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### **Anderson dazzles, but 'pen proves porous in loss**

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DENVER -- Tyler Anderson's run of three straight standout outings against National League West opponents was washed away by a streak that the Rockies need to put to an end.

Anderson struck out eight and held the D-backs to one run and three hits in six innings and had a one-run lead. But David Peralta's three-run homer off Jake McGee and A.J. Pollock's solo homer later in the seventh sent the Rockies to their ninth straight Coors Field loss to the D-backs -- the longest against any club since the park opened in 1995 -- 5-3 on Tuesday night.

The Rockies' only longer streak of home futility was 11 games against the Braves from May 6 of their expansion season in 1993 to Aug. 9, 1994. But the current streak against the NL West-leading D-backs is especially damaging for a team that's somewhere at the edge between contender and also-ran that could be dealing for the future when the July 31 non-waiver Trade Deadline hits in three weeks.

Why have the D-backs had such success at Coors?

"No particular reason," shortstop Trevor Story said. "We feel like we could've put up some more runs for 'Andy.' He threw really great."

"No reason -- just they've played better," Rockies manager Bud Black said.

The Rockies went 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position, leaving 12 men on base.

Nolan Arenado homered in the bottom of the seventh off Archie Bradley to tie the Brewers' Jesus Aguilar for the NL lead in homers with 23. However, the Rockies (46-45) fell to 4 1/2 games behind the D-backs -- a team they face twice more this series, plus in a three-game set at Chase Field immediately following the All-Star break.

The Rockies' bullpen, a problem for much of June, entered Tuesday having yielded no runs in its last four games, and one in the last six. But McGee walked Jeff Mathis to open the seventh, and watched Chris Owings double.

McGee fell behind Peralta, 1-0, and went to a slider, even though Peralta ranked fourth in the Majors against breaking balls (.358) before Tuesday, according to Statcast™. Peralta's 16th homer this season went out to right field -- 445 feet, his deepest tracked by Statcast™.

"It was second and third, and I was thinking if I could bounce it down and away, if he was going to hit it, he was going to hit it to an infielder and keep it second and third," said McGee, who has increased use of his slider. "But I didn't execute my pitch.

"I've been throwing it [the slider] a lot more lately the past few weeks. It's been working really well. Tonight, I just left them up a little too much."

Scott Oberg had not given up a run in five outings since returning from the disabled list with a back injury, but served up Pollock's 12th homer, to dead center field in the seventh.

"When you go to the bullpen and you're going to use three or four guys, you need them all to contribute, whether it's a zero or whether it's minimizing the damage," Black said. "Tonight, it just didn't happen."

Arenado's homer came in the bottom of the seventh, but Andrew Chafin entered with two out and two aboard, then forced a grounder from Gerardo Parra to escape the threat.

Anderson entered having thrown 16 scoreless innings in starts against the Dodgers and Giants. He yielded Nick Ahmed's 12th homer of the season with one out in the first, but no other runs followed. He worked around four walks -- his most since walking six on April 15 at Washington.

Because of the walks and pitching behind in the count too much for his liking, Anderson didn't consider Tuesday the continuation of his roll.

"I would say maybe I'd feel that way if tonight was a little bit better, but it was one of those things that you've just got to battle through it," Anderson said. "Every game is separate. Whether it's making pitches or not making pitches. As a team, we just want to win and compete."

Anderson walked Steven Souza Jr. and Ketel Marte to open the fourth. But after a visit from pitching coach Steve Foster, he fanned Jake Lamb, Mathis and D-backs starting pitcher Patrick Corbin (4 1/3 innings, five hits, two runs). In the sixth, Anderson walked Souza before striking out Marte and working a fly ball from Lamb.

"He was dialing it up," D-backs manager Torey Lovullo said of Anderson. "He did a great job. He was throwing his fastball on both sides of the plate. I think he made a couple of mistakes the whole day and hitters were very complimentary about his stuff."

