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What to know about Padres' 40-man roster moves

Jeff Sanders

The [Padres](#) ended Tuesday with as many players on their roster – 40 – as when the day began.

Quite a bit still changed. Quite a bit more change appears on the way if we're to believe the Padres are serious about moving [Wil Myers](#), a possibility that surfaced as the [Padres protected seven minor leaguers from next month's Rule 5 draft](#).

Here's a breakdown of the moves the team made to square away their 40-man roster:

The additions

As expected, the Padres protected a number of prospects from their highly-regarded farm system, the lifeblood of **A.J. Preller's** plan to return this team to relevance. Right-handers **Chris Paddack** and **Anderson Espinoza** are ranked among the top pitching prospects in the game (Espinoza was the No. 1 prospect in the system before his 2017 Tommy John surgery), **Pedro Avila** has struck out 496 batters in 416 minor league innings (3.59 ERA) and **Gerardo Reyes** fanned 69 batters in 55 1/3 innings last year as a reliever in the California and Texas leagues.

Catcher **Austin Allen** has emerged as one of the [best power threats in the system](#) and outfielder **Edward Olivares**, the prize in the **Yangervis Solarte** trade, is parlaying a solid Padres system debut into a [productive winter in Venezuela](#).

The seventh prospect protected, **Ty France**, was likely a long shot to make the 40-man roster before the start of the season.

[A Tony Gwynn pupil at San Diego State](#), the 24-year-old France was a 34th-round pick in Preller's first draft in 2015. He's a .275 hitter across four minor league seasons and boasts a .374 career on-base percentage, but had never hit more than 14 homers

before this year and had seen power production dip to five homers and a .373 slugging percentage in 2017.

Not at all ideal for the hot corner.

But things changed in 2018.

France broke out for a career-high 22 homers, 96 RBIs and .464 slugging percentage as he rose from a second straight Texas League All-Star selection to Triple-A El Paso and ultimately onto the 40-man roster.

Say goodbye to ...

France's inclusion, in fact, may have played a direct role in the Padres planning to transfer **Christian Villanueva** to Japan's Hanshin **Tigers**. Villanueva hit eight of his 20 homers as the NL's Rookie of the Month in April, but got on-base at a .299 clip, a number the Padres — last in that department the last five years — must improve on if they're ever going to end this run of losing seasons.

Maybe France provides answers that Villanueva, for all his power, couldn't.

Maybe he can't.

But France has certainly earned the shot he'll get this spring in his first big league camp.

Cory Spangenberg, meanwhile, has had his share of shots before he was designated for assignment Tuesday (he could still return to the system if he's not claimed).

The 2011 first-rounder — taken by then-GM **Jed Hoyer** one spot before Houston drafted **George Springer** — has a .709 OPS across parts of five minor league seasons, saw his batting average drop from .264 last year to .235 this year and is borderline unplayable against left-handers (.417 OPS in 2018). While his production against right-handers (.725 OPS), speed and versatility in the field are indeed useful

tools, they are easily replaced given the \$2.3 million that MLBTradeRumors.com projected for him in arbitration.

In fact, the Padres may already have that replacement with **Greg Garcia's** arrival on waivers. He, too, is left-handed, played three infield positions in 2018 and made only \$569,000 last year.

New faces

The other moves make quite a bit of sense.

Colin Rea was designated for assignment after posting a 5.73 ERA in the minors in his first post-Tommy John mound work, meaning he'll have to fight his way back onto the 40-man roster if he remains in the organization. **Allen Cordoba**, also DFA'd, is also facing a tough road back to a major league roster after hitting .206/.233/.310 in the California League.

The other three moves — trading **Walker Lockett**, **Colten Brewer** and **Rowan Wick**— netted three new names for the minor league system in exchange for three pitchers facing an uphill battle in terms of standing out in a talent-rich organization:

- **2B Esteban Quiroz (from the Red Sox for Brewer):** The 26-year-old, left-handed bat had two homers and a .963 OPS in 14 games in the Arizona Fall League, the capper to his first full year in affiliated ball. He had an .827 OPS in seven previous seasons in Mexico, including 15 homers in 97 games for Quintana Roo in 2016, before the Red Sox signed him last November.
- **3B Jason Vosler (from the Cubs for Wick):** Also a left-handed bat, the 25-year-old was a 16th-rounder in 2014 out of Northeastern University. He ranked No. 25 in the Cubs system by Baseball America after the 2017 season, when he hit 21 homers in 129 games at Double-A Tennessee, and hit 23 more this year in the high minors.
- **RHP Ignacio Feliz (from the Indians for Lockett):** An international free agent in 2016, the 19-year-old Feliz struck out 54 in 45 innings this summer in the rookie-level Arizona League.

Lockett posted a 9.60 ERA in his brief cameos as a starting pitcher and was unlikely to get another with Paddack, **Logan Allen**, **Cal Quantrill**, **Michel Baez** and a horde of even younger prospects pushing their way to the top of the system.

Likewise, neither Brewer (5.59 ERA) nor Wick (4.34 ERA) did quite enough to establish themselves in an organization already featuring **Jose Castillo**, **Robert Stock**, **Trey Wingenter** and **Brad Wieck** in the big league bullpen and developing 19-year-old **Andres Munoz** and his 103 mph fastball quickly.

Up next

The next significant date on the offseason calendar is Nov. 30, the non-tender deadline. The Padres already saved themselves some money by designating Spangenberg ahead of his second-year arbitration eligibility and could look to save a bit more depending on what they think of **Bryan Mitchell**, who is projected by MLBTradeRumors.com to make \$1.2 million in his first year of arbitration.

