pressure on it again," he said.

## TURNAROUND

Strop had an easy 12-pitch outing after struggling through 26 pitches and giving up two runs on Friday. He got the save after the potential tying run was thrown out at the plate in another 5-4 win for the Cubs.

"As a reliever, you don't have time to be thinking about rough ones," Strop said. "You've got to be able to put those bad ones away sooner than later and focus on the moment."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs: RHP [Yu Darvish](#) (triceps and elbow injuries) threw a 55-pitch bullpen session. He said he was pain-free and "very optimistic" about returning to the rotation. He has made just eight starts this season and last pitched on May 20.

## UP NEXT

Cubs ace [Jon Lester](#) (12-4, 3.22 ERA) looks to bounce back from a recent rough stretch in the finale of the four-game series. The left-hander is 0-2 with a 7.07 ERA in his last three starts. Lucchesi (5-6, 3.74 ERA) goes for the Padres.

# #PadresOnDeck: Prospects

## Francisco Mejía, Austin Allen, Josh Naylor, Gabriel Arias

### All Homer

*By Bill Center*

Catcher **Francisco Mejía** hit his first home run as a Padres' prospect and three other hitters on the [Padres' Top-30 prospect list](#) homered Friday night in two-hit games.

— Mejía, who was ranked as the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>3 prospect](#) as soon as he arrived from Cleveland in the trade for relief pitchers **Brad Hand** and **Adam Cimber**, was 1-for-3 with a solo homer, a walk and a hit-by-pitch for Triple-A El Paso, where he is off to a .308 start.

— Left fielder **Josh Naylor**, 21, who is rated the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>15 prospect](#) by MLB Pipeline, was 2-for-6 with his 15th homer, a two-run shot, and a walk for Double-A San Antonio, where he is hitting .301.

— Catcher **Austin Allen**, 24, the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>25 prospect](#), also hit a two-run homer for San Antonio. He was 2-for-5 with his 19th homer and a walk and is also hitting .301 on the season for the Missions.

— Shortstop **Gabriel Arias**, 18, the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>20 prospect](#), was 2-for-4 with a solo homer for Single-A Fort Wayne to raise his batting average to .226.

Second baseman **Esteury Ruiz**, 19, the [Padres' N<sup>o</sup>17 prospect](#), was also 2-for-4 for Fort Wayne with three stolen bases and a run scored. He is hitting .253 for the TinCaps.

Two Padres' farmhands had four hits in San Antonio's 13–11, 13-inning loss at Midland. Designated hitter **Taylor Kohlwey** (.286) was 4-for-5 with a triple, a sacrifice bunt, a stolen base, a RBI and two runs scored. Shortstop **River Stevens** (.267) was 4-for-6 with a RBI.

There were three notable pitching performances Friday night.

— Left-handed starter **Oswaldo Hernandez**, 21, allowed two runs on two hits and a walk with five strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings for Fort Wayne. He picked up the win to improve to 9–4 on the season with a Midwest League-leading 1.92 earned run average.

— Left-handed closer **Travis Radke**, 25, allowed a hit while striking out three in a scoreless inning for Fort Wayne to pick up his 14th save and lower his ERA to 1.74.

— Right-handed starter **Ronald Bolaños**, 21, allowed two run on six hits and two walks with nine strikeouts over six innings for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. He improved to 5–7 with the win while lowering his ERA to 4.68.

Triple-A El Paso Friday activated right-handed starting pitcher **Kyle Lloyd** from the seven-day disabled list.

### *Around the Farm:*

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (61–49): CHIHUAHUAS 5, New Orleans 4–  
3B **Diego Goris** (.266) backed Mejía, going 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored. SS **Javy Guerra** (.214) was 2-for-4 with a triple and a RBI. 1B **Brett Nicholas** (.304) was 1-for-3 with a hit-by-pitch and run scored. CF **Auston Bousfield** (.256) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. 2B **Luis Urías** (.269) was 1-for-4 with a double and a run scored. RF **Forrestt Allday** (.295) was 1-for-5 with a RBI. LF **Shane Peterson** (.270) was 1-for-4. Starting LHP **Dillon Overton** (5–2, 3.12 ERA) allowed four runs on seven hits with a strikeout over six innings to get the win. RHP **Kazuhisa Makita** (2.16) issued two walks in a hitless,