### **MOMENTS THAT MATTERED**

With Story on third base and Ian Desmond on first in the bottom of the fifth inning, Parra looked like he could drive in a few runs, especially after the D-backs had botched plays in left field and at first base that inning to give the Rockies what was then the go-ahead run. Chris Iannetta popped out ahead of him in what was a rough evening for the catcher, who left eight men on base.

Parra sent one deep into right field, but Souza made a running catch on the warning track to end the inning and the Rockies' hope of adding some insurance runs.

### **SOUND SMART**

Fresh off his first All-Star bid, Story continued swinging away -- and connecting. Tuesday night marked the fifth consecutive multi-hit game for Story, which tied his career-high, set earlier this year, from June 8-13.

Story doubled in the fifth and singled in the seventh to the right side -- against a shifted infield -- to continue his streak.

### **YOU GOTTA SEE THIS**

Had the Rockies flipped the game, a double play that featured a lightning-quick throw from right fielder Carlos Gonzalez would have been a key.

Reliever Adam Ottavino faced runners at first and third in the ninth inning, thanks to a leadoff Ahmed double, a wild pitch and a walk to Paul Goldschmidt.

Pollock flied to right, and Ahmed started toward the plate. However, he stopped as Gonzalez's throw zoomed in at 94.3 mph, according to Statcast™. Goldschmidt thought he could take second, but Gonzalez's throw gave Desmond time to relay to to DJ LeMahieu for the tag.

### **HE SAID IT**

"We have an incredible team, regardless of how the results have been so far. We have a great team, and we can play anybody and beat anybody on any given day. So, that's the thing. Sometimes you lose sight of that when you're not playing your best baseball, but I think everyone here knows that. And they know that our lineup is deep. We're good from one to nine, and we have some guys who can throw the ball. We're going to compete and try to stay in games and try to win them." -- Anderson, on the Rockies

### **UP NEXT**

Righty German Marquez (7-8, 4.92 ERA) is on a roll going into the matchup with the D-backs and righty Shelby Miller (0-3, 9.00) on Wednesday at 6:40 p.m. MT. In his last two starts, he is 2-0 with a 1.29 ERA, 14 strikeouts and no walks. But he must conquer some demons. He is 0-1 with a 5.00 ERA in two starts against the D-backs this year and 0-4, 4.47 in nine appearances (eight starts) in his career. He also is 2-5 with a 7.93 ERA at Coors this season in nine starts.

## **Arenado smacks HR, ties for NL lead**

**Anne Rogers | MLB.com | July 10, 2018**

DENVER -- Nolan Arenado showed one reason why he made his fourth consecutive All-Star roster -- and second straight start -- on Tuesday night in the Rockies' 5-3 loss to the D-backs.

With an opposite-field shot to right-center in the seventh inning, Arenado jumped back into a tie with the Brewers' Jesus Aguilar for the National League home run lead. Arenado's 412-foot homer off of D-backs reliever Archie Bradley was his 23rd of the season.

"That's the type of player he is," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "He's capable of doing those things. He's a very good player. And with that home run, it got us to 5-3."

Arenado cut the Rockies' deficit after the Rockies' bullpen surrendered four runs in the top of the seventh inning. But despite his fireworks, the score would stay put.

The Rockies needed a spark after the D-backs took the lead late in the game, and Arenado started it -- Trevor Story and Ian Desmond knocked back-to-back singles behind him to put runners in scoring position. But the Rockies couldn't see the spark through; Colorado left 12 on base and went 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position.

"[The D-backs'] bullpen pitched well against us," Black said. "We nicked Bradley for a homer, stressed him a little bit. Stressed [Brad] Boxberger in the end, but we just couldn't get the big hit."

## **Rox adjusting plan for Shaw upon return**

**Anne Rogers | MLB.com | July 10, 2018**

DENVER -- When the Rockies signed reliever Bryan Shaw to a three-year, \$27 million contract in the offseason, they saw his role as being the guy in tight games to get the ball to Adam Ottavino or Wade Davis with the Rockies' lead intact.

Halfway through Shaw's first season in Colorado, he hasn't performed that role the way the Rockies initially thought he would. After he is activated from the disabled list (right calf strain), there might be a change in what the Rockies expect the right-hander to do.