The Padres could decide they're already pot-committed to giving him one more look this spring after paying **Chase Headley's** salary last year (\$13 million) to pry him from the Yankees. (Besides, \$1.2 million isn't much for a flier to eat innings until Paddack arrives.)

They could try to sell other teams on Mitchell's post-DL numbers (7.08 ERA before the all-star break and 2.19 after) in trade talks.

Or they could just hold onto Mitchell until a transaction forces another roster crunch. In that scenario, **Jose Pirela** (.645 OPS in 2018), **Carlos Asuaje** (.566 OPS) and **Brett Kennedy** (6.75 ERA) could be as vulnerable to cuts as Mitchell.

Offseason leagues: Fernando Tatis Jr. exit a 'precautionary' move

Jeff Sanders

Fernando Tatis Jr., the [Padres](#)' top prospect and No. 2 in all of baseball according to MLB.com, is day-to-day after sustaining a hard tag to his shoulder while diving back to a base Sunday in the Dominican winter league.

The 19-year-old Tatis initially stayed in the game at shortstop but was later replaced in the field, a move described by a Padres official as "very precautionary."

Tatis had already doubled in the game, lifting his batting line to .290/.405/.645 in his first nine games since returning from July's season-ending thumb injury. Tatis has three homers, two doubles, seven RBIs and nine strikeouts against three walks in 31 at-bats with Estrellas Orientales.

In his second full year in the organization, Tatis hit .286/.355/.507 with 16 homers and 43 RBIs, 16 steals in 88 games at Double-A San Antonio.

ROUNDUP

Dominican winter league

- Last year's league MVP, 24-year-old OF [Franchy Cordero](#) (San Diego) is hitting .286/.286/.429 with a homer, three RBIs and 13 strikeouts against no walks in 10 games for Escogido. Cordero is coming off season-ending elbow surgery after seven homers in 30 games last year with the Padres.
- C [Francisco Mejia](#) (San Diego) is hitting .257/.243/.286 with seven strikeouts, no walks and one extra-base hit through his first nine games with Estrellas.

- C **Manuel Margot** (San Diego) is 2-for-8 in his first two games with Este.
- C **Webster Rivas** (San Antonio) is 1-for-8 with three strikeouts in nine games with Cibao.

Australian winter league

- OF **Michael Gettys** (San Antonio) homered three times Sunday, powering Adelaide to a 7-5 win. Gettys drove in five of the runs on his blasts, giving him four in his first eight games this winter. He is batting .321/.333/.786 with 10 RBIs, five strikeouts and no walks.
- SS **Jarryd Dale** (AZL) is hitting .158/.292/.211 through his first eight games with Melbourne.

Venezuelan winter league

- Added to the 40-man roster last week, OF **Edward Olivares** (Lake Elsinore) is hitting .340/.404/.479 with two homers, five steals and 14 RBIs in 26 games for Aragua.
- C **Luis Torrens** (Lake Elsinore) is hitting .350/.350/.450 with two doubles and two RBIs through seven games with Magallanes.

Mexican winter league

- Added to the 40-man roster last week, RHP **Gerardo Reyes** (San Antonio) is up to 16 scoreless innings for Obregon. He has struck out 17, walked six and scattered eight hits over 17 relief appearances.
- RHP **Chris Huffman** (El Paso) has allowed 11 earned runs over his last 12 1/3 innings, raising his ERA to 5.03 in 34 innings this winter with Los Mochis. He has struck out 20 and walked 21.

Puerto Rican winter league

- OF **Aldemar Burgos** (Fort Wayne) collected three hits in a doubleheader Sunday, pushing his batting line to .357/.419/.536. He has homered and driven in five runs in his eight games with Carolina.
- RHP **Colby Blueberg** (El Paso) has allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings with Mayguez, striking out four and allowing two runs on three hits and three walks this winter.

Padres release former first-rounder Cory Spangenberg

[Jeff Sanders](#)

[Cory Spangenberg](#)'s time with the [Padres](#) has come to an end.

The former first-rounder was released Friday, three days after the organization designated him for assignment to [make room on the 40-man roster for up-and-coming prospects](#).

Not long ago, the 27-year-old Spangenberg qualified as one.

Taken 10th overall in 2011 – wedged between the Indians [Francisco Lindor](#), the Cubs' [Javier Baez](#) and the Astros' [George Springer](#) – Spangenberg ranked as high as No. 78 in Baseball America's top-100 prospects list before the 2012 season.

But a string of concussions slowed his climb to San Diego and various injuries interrupted opportunities to hold down an everyday job in the majors at second base, most notably a quad injury that limited him to 14 games just months after the Padres cleared [Jedd Gyorko](#) off the roster.

Spangenberg started 2017 at Triple-A El Paso before returning to San Diego to a career-high 13 homers and was demoted back to the Pacific Coast League this year before the end of the first month of the season. The left-handed-hitting Spangenberg returned as a role player, although his OPS dropped from .723 in 2017 to .661 this year.

He was far more productive against right-handed pitching in 2018 – .725 OPS against righties vs. .417 against lefties – and might have provided value as a fast, versatile option off the bench, but his fate might have sealed when the Padres opened the offseason by claiming Valhalla alum Greg Garcia, a left-handed utility man who made \$569,600 last year and won't reach arbitration-eligibility until 2019 at the earliest.

Spangenberg, meanwhile, was eligible for arbitration for a second time after earning \$1.7 million in 2018 and was in line [for a raise to \\$2.3 million, according to MLBTradeRumors.com, in 2019](#).

Instead, he is the latest among the Padres' shaky first-round draft picks.