scoreless inning. RHP **Trey Wingenter** (3.45) allowed a hit with two strikeouts in a scoreless inning. RHP **Rowan Wick** (2.70) issued two walks with two strikeouts in a hitless, scoreless inning to earn his second save.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (21–20, 63–48): MIDLAND 13, Missions 11 (13 innings)—C **Webster Rivas** (.287) backed Austin Allen, Naylor, Kohlwey and Stevens, going 3-for-5 with a RBI. 3B **Ty France** (.259) was 1-for-6 with a double, a RBI and two runs scored. CF **Buddy Reed** (.167) was 1-for-5 with a walk, a stolen base, a run scored and a RBI. Starting RHP **Jesse Scholtens**(3.45 ERA) allowed six runs (five earned) on nine hits and a walk with four strikeouts in four innings. RHP **Chris Huffman** (4.82) struck out two in two perfect innings. RHP **Colby Blueberg** (6.10) gave up three runs on five hits with three strikeouts in two innings in his return to the Missions. RHP **Andres Munoz** (1.64) allowed a hit with a strikeout in a scoreless inning. RHP **Jason Jester** (4.06) allowed an unearned run on a hit and two walks with two strikeouts in three innings. RHP **Eric Yardley** (2–3, 3.67) allowed three runs (two earned) on two hits, including a walk-off homer, in two-thirds of an inning to take the loss.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (20–22, 54–58): Storm 3, SAN JOSE 2—1B **Brad Zunica** (.244) was 2-for-4 with his 13th homer and two RBIs. RF **Jorge Oña** (.248) was 3-for-4. CF **Edward Olivares** (.269) was 1-for-4 with two runs scored. DH **Allen Córdoba** (.203) was 1-for-3. LF **Nate Easley**(.272) was 1-for-4. RHP Hansel Rodriguez followed Bolaños and pitched a perfect inning in his debut with the Storm. RHP **Dauris Valdez** (4.60 ERA) struck out four in two perfect innings for his eighth save.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19–21, 51–58): TIN CAPS 5, Dayton 2—RHP **Jose Quezada** (5.14) worked between Hernandez and Radke and allowed a hit with a strikeout in 1 2/3 scoreless innings. LF **Robbie Podorsky** (.365) backed Arias and **Esteury Ruiz**, going 2-for-4 with two stolen bases and a run scored. 1B **Jalen Washington** (.240) was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. RF **Jack Suwinski** (.210) was 1-for-4 with a RBI and a run scored. CF **Jeisson Rosario**(.280) had a double in four at-

bats with a walk. C **Juan Fernandez** (.230) was 1-for-3 with a walk. 1B **Nick Feight** (.209) was 0-for-3 with a walk, a stolen base and a run scored.

SHORT-SEASON SINGLE-A TRI-CITY (5-6, 23-26): Salem-Keizer 5, DUST DEVILS 1-2B **Olivier Basabe** (.322) was 2-for-4. C **Jose Lezama** (.190) was 2-for-4 with a RBI. 1B **Justin Paulsen** (.256) was 1-for-4 with a triple and a run scored. DH **Blake Hunt** (.248) was 1-for-3 with a hit-by-pitcher. LF **Michael Curry** (.227) was 1-for-4. Starting RHP **Henry Henry** (3.51 ERA) allowed five runs on seven hits and a walk with four strikeouts in six innings to take the loss. RHP **Korey Anderson** (3.00) struck out two in a perfect inning. RHP **Nick Kuzia** (4.30) allowed two hits with two strikeouts in a scoreless inning. RHP **Diomar Lopez** (1.74) struck out two in a perfect inning.

DOMINICAN SUMMER LEAGUE PADRES (27-26): Reds 8, PADRES 1-C **Brandon Valenzuela** (.252) was 1-for-2 with a double, two walks and a run scored. RF **Adrian Antunez** (.187) had a double in four at-bats with a walk. Starting RHP **Edgar Martinez** (2-2, 2.87 ERA) allowed five runs on nine hits and a walk with four strikeouts in six innings to suffer the loss.

ARIZONA ROOKIE PADRES:

PADRES-1 (15-18): The Padres were off Friday.

PADRES-2 (17-17): The Padres were off Friday.