"Every game will dictate how we use our bullpen," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "But, probably, the role that we thought Bryan would fulfill at the start of the year -- if that type of game comes up -- you might not see him in that game."

At Triple-A Albuquerque for rehab assignment, Shaw pitched in two games -- an inning each. His first, on Friday, wasn't much of an improvement of his outings before being put on the DL: two hits, two runs and one home run. On Sunday, his second outing, he fared much better, with three ground balls and only one walk.

Black did not have a timetable as to when Shaw would be activated from the DL.

"Everything was good, but I got tired," Shaw said about his first outing. "You throw bullpens and live BP, but obviously it's not a game, so that was my first outing in like 10-11 days. But before that, everything was good, everything was down, and then obviously the next outing, much better. Three ground balls, that's what I'm looking for."

Shaw insisted that his problem was that he wasn't healthy before being put on the DL on June 24. As much as he tried to not let the calf strain -- one that flared up again after getting hurt during Spring Training -- affect him, his body naturally tried to compensate for it.

"The strain early on, that may have adjusted things a little bit, some of the mechanics," Shaw said. "You try to adjust it in a negative way, try to fix it and get through it. Obviously, it didn't really work."

In the Rockies' clubhouse on Tuesday, Shaw asserted that he's healthy now, and that he will keep his mechanics where they need to be. Then, he can step back into his expected role for the Rockies' bullpen.

### **Dahl hitting again**

Rockies outfielder David Dahl hit in the batting cages at Coors Field on Tuesday. Dahl is coming back from a broken right foot that landed him on the DL on June 1.

"Dahl is improving," Black said. "He hit in the cage today, and he might hit on the field. He's getting better. Foot feels better."

## **Rockies' bullpen wastes strong start from Tyler Anderson in series-opening loss to Arizona**

*The Diamondbacks torched Jake McGee and Scott Oberg for four runs on two homers in the momentum-shifting seventh inning*

**Kyle Newman | DenverPost.com | July 10, 2018**

The black smoke that billowed into the sky to the north of Coors Field, rising up nearly directly above the Rockies' bullpen when viewed from home plate, seemed too ominous to be true. It was simply the result of a raging afternoon fire at a nearby recycling yard, not some foreshadowing of what was to come in Tuesday's series opener against Arizona.

Oh, if only.

The black smoke ended up telling the story after all, as the Diamondbacks torched the Colorado relief combo of Jake McGee and Scott Oberg for four runs on two homers in the seventh en route to a 5-3 win over the Rockies at Coors Field.

"Like we've talked about a lot, when you go to the bullpen and you're going to use three or four guys, you need them all to contribute whether it's a zero or whether it's minimizing the damage," manager Bud Black said. "Tonight, it didn't happen."

Colorado's latest bullpen failure wasted a strong start from southpaw Tyler Anderson, who dominated Arizona for six innings following Nick Ahmed's home run in the first frame that put Arizona up 1-0.

As Anderson settled in, finishing with eight strikeouts and three hits while working around four walks, the Colorado offense awoke via Charlie Blackmon's RBI double to score DJ LeMahieu in the third inning and even the game at one.

Arizona then further tilted the momentum toward Colorado with uncharacteristic defensive blunders in the fifth, which came despite the fact the Diamondbacks entered the night leading the National League with a .990 fielding percentage, a smidgen better than Colorado's .989.

The frame began with Nolan Arenado's grounder in the hole past Diamondbacks' third baseman Jake Lamb on a play that likely should have been made, but was ruled a hit. Then, David Peralta misplayed a Trevor Story double to left and Paul Goldschmidt made an error on an Ian Desmond grounder to score Arenado, extending Colorado's lead to 3-1.



But after the bullpen faltered in the seventh — first by Peralta's three-run home run off McGee's slider, then by AJ Pollock's solo shot off Oberg — Colorado would never regain the lead.

"I hung my secondary pitch for a few bad pitches," McGee said. "The second one was up too much to a power hitter, and you're going to pay when that happens."

Arenado's solo shot in the bottom of the frame was the team's final offensive spark on a night where Colorado left a dozen men on base and hit 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position.