While he at least made the majors (11 of 26 have not), the Padres' first-round selections, including supplemental picks, from 2003 ([Tim Stauffer](#)) through 2012 ([Max Fried](#)) have amassed 30.6 Wins Above Replacement (WAR), according to Baseball-Reference.com.

A number of those players, from Logan Forsythe (12.7 WAR) to [Joe Ross](#) (3.9 WAR) to Matt Bush (2.5 WAR) provided value after leaving San Diego.

Spangenberg had been worth 3.2 WAR through his first five seasons, including 2.1 WAR in 2015 as he paired nine steals and four homers with a .733 OPS in his first regular — yet ultimately unsustainable — action in the majors.

Third baseman Christian Villanueva was also released Friday. He was designated for assignment as part of his transfer to the Hanshin [Tigers](#) in Japan.

If Padres can get Segura, time is right to trade Wil Myers

[Bryce Miller](#)

The reasons to deal [Wil Myers](#), the one-time face of the [Padres](#), continue to pile up as the team eyes a possible rebuild finish line in, say, 2020.

There's a pay package that spikes from \$11.5 million this season (including the final installment of his signing bonus) to \$20 million for the three after that. There are resurfacing, nagging worries about durability after Myers played in just 83 games in 2018. There's the PR black eye from comments criticizing manager Andy Green during — *how do you make this up?* — a live-streaming video game.

There are his offensive numbers, mostly stuck in neutral. There's the lack of clubhouse-leadership wiring. There's all that power and speed, mostly muted.

More than anything, though: There are too many corner outfielders. The team is playing the long game with Hunter Renfroe, Franmil Reyes and Franchy Cordero, the group's Swiss Army Knife.

When a source told me that talks with the [Mariners](#) about a possible deal involving shortstop [Jean Segura](#) sparked around the time of the General Manager meetings in Carlsbad, it made all kinds of sense.

Segura brings a higher on-base percentage, an area the Padres desperately are trying to improve (albeit with a lower slugging percentage). He played in an average of nearly 38 more games per season the last six years. Defensively, it's closer to 42 more.

On paper, he seems a perfect "bridge" guy at shortstop until Fernando Tatis Jr. arrives. Segura also has played second, but Tatis Jr. owns the frame for third if

needed — although that hasn't been the Padres preference in the past. The move, one way or another, would provide valuable options.

The anchors of the whispered trade talk are basically the same age, with Segura nearly doubling Myers in the “wins above replacement” metric for last season and their careers. Sprinkle in traction and momentum: Segura was an All-Star last season, which was no small feat in a league that includes shortstops Manny Machado and [Francisco Lindor](#).

The source acknowledged that talks continue, though nothing appears imminent. Another source said this weekend that discussions have cooled. If a possible deal is revived, it could include Seattle innings-eater [Mike Leake](#) of Fallbrook High School. He's essentially a .500 win-loss guy and a 4-something ERA guy. The needle kept scratching out that same tune a season ago, as the right-hander finished 10-10 with a 4.36.

Across his nine-year career, though, Leake's season average for innings pitched hovers at a sturdy 181.

Yet, trade barriers remain: The teams would need to navigate through the no-trade clauses of both Mariners. The Padres also are locked in due-diligence mode to determine if there's any baggage associated with Segura. In September, multiple reports indicated Segura and teammate Dee Gordon brawled in the clubhouse before a game against the Orioles.

The upside offers plenty of up, though.

When the Mariners finalized an extension with Segura in June 2017 (he'll make \$14.25 million over each of the next four seasons), General Manager [Jerry Dipoto](#) called him “a hit collector.” Only 13 players in baseball cobbled together more hits last season than Segura. Two years before that, he rose to No. 3 — behind just [Jose Altuve](#) and Mookie Betts.

Dipoto outlined Segura's potential, according to MLB.com: “Jean has all the tools to be a star-level player.”

The move makes sense for Myers, too. The Padres can't seem to find a spot or comfort level with the former [Rookie of the Year](#). There are flashes, like the All-Star season in 2016, but bouncing him from the outfielder to first base to, gulp, third did him zero favors.

The combination of a crowded outfield and pickup of first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#) raised plenty of red flags. Where do you play Myers ... when he can play? In the [American League](#), Myers can DH when his health or glove keep him off the field defensively.

When the Padres signed Myers to a then-franchise-record \$83 million, six-year contract in January 2017, General Manager A.J. Preller offered: "We're really looking forward to the next six years to see the player we feel he's going to become." Green added: "I think we're very excited about the prospect of having him for years to come."

A third of the way through that contract, Myers could be gone.

That's the business, though. Yesterday's commitment is tomorrow's re-think. The dynamics and dominoes of it all stretch beyond one player. You add a piece here. You protect a piece there. Suddenly, you're reconsidering the piece that seemed almost untouchable.

Myers continues to be a "potential" guy. Segura is a now guy.

Pull the trigger.

30 intriguing Rule 5 prospects -- 1 for each team

On Tuesday, all 30 Major League organizations made decisions about who belonged on their 40-man rosters. With limited space, not all prospect were able to be protected.

Those Minor Leaguers who were not put on a 40-man roster are now eligible to be taken by the other 29 teams in the Rule 5 Draft, which will take place at the Winter Meetings in Las Vegas on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Players first signed at age 18 must be added to 40-man rosters within five seasons or they become eligible to be drafted by other organizations through the Rule 5 process. Players signed at 19 years or older have to be protected within four seasons. Clubs pay \$100,000 to select a player in the Major League phase of the Rule 5 Draft. If that player doesn't stay on the 25-man roster for the full season, he must be offered back to his former team for \$50,000.

For this year, that means an international or high school Draft pick signed in 2014 -- assuming he was 18 or younger as of June 5 of that year -- has to be protected. A college player taken in the 2015 Draft is in the same position.

Michael Gettys, OF, [Padres](#)

In his first Double-A season, Gettys, the Padres' second-round pick in 2014, hit 15 homers with 17 steals but batted just .230 over 125 games with 160 strikeouts, the second-highest total in the Texas League. Though Gettys has a solid floor thanks to his combination of right-handed raw power, above-average speed and plus defense in center field, his ongoing struggles in refining his approach and trimming his perennially high strikeout rate will be enough to make some teams think twice.

Allen makes Pipeline's 2018 All-AFL Team

By Jonathan Mayo MLB.com

Since the Arizona Fall League wrapped up last Saturday, MLB Pipeline has been finding a variety of ways to analyze who stood out in the league's 27th season. There's been a story on [breakout prospects](#) as well as a look at the top [Statcast™](#) performances [of the season](#). An AFL Top 25 prospects list is in the works.

With so much talent on hand in one league, putting together an All-AFL Team is a fun exercise. Using performance, along with a nod to prospect status at times, the following is that lineup based on who impressed the most this fall.

C: Austin Allen ([Padres' No. 25 prospect](#))

Allen followed up a strong move to Double-A in 2018 (.290/.351/.506) with a solid AFL campaign (.263/.358/.421). He led all backstops with a .779 OPS. The offensive-minded catcher also got valuable reps behind the plate, and threw out 28.6 percent of potential basestealers.

Runner-up: Daulton Varsho ([D-backs' No. 5](#))

1 non-tender candidate for all 30 teams

These players could be heading for the free-agent market

By Mark Feinsand MLB.com [@feinsand](#)

With more than 200 players eligible for salary arbitration this offseason, the Nov. 30 deadline to tender contracts figures to present myriad decisions to club executives around the Majors.

For players tendered contracts, they will have more than a month to work out new deals with their teams before exchanging arbitration figures on Jan. 11, after which they can still hammer out a deal or go to a hearing.

Padres: [Bryan Mitchell](#)

Mitchell earned about \$550,000 last season, and although he's only entering his first year of arbitration eligibility, he's coming off a subpar season in which he had a 5.42 ERA and 1.75 WHIP in 73 innings. Of San Diego's seven arbitration-eligible players, he appears most in danger of being non-tendered.

10 biggest trades in Padres history

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SAN DIEGO -- The Padres' history of trades is littered with Hall of Famers, MVPs and Cy Young Award winners. Those superstars have moved in both directions.

From "Trader Jack" McKeon to "Gunslinger" Kevin Towers to A.J. Preller, the Padres have seen quite a few general managers willing to make a deal.

With that in mind, here's a breakdown of the 10 biggest trades in franchise history -- factoring the quality of the players involved and the way the deals affected the direction of the team.

1. Sheffield for Hoffman

Padres got from Marlins: RHP Trevor Hoffman, RHP Andres Berumen, RHP Jose Martinez

Padres gave up: 3B Gary Sheffield, LHP Rich Rodriguez

Date: June 24, 1993

The biggest trade in Padres history came as a result of the so-called "fire sale" of 1992-93. Ownership demanded that the team cut payroll, and Sheffield was the most prominent casualty. Understandably, the fanbase didn't take kindly to the moves -- so much so that they booed the newcomer Hoffman upon his '93 arrival. Hoffman, never one to be fazed, paid no mind to that reaction. He racked up 601 saves over 18 big league seasons, and he earned enshrinement in Cooperstown in the summer of 2018.

2. Cammy, Finley arrive in a blockbuster

Padres got from Astros: 3B Ken Caminiti, OF Steve Finley, 1B Roberto Petagine, SS Andujar Cedeno, RHP Brian Williams, LHP Sean Fesh

Padres gave up: OF Derek Bell, RHP Doug Brocail, IF Ricky Gutierrez, LHP Pedro Martinez, OF Phil Plantier, IF Craig Shipley

Date: Dec. 28, 1994

The Padres were rebuilding during the fire sale of 1992 and '93. But they had begun to gear up for a run at contention before the '95 season. No move signaled that shift more than this one. Caminiti and Finley -- staples on the '96 and '98 NL West championship teams -- arrived for a package that included Bell. Caminiti would win the NL MVP Award in '96. Finley would become one of the best center fielders in franchise history.

3. Trio of youngsters for Kevin Brown

Padres got from Marlins: RHP Kevin Brown

Padres gave up: 1B Derrek Lee, LHP Steve Hoff, RHP Rafael Medina

Date: Dec. 15, 1997

Kevin Brown didn't make much of a long-term impact on the Padres. But in his one season in San Diego, Brown made his presence felt. Brown's 1998 season is arguably the best by a pitcher in franchise history. He posted a 2.38 ERA with seven complete games and three shutouts. Then, he turned in one of the best postseason performances of all time -- a 16-

strikeout two-hitter in Game 1 of the NL Division Series against Randy Johnson and the Astros. The Padres won the '98 pennant, and Brown was arguably the biggest reason why.

4. Alomar and Carter for McGriff and Fernandez

Padres got from Blue Jays: 1B Fred McGriff, SS Tony Fernandez

Padres gave up: 2B Roberto Alomar, OF Joe Carter

Date: Dec. 5, 1990

You want big names? This trade had 'em. The Padres gave up future Hall of Fame second baseman Roberto Alomar and future World Series hero Joe Carter. (Both played key roles in Toronto's back-to-back titles in 1992 and '93.) They got Fred McGriff, on the fringe of the Hall himself, and Tony Fernandez. Alomar's eventual success made this deal a long-term loss for the Padres. But McGriff made a huge impact during his three seasons in San Diego before he, too, was moved as part of the fire sale (to Atlanta for Donnie Elliott, Melvin Nieves and Vince Moore).