"We could've put up some more runs to support Anderson, because he threw really great," Story said. "That's on us."

With the loss, the Rockies fell to 4.5 games back of first-place Arizona in the NL West, while the Diamondbacks extended their franchise record for consecutive wins at any opponent's stadium to nine games. Colorado also set a franchise record with the most consecutive losses to a single opponent at Coors Field.

The defeat also derailed the recent momentum the Colorado bullpen had picked up following the unit's horrendous start, as Rockies' relievers had a 2.79 ERA over the past two weeks entering Tuesday.

"Today was one pitch — if I make a good pitch, we could've been up by one, we could've only been tied," McGee said. "At the end of the day, for bullpens, if you miss one pitch a lot of times you can lose the game."

## **The Venezuelan force is strong with the Rockies in their lineup and rotation**

*Veterans Carlos Gonzalez and Gerardo Parra mirror a pair of promising young starters in German Marquez and Antonio Senzatela*

**Kyle Newman | DenverPost.com | July 10, 2018**

To say that Latin America has taken over the major leagues would not be hyperbole. Since about the turn of the century, the majors have consistently been made up of a quarter Latino players, a consensus which stands in stark comparison to the game's less-than-one percent Latino makeup back in the late 1940s.

While the Dominican Republic again had the most foreign players on Opening Day rosters this season — the country has led in the data since the league began releasing it in 1995 — Venezuela came in second with 74 players, down just a touch from a record 77 in 2017.

And inside the Rockies' clubhouse, four Venezuelans will figure prominently into the Rockies' chances in the second half of the season, as the steady veteran presences of outfielders Carlos Gonzalez and Gerardo Parra mirror a pair of young but promising starting pitchers in German Marquez and Antonio Senzatela.

Gonzalez, 32, and Parra, 31, grew up in different cities of the same Venezuelan state, Zulia. They knew about each other from a young age even though they never actually faced off against one another, and their friendship deepened in the Diamondbacks' farm system as each was attempting to establish themselves as major leaguers.

As Gonzalez emphasized, there's a lot of pride within the collective of Venezuelan big leaguers, especially considering the increasing influence they're having in stadiums across America.

"Growing up, there were not a lot of baseball players from Venezuela," Gonzalez said. "Whenever there was a game on when I was a kid, it was normally a lot of Rockies games because Andres Galarraga played, and we watched a lot of Omar Vizquel and Bobby Abreu.

"We played baseball because of them, and now we're doing the same thing we were doing growing up — still playing baseball — only now there's a lot of kids back in Venezuela trying to be a baseball player because of guys like Miguel Cabrera, Jose Altuve, myself, Gerardo. That's the way the game grows."

After a slow start, Gonzalez's batting average (.274) has risen steadily over the past couple months, and his July splits entering Tuesday (8 for 24 with a homer and three RBIs) indicate his swell might just be getting going. Meanwhile, Parra has quietly established himself as one of Colorado's most consistent offensive producers, with a .300 average and 39 RBIs entering Tuesday.

And while those two veterans exhibit many of the same Venezuelan baseball trademarks of their fellow countrymen — flashy glove play, thousand-watt smiles and an infusion of energy into the clubhouse and lineup every day, whether by way of Parra's blaring music or Gonzalez's occasional moonshots to The Rooftop — they hope their influence rubs off on the 23-year-old arms of Marquez and Senzatela.

"We've seen what both of those guys can do, how they can dominate at times, and it's impressive," Parra said. "Marquez lately in L.A. and Seattle, Senzatela in his first start this year — it's exciting to see young (Venezuelans) come up and play well like that, especially on your own team."

Both right-handers have the potential to become anchors in the Rockies' rotation well beyond this year. Marquez is 7-8 with a 4.92 ERA this season, with most of his struggles coming at Coors Field via a 7.93 ERA, while Senzatela was recalled July 3 to take Jon Gray's spot in the rotation. He is 1-1 with a 4.15 since his promotion.