5. Gonzalez, Young spark '06 division title

Padres got from Rangers: 1B [Adrian Gonzalez](#), RHP Chris Young, OF Termel Sledge

Padres gave up: RHP [Adam Eaton](#), RHP Akinori Otsuka, C Billy Killian

Date: Jan. 6, 2006

The Padres needed a first baseman and some rotation help, following their somewhat infamous 82-80 division title in 2005. They got both that offseason. Gonzalez and Young developed into stars on a much better '06 club, and they were mainstays on several solid Padres teams in the late 2000s.

6. The Wizard goes to St. Louis

Padres got from Cardinals: SS Garry Templeton, OF Sixto Lezcano, RHP Luis DeLeon

Padres gave up: SS Ozzie Smith, RHP Steve Mura, LHP Al Olmsted

Date: Dec. 10, 1981

There have been quite a few cringeworthy deals in the history of the Padres -- including the Alomar trade, the second McGriff trade and the deal that sent [Anthony Rizzo](#) to the Cubs. This one might rank at the top. Templeton was a useful piece on the 1984 pennant-winning squad, and he's a Padres Hall of Famer. But Smith became one of the best defensive shortstops in baseball history and was enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002.

7. Shields for Tatis Jr.

Padres got from White Sox: RHP [Erik Johnson](#), SS [Fernando Tatis Jr.](#)

Padres gave up: [James Shields](#), cash

Date: June 4, 2016

The Padres had a burdensome contract in Shields. They sent him to the White Sox, while paying a chunk of that salary, for an unheralded prospect in Tatis -- who developed into one of the most promising young shortstops in the sport. On a grander scale, the deal had further implications. During the summer of 2016, Preller turned around a once-barren farm system. He did so, in part, by trading aging veterans for a handful of elite prospects. This was the first domino to fall.

8. Preller's biggest blockbuster

Padres got from Rays and Nationals: OF [Wil Myers](#), C [Ryan Hanigan](#), LHP [Jose Castillo](#), RHP [Gerardo Reyes](#)

Padres gave up: SS [Trea Turner](#), RHP [Joe Ross](#) to the Nationals; 1B [Jake Bauers](#), C [Rene Rivera](#), RHP [Burch Smith](#) to the Rays

Date: Dec. 19, 2014

The most hotly debated move in Preller's tenure, the Padres sent their newly drafted shortstop to Washington and landed Myers from Tampa Bay. Of course, there were quite a few other moving pieces in the deal. [Steven Souza Jr.](#) went from Washington to Tampa Bay, for one, and 11 players total were involved. It was the most dramatic move in an offseason full of them. In Preller's first winter on the job, he signed Shields and traded for Myers, [Matt Kemp](#), [Justin Upton](#) and [Craig Kimbrel](#). (And for all that movement, it resulted in only 74 wins and the firing of manager Bud Black.)

9. Vaughn arrives at the Deadline

Padres got from Brewers: OF Greg Vaughn, RHP Gerald Parent

Padres gave up: RHP Bryce Florie, LHP Ron Villone, OF Marc Newfield

Date: July 31, 1996

In need of outfield help at the 1996 non-waiver Trade Deadline, the Padres sent a couple of pitchers to Milwaukee for Vaughn. The right-handed-hitting slugger wouldn't make an immediate impact. He struggled down the stretch in '96 (though the Padres won the division on the final day of the season anyway). But in '98, Vaughn turned in one of the top offensive seasons in franchise history, launching a single-season club record 50 homers with a .597 slugging percentage.

10. Fire sale bears fruit

Padres got from Rockies: RHP Andy Ashby, C Brad Ausmus, RHP Doug Bochtler

Padres gave up: RHP Greg Harris, LHP Bruce Hurst

Date: July 27, 1993

The fire sale was littered with trades that came back to bite the Padres. The Hoffman deal doesn't qualify. Neither does this one. Ashby and Ausmus were important pieces in the Padres' rebuild, and Bochtler served as a nice bridge to Hoffman. In fact, Ashby posted a 3.59 ERA and racked up 70 wins over eight seasons in San Diego. Compare that with Harris and Hurst, who were both out of the league by 1995. They combined for a 6.87 ERA after being traded.

Cordero hit Friars' longest home run

Statcast measures farthest blast since 2015 for all 30 clubs

By Andrew Simon, David Adler and Matt Kelly MLB.com

Ever since Babe Ruth launched Major League Baseball into the live-ball era with his awe-inspiring home runs, wowed fans have been asking: "How far did that ball go?"

Teams had their own methods for estimating home run distance for nearly a century. But now, the launch of [Statcast™](#) has given us a whole new tool to answer the question, thanks to the tracking technology at every MLB ballpark.

Padres: [Franchy Cordero](#), April 20, 2018, at ARI

Distance: 489 feet ([Watch it](#))

Franchy absolutely crushed this one. The D-backs' [Matt Koch](#) grooved Cordero a fastball, and Cordero hammered it 116.3 mph all the way up the scoreboard in dead center at Chase Field, instantly establishing a new longest home run of the 2018 season and a Padres Statcast™ record. He obliterated the team's previous best of 465 feet, which had been set by [Melvin Upton Jr.](#) in June of 2016. Cordero's blast is also the longest hit at Chase Field since Statcast™'s introduction in 2015, and the 10th-longest hit by anyone in baseball since 2015. [Full Padres leaderboard](#)

Trade away Myers? Pros, cons for Padres

Analyzing why San Diego should or shouldn't deal from depth

By AJ Cassavell MLB.com

SAN DIEGO -- The Padres' desire to sell an outfielder is not a secret. They've been vocal about their surplus, and general manager A.J. Preller has noted several times that there's interest from other clubs on his corner-outfield trio.

Makes sense. [Wil Myers](#), [Hunter Renfroe](#) and [Franmil Reyes](#) are all righty-hitting sluggers. It certainly feels like there's only room for two, given that the Padres have some depth in [Franchy Cordero](#) and [Travis Jankowski](#).

Myers, of course, is the biggest name of the bunch, and the Padres [reportedly discussed a deal](#) with the Mariners that would send [Jean Segura](#) and [Mike Leake](#) back to San Diego. Indications are that the deal hasn't been scrapped, but those talks have cooled and are far from being completed.

There are arguments both for and against trading Myers. Here's a look at three on each side:

THREE REASONS TO TRADE MYERS

1. It clears an outfield logjam

The Padres love what they got from Renfroe and Reyes in 2018. So much so, they might be willing to turn the corner-outfield spots over to them full time. Of course, that means one of two things: Either Myers stays at third base, where he struggled mightily in August and September. Or he's traded elsewhere. If he's traded, the Padres feel pretty confident in a starting outfield of Renfroe, Reyes and [Manuel Margot](#), with the lefty-hitting Cordero spelling all three on a regular basis, and Jankowski serving as a defense/speed option.

2. It would fill holes elsewhere

The Padres' offensive depth chart looks something like this: solid in the outfield, solid at catcher, gaping holes in the infield. Were they a deeper team across the diamond, the Padres might be comfortable hanging onto their three righty-hitting corner outfielders and letting them compete for time. But a Myers deal would presumably bring in help on the left side of the infield and on the mound. Those are two huge areas of weakness for the club.

3. Money

At the time of the deal, Myers' contract seemed reasonable. He was 26 and coming off an All-Star season, and six years, \$83 million was widely considered a fair price. But the deal is backloaded, with \$64 million remaining, and Myers has struggled in the two years since. The Padres would likely need to take on similar money in a return (as would be the case with Leake and Segura from Seattle). But at least in doing so, they'd be allocating that money at a position of need.

THREE REASONS TO NOT TRADE MYERS

1. He's their best outfielder

OK, maybe Myers wasn't the Padres' best outfielder in 2018. (And he wouldn't have been in '17 either, for that matter.) But nobody in the San Diego outfield has a track record like his. Question marks linger about the long-term viability of Reyes, Renfroe, Margot and Cordero. All four have shown flashes, none have sustained. Of course, Myers hasn't been particularly consistent either. But his 10.1 career **WAR**, according to Baseball-Reference, is just a 10th of a point lower than those four combined.

2. They'd be selling low

Myers is capable of much more than his 2018 season. He averaged 29 homers, 29 doubles and 24 steals in the two years before it. If the Padres think Myers has another '16 campaign in him, they might be best served sticking him in a corner, allowing Renfroe and Reyes to compete for playing time, and waiting for his stock to rise. If he puts forth a first half similar to his '16 season, he'd fetch a much greater haul at the July 31 non-waiver Trade Deadline.

3. How deep is this outfield, really?

To be sure, the outfield is deeper than anywhere else on the Padres' roster (except maybe catcher). But that doesn't mean it would be deep enough without Myers. Cordero is coming off elbow surgery. Margot took a major step back last season. The success of Renfroe and Reyes is mostly limited to the second half of 2018. Assuming Jankowski fills a backup role, that's a lot of question marks in those first three spots. If the Padres can shore up another position in a Myers trade, it obviously makes sense to do so. But it would also stretch them a little bit thin, leaving little room for error with their four 26-and-under outfielders.

Padres Arizona Fall League Review

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Still one of baseball's best-kept secrets, the Arizona Fall League wrapped up on Saturday afternoon at Scottsdale Stadium. The Peoria Javelinas defeated the Salt River Rafters 3-2 in an extra-inning affair to take home their second consecutive title.

Over the course of the Javelinas' 31 games, eight different members of the [Padres](#) organization made contributions; led by Fall Stars OF Buddy Reed and SP [Miguel Diaz](#). Peoria, which consisted of prospects from the Braves, Brewers, Padres, Mariners, and Rays, finished the regular season with a 21-9 record to earn a spot in the championship game.

Individual performances:

Position Players:

- OF Buddy Reed (17 G 66 AB .333/.397/.485 13 R 22 H 5 2B 1 3B 1 HR 6 RBI 7 BB 13 SO 5 SB 1 CS)

Reed wrapped up his 2018 season with a strong Arizona Fall League performance, which should do him well as he looks towards 2019. Not only did the Bronx native put forth a strong effort on the diamond, but Padres fans are being drawn to his infectious personality as well. Quite simply, baseball (and the Padres) needs more players like Buddy.

- C Austin Allen (15 G 57 AB .263/.358/.421 10 R 15 H 3 2B 0 3B 2 HR 13 RBI 8BB 19 SO 0 SB 0 CS)

Austin Allen, who was added to the Padres' 40-man roster on Tuesday, posted a solid AFL campaign after a very good year in Double-A San Antonio. With plenty of catching depth in the organization, Allen's future with the Padres is a bit murky heading into the winter months.

- 3B Hudson Potts (21 G 79 AB .228/.330/.367 10 R 18 H 5 2B 0 3B 2 HR 13 RBI 11 BB 27 SO 1 SB 1 CS)

Potts turned 20 during his time in the AFL, and he continues to grow as a hitter. The hype around the former first-round pick should continue to grow heading into 2019.