And even though the pitchers don't have the long-standing relationship Gonzalez and Parra do — they grew up on opposite sides of Venezuela, more than 400 miles apart — Senzatela said the two first bonded as teammates in the minor leagues, and Marquez added the relationship has grown steadily over the past couple seasons as the hard-throwers lean on each other for advice.

"I heard about (Senzatela) when I was in A-ball and I got traded from Tampa Bay," Marquez said. "The first time I saw him pitch, I knew he was a special talent. There's a lot of similarities with us in (mindset), and we both grew up watching King Felix."

While Marquez and Senzatela surely have a long way to go to match Seattle's Félix Hernández — one of baseball's best starters over the past decade — if their Venezuelan teammates have anything to say about it, they, too, will one day be imitated by Little Leaguers across the 'Land of Grace.'

"At the end of the day, if those guys have a long career, they're going to be the ones who welcome the younger generation," Gonzalez said. "It's great to teach them how everything was done, and make sure they have success to stay."

Footnotes. Colorado made a roster move ahead of the series opener against Arizona, reinstating Tom Murphy from the paternity list while optioning Jordan Patterson back to Triple-A Albuquerque. Murphy and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed Thomas William-Jase Murphy into the world Saturday, and the catcher is hitting .313 since being recalled on June 12. ... David Dahl is getting closer to full health after fracturing his foot May 30, and he's been running and hitting off a tee for a couple weeks now, and took batting practice during pregame on Tuesday. "I feel like I'm pretty close," Dahl said. "I got an MRI yesterday to show that it was healed. The plan is to just keep progressing and seeing where I'm at as the team goes into the all-star break."

### **Looking ahead**

Colorado Rockies starting pitcher German Marquez ...Mark J. Terrill, The Associated PressColorado Rockies starting pitcher German Marquez throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies on Saturday, June 30, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Diamondbacks RHP Shelby Miller (0-3, 9.00 ERA) at Rockies RHP German Márquez (7-8, 4.92), 6:40 p.m., ATTRM

Miller has yet to earn a victory in three starts this season following his return from Tommy John surgery June 25. The right-hander has been hit hard by the Rockies to the tune of a .298 team average (39-for-131) with five homers. Second baseman DJ LeMahieu (.421 average against Miller) and outfielder Carlos Gonzalez (.389) each have one of those long balls. Marquez, meanwhile, has surrendered just one total run on a homer in each of his last two starts (six and eight innings, respectively), but Arizona has a history of success against him with a .331 team average (39-for-118). Paul Goldschmidt has been particularly lethal with a .533 average (8-for-15) and four homers against the right-hander.

Thursday: Diamondbacks RHP Zack Godley (10-6, 4.85) at Rockies LHP Kyle Freeland (8-6, 3.18), no T.V.

Friday: Mariners LHP James Paxton (8-3, 3.49) at Rockies RHP Antonio Senzatela (3-2, 5.34), 6:40 p.m., ATTRM

Saturday: Mariners LHP Wade LeBlanc (5-0, 3.39) at Rockies TBA, 7:10 p.m., ATTRM

## **Peralta's blast lifts Diamondbacks over Rockies, 5-3**

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DENVER -- Tyler Anderson kept Arizona in check for six innings. Once he left, the Diamondbacks pounced on the Colorado Rockies bullpen.

David Peralta and A.J. Pollock homered in Arizona's four-run seventh inning, and the Diamondbacks beat the Rockies 5-3 on Tuesday night.

"It's good when you do something to help the team to win," said Peralta, who has 16 home runs. "You have to be ready for a mistake. I was trying to slow down the game. I was really happy."

Nick Ahmed also went deep as the Diamondbacks won for ninth straight time at Coors Field.

Arizona managed just three hits off Anderson but a high pitch count ended his night early. The Diamondbacks roughed up the Rockies' bullpen in the seventh.

Jake McGee (1-3) walked Jeff Mathis, allowed a double to pinch-hitter Chris Owings before Peralta hit the first strike he saw into the seats in right to give the Diamondbacks a 4-2 lead.

"I threw two bad pitches with my secondary pitches," McGee said. "The second one I got it up too much to Peralta. You are going to pay when that happens."