- ADDED: 2B Esteban Quiroz (14 G 45 AB .267/.452/.511 10 R 12 H 3 2B 1 3B 2 HR 8 RBI 14 BB 16 SO 0 SB 0 CS)

Quiroz was acquired on Tuesday in a trade that sent RHP Colten Brewer to the Boston Red Sox.

Pitchers:

- SP Miguel Diaz (20.1 IP 20 H 11 ER 0 HR 9 BB 19 SO, 4.87 ERA)

Diaz, who will likely be a candidate for a spot in the Padres bullpen heading into spring training, had an up-and-down AFL campaign. The story for Diaz remains the same: if he can harness his pure stuff on a consistent basis, he will be effective.

- RP Travis Radke (16.0 IP 15 H 5 ER 0 HR 7 BB 18 SO, 2.81 ERA)

The left-handed Radke was not added to the Padres 40-man roster by Tuesday's deadline, which means that he could be selected by another organization in the Rule V draft. If he is selected, he must remain on that organization's 25-man roster for the entirety of the season.

- RP Dauris Valdez (10.0 IP 10 H 5 ER 0 HR 4 BB 15 SO, 4.50 ERA)

Valdez, 23, will look to take that *next* step in 2019. There are ingredients there for him to be a productive reliever, as evidenced by an upper-90s fastball and high strikeout rate.

- RP Blake Rogers (7.1 IP 6 H 1 ER 0 HR 2 BB 7 SO, 1.23 ERA)
- RP Hansel Rodriguez (2.0 IP, 3 H, 2 ER 1 HR, 1 BB, 0 SO, 9.00 ERA)

Rodriguez, who is also eligible to be selected by an organization in the Rule V draft, was shut down early in the AFL due to an elbow issue.

From Boston's Title to Javy Baez's Breakout Year, Here's What Each MLB Club Should Give Thanks For

By [EMMA BACCELLIERI](#), SI

Some MLB teams have more to be thankful for than others do. But every team has something. In honor of Thanksgiving, here's a rundown of baseball's biggest blessings.

San Diego Padres: The Padres sent two of their top relievers, Brad Hand and Adam Cimber, out on a deadline deal in exchange for top catching prospect Francisco Mejia. And their bullpen *still* has Robbie Erlin (2.05 ERA, 11.0 K/BB), Kirby Yates (2.14 ERA, 5.29 K/BB) and Craig Stammen (2.73 ERA, 5.18 K/BB). If those strikeout-to-walk numbers seem insane, they are—they rank 1st, 7th and 8th, respectively, among all relievers.

Notes on the Prospects Traded on 40-Man Crunch Day

by [Eric Longenhagen](#)
November 21, 2018

Here are brief notes on the prospects who were traded ahead of the 40-man roster deadline. The Padres had several prospects who needed to be added to the 40-man — including **Chris Paddack** and **Anderson Espinoza** — and were the most active team.

Cleveland gets:

Walker Lockett, RHP

San Diego gets:

Ignacio Feliz, RHP

Lockett will provide immediate rotation depth for a contending Cleveland team as a 5th/6th starter and will probably be on the 25-man bubble in the spring. His fastball, 91-94, is very average. He can also make it sink in the 87-90 range. Each of his off-speed pitches — a changeup and curveball — will flash above-average. His changeup has a tendency to sail a bit, but it moves.

I think Feliz, who turned 19 in October, was the best prospect traded today. He's a very athletic conversion arm who can spin a good breaking ball. He was 88-92 with natural cut **during the summer** and should grow into more velocity. He'll probably begin 2019 in extended spring training.

Boston gets:

Colten Brewer, RHP

San Diego gets:

Esteban Quiroz, 2B

Brewer was a minor league free agent signee after the 2017 season. He was up and down between San Diego and El Paso a few times in 2018, and was 92-94 with cut, up to 96. At times he'd take a little off and throw more of a slider around 87-88 mph. Brewer also has plus-plus breaking ball spin rates on an 82-85 mph curveball he doesn't locate very well. If that improves, Brewer will be a good 40-50 inning relief option.

Quiroz is the most interesting prospect traded today. He was Team Mexico's leadoff hitter in the 2017 WBC (he hit two homers and a double in 6 at-bats) and spent 2015-2017 crushing the Mexican League. He signed with Boston in November 2017 and had a hot April in 2018 at Double-A, but then missed three and a half months with an abdominal strain. He only played in 24 games at Double-A, then had 62 extra plate appearances in the Arizona Fall League.

Here in Arizona, Quiroz looked pretty good. He's a stocky and strong 5-foot-6, and he has average, all-fields power. He hit two full-extension, opposite field shots this fall, including one that got out just left of center field at Sloan Park in Mesa. He's patient and makes good decisions at the plate. He's also fine at second base (below-average arm, below-average runner, above-

average athlete, average hands) and played a lot of other positions while in Mexico. He'll either need to be viable at other positions or just hit enough to play second base every day. It appears he has a chance to do the latter.

Cubs get:

Rowan Wick, RHP

San Diego gets:

Jason Vosler, 3B

Wick is a capable, generic middle reliever. He works 93-96, has an above-average slider, and a change-of-pace curveball.

Vosler is an extreme fly ball hitter (over 50%) with huge platoon splits. He might be just a 30 bat, but Vosler can play third and first and he crushes lefties; I think he's a corner bench bat or platoon player.

Colorado gets:

Jordan Foley, RHP

Yankees get:

Jeffrey Valdez, RHP

Foley was 91-93 this fall; his changeup and slider were average, and he struggled to throw strikes. He's 25 and coming off a good year at Double-A.

Valdez didn't sign a pro contract until he was 20, and Colorado didn't push him to an age-appropriate level despite his success, so he's a 23-year-old who hasn't set foot in full-season ball. But he's a really loose, wiry 6-foot-1 with a good arm action. He has been 92-94 with an above-average curveball in my looks. I like him as a late-blooming relief candidate.

Oakland gets:

Tanner Anderson, RHP

Pirates get:

PTBNL

Anderson is an average sinker, above-average slider righty reliever, who sits 92-95.

#PadresOnDeck: Padres Make Interesting Additions during the Movement of Prospects

By Bill Center We've been working from a list of around 100 prospects this off-season as we chart players who could be part of the Padres' future.

Last Tuesday, we added three names to our list while eliminating two as the Padres decided to designate former Rule 5 draft pick **Allen Córdoba** for assignment and trade away pitcher **Walker Lockett**.

Meanwhile, each of the three prospects added to the Padres system—while not being a [Top-30 prospect](#)—has interesting credentials.

Nineteen-year-old, right-handed pitcher **Ignacio Feliz**, who was acquired from Cleveland in a trade for Lockett, could have the highest ceiling.

Jason Vosler could play a corner infield position for Triple-A El Paso if he clears next month's Rule 5 draft.

And second baseman **Esteban Quiroz** is a former Mexican League All-Star who first came to the United States last spring.

A look at the three additions and where they might play next season:

— **Feliz**: The native of the Dominican Republic already throws in the low-to-mid 90s and his velocity will likely improve with age and experience. Feliz is 6-foot-1 and 180 pounds and signed with the Indians during the 2016 international signing period that brought a plethora of

prospects into the Padres' system. Feliz had a 5–3 record with a 3.00 ERA in 10 games in the Arizona Rookie League last summer. He also had a 1.07 WHIP and a .207 opponents' batting average with 54 strikeouts in 45 innings. Feliz could open the 2019 season in extended spring training before debuting with Short-Season Single-A Tri-City or Single-A Fort Wayne.

— Quiroz, 26, was acquired in a trade from Boston for right-handed reliever Colten Brewer. Because he signed with the Red Sox last year, Quiroz is not eligible for the Rule 5 draft. Quiroz missed a sizeable chunk of his first season in the United States with an abdominal injury. A native of Sonora, Quiroz—a 5-foot-7, 175-pound, left-handed hitter—divided time between Double-A Portland (Me.) and a rehab assignment in the Gulf Coast League with five doubles, a triple, seven home runs and 31 RBIs in 32 games. Quiroz hit .299 with Portland with a .413 on-base percentage and a .598 slugging percentage for a 1.011 OPS in 24 games. Quiroz was named a 2017 Mexican League All-Star for hitting .293 with a .428 on-base percentage and 11 homers in 287 at-bats with Yucatán. Quiroz played for Mexico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic, going 4-for-6 in three games with a team-leading two home runs, five RBIs and five runs scored. He played a total of seven seasons in Mexico, hitting .292 with a .402 on-base percentage and a .458 slugging percentage. Quiroz figures to start the 2019 season at Double-A Amarillo or Triple-A El Paso.

— Vosler is a very interesting addition since he could open the season at first or third with El Paso—if he clears the Rule 5 draft. Vosler, who was acquired from the Chicago Cubs for right-handed reliever Rowan Wick is a 6-foot-2, 205-pound, 25-year-old left-handed hitter. Vosler, the Cubs' 16th-round pick in the 2014 draft, hit .251 with a .330 on-base percentage and a .467 slugging percentage for a .797 OPS between Double-A and Triple-A last season. The left-handed hitter had a total of 29 homers, two triples, 23 homers and 93 RBIs between AA and AAA. Vosler was a member of the mid-season Southern League All-Star team.

FanGraphs: Padres Get ‘Best Prospect’ in 40–Man Roster Deals

Teen pitcher has swing–and–miss stuff; Padres also add infield flexibility

By Justin Lafferty

After a flurry of deals on Tuesday to get the 40-man roster in order, [FanGraphs declared](#) that the Padres emerged with some prime talent and flexibility.

In trading **Walker Lockett** to the Cleveland Indians, the Padres acquired 19-year-old **Ignacio Feliz**. FanGraphs’ **Eric Longenhagen** is high on the projectable pitcher.

“I think Feliz, who turned 19 in October, was the best prospect traded today,” Longenhagen wrote. “He’s a very athletic conversion arm who can spin a good breaking ball. He was 88–92 with natural cut during the summer and should grow into more velocity. He’ll probably begin 2019 in extended spring training.”

Back in July, [Longenhagen wrote](#) that Feliz was “one of the best on-mound athletes I’ve seen in the AZL.”

Feliz fanned 54 batters in 45 innings for the Indians’ two Arizona Rookie League teams this season.

The Padres also gained some key infield depth with the trade of **Colten Brewer** to the Red Sox, receiving second baseman **Esteban Quiroz** in return. Longenhagen called Quiroz, the leadoff hitter for Team Mexico in

the 2017 World Baseball Classic, “the most intriguing prospect traded today.”

After spending seven seasons in the Mexican League, the Red Sox selected his contract on Nov. 21, 2017. In 24 games with the AA Portland Sea Dogs, he hit at a .299 clip with a 1.011 OPS. Quiroz was sidelined for three and a half months with an abdominal strain.

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The Padres obtained some upper-level depth at the hot corner, sending **Rowan Wick** to the Cubs in exchange for **Jason Vosler**.

Across two levels in 2018 (AA and AAA), Vosler hit .251, bashing 23 home runs. He hit .263 for the AAA Iowa Cubs after a June promotion.

“Vosler is an extreme fly ball hitter (over 50%) with huge platoon splits,” Longenhagen wrote. “He might be just a 30 bat, but Vosler can play third and first and he crushes lefties; I think he’s a corner bench bat or platoon player.”