Pollock hit a solo homer later in the inning off Scott Oberg.

The big inning wasted another strong outing for Anderson. He has allowed just one run in his last three starts, two of which have come at Coors Field. He has a 0.45 ERA since losing to the Miami Marlins on June 23rd.

He walked four batters Tuesday, two leading off the third inning but came back to strike out the side and leave the runners stranded.

"I was working fast, too fast," Anderson said. "I stayed back and made good pitches. A lot of times when you're back is against the wall, you have to do that."

Nolan Arenado hit his 23rd homer off Archie Bradley in the bottom of the seventh, tying him for the NL lead in that category. The Rockies put the tying run on first but Andrew Chafin retired the last two batters to end the threat.

Randall Delgado (2-0) tossed 1 2/3 innings in relief of Patrick Corbin to get the win. Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Corbin went only 4 1/3 innings and failed to pitch at least five innings for the first time this season. The left-hander came into the game with a 0.95 ERA in his previous three starts.

"I didn't go as deep into the game as I'd like," Corbin said. "Just a couple of mistakes and got my pitch count early. I was hoping to get through the fifth there but the bullpen came up huge."

## **TRAINER'S ROOM**

Diamondbacks: RHP Clay Buchholz (left oblique strain) threw a bullpen on Tuesday while INF Deven Marrero (left oblique strain) continues to do range-of-motion exercises.

Rockies: OF David Dahl (broken right foot) took batting practice Wednesday. Dahl has been out since June 1 after fouling a ball off his foot against San Francisco.

## **HOME AWAY FROM HOME**

Arizona's nine straight wins at Coors Field are a franchise record at an away ballpark. The Diamondbacks haven't lost in Denver since June 20, 2017.

"You come up here and we're ready to play our best baseball," manager Torey Lovullo said. "For the first five innings we looked like we were semi-sleepwalking but the right guys came up when we needed them."

Arizona had an eight-game winning streak at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia snapped in April.

#### **ROSTER MOVE**

The Rockies activated C Tom Murphy from the paternity list and optioned INF Jordan Patterson to Triple-A Albuquerque.

#### **UP NEXT**

Diamondbacks RHP Shelby Miller (0-3, 9.00) makes his fourth start Wednesday since returning from Tommy John surgery. He will face Colorado RHP German Marquez (7-8, 4.92), who is 2-0 with a 1.29 ERA with 14 strikeouts and no walks in his last two starts.



## **Rockies set inauspicious record in loss to Diamondbacks**

**Drew Creasman | BSNDenver.com | July 10, 2018**

DENVER – The Colorado Rockies have set a new inauspicious record. In losing a tough one to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night, by a score of 5-3, they have now dropped nine straight games to their division rivals in their own ballpark, a franchise record.

Tyler Anderson was terrific again but the Diamondbacks grinded his pitch count and chased him from the game, taking advantage of a Rockies bullpen that is still looking for some answers.

Anderson's 16-inning scoreless streak was broken immediately in the first when he gave up a solo home run to Nick Ahmed who went yard for the 12th time this season, pulling a center-cut fastball well over the wall in left.

That ended up being the sole blemish on Anderson's evening.

He didn't exactly cruise through the next five innings, issuing four walks, but he came up with his best pitches when he needed them the most. Most notably, in the fourth, after walking a pair, he struck out the side to strand both runners.

The Rockies tied the game in the bottom of the third on a single from DJ LeMahieu and a double by Charlie Blackmon who pulled a sharp ground ball just inside the first base bag. Nolan Arenado followed with a walk but both runners were left aboard after Trevor Story struck out, Ian Desmond grounded out, and Chris Iannetta flied out to center.

Colorado took the lead in the bottom of the fifth after an Arenado single and Story's 25th double of the season put a pair aboard for Desmond who delivered a groundball to the right side that Paul Goldschmidt whiffed on, but the run would have scored anyway. Iannetta missed a chance to add another run with a productive out, popping up on the infield.

As soon as Anderson left the game, the Diamondbacks found new life. Reliever Jake McGee lost a tough battle with Jeff Mathis, eventually issuing a walk. Then, he surprisingly threw a slider to Chris Owings who doubled down the left-field line but not far enough in the corner for the runner to score.

But, on his very next pitch, he almost inexplicably threw his third-best pitch again, grooving it for David Peralta who blasted it over the high wall in right-center field to swing the game back in favor of Arizona by a score of 4-2.

McGee gave way to Scott Oberg who retired Ahmed and Goldschmidt before falling victim to a first-pitch-swinging A.J. Pollock who smashed his 12th homer of the season over the wall in center.

The Rockies got one back in the bottom of the seventh on Arenado's 23rd home run of the season. Story followed by singling on the 12th pitch of the next at-bat and Desmond made it first-and-third with one out by singling through the right side on a 1-2 fastball. But Iannetta was once again unable to produce the productive out, flying out to shallow right and Gerardo Parra grounded out to second on the first pitch of his at-bat to end the inning and the threat.

Harrison Musgrave issued a walk to Daniel Descalso but otherwise worked a clean eighth.

Adam Ottavino came on in the ninth with his club down two runs and gave up a rare leadoff double, just the fourth hit he has given up at Coors Field all season. He then unleashed a wild pitch before walking Goldschmidt to put runners at first-and-third with nobody out.

But he got Pollock to fly out to straight-away center and on a strong throw in from Carlos Gonzalez that kept the runner at third, Desmond made a heads-up play to cut the ball off and nail Goldschmidt at second, turning a 9-4-3 double play. Ottavino got a groundout from Steven Souza Jr., escaping the frame with no damage done.

Blackmon led off the bottom of the ninth by singling up the middle but and Story flew out, Desmond walked, and Iannetta groundout to third to end the game.

The Rockies went 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position and left 12 men on base.

#### **FINAL STATS:**

Tyler Anderson: 6 IP, 3 H, 1 ER, 4 BB, 8 K

Jake McGee: 0.0 IP, 2 H, 3 ER, 1 BB, 0 K

Scott Oberg: 1 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K

Harrison Musgrave: 1 IP, 0 H, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K

Adam Ottavino: 1 IP, 1 H, 0 ER, 1 BB

Nolan Arenado: 2-for-3, 2 R, 1 RBI, 2 BB, HR (23)

DJ LeMahieu: 1-for-5, 1 R

Charlie Blackmon: 2-for-5, 1 RBI

Trevor Story: 2-for-4

Ian Desmond: 1-for-4, 1 RBI

**WHAT'S NEXT:**

In Game 2, German Marquez will face off against Shelby Miller, looking to overcome his home-field demons. First pitch on Wednesday night at 6:40 Mountain Time.

## Rockies-Mariners Series Grades: Star performances abound from some unlikely heroes Andre Simone

Andre Simone | BSNDenver.com | July 10, 2018

The Colorado Rockies had another positive series, beating the Seattle Mariners two out of three on the road, and getting their two wins against the Mariners' two aces in the process.

This was a series in which some of Colorado's unsung heroes came up big, making it a particularly fun one to grade.

As we do after each series, using our advanced statistics and our-in-house all-encompassing metric DPR, here are our individual grades.

Note, the scores below are each player's average DPR for the series, all Rockies stats can be found [here](#).

Trevor Story (108.68 — ☆): Story's continued his great run of form with two excellent outings, batting .500 in two games. He only struck out once and got his 17th homer of the season getting the Rockies back on top in game three. A really nice performance once again, as he's raised his DPR to 68.15 on the season, which is among the best middle infielders in the NL.

Charlie Blackmon (70.70 — B): Charlie's getting back to his old self as he had two nice games against the Mariners, specifically game one where he homered, had two more hits and scored two runs. In game three he had himself another solo home run. His grade would be much higher if not for a four-strikeout performance in game two where his DPR was an astonishing -3.99.

DJ LeMahieu (39.37 — D-): After a solid game one where he had a two-RBI double, DJ struggled offensively in Seattle. He struck out once in each game and produced a minus in the last two outings per WPA.

Nolan Arenado (37.84 — D-): After a scorching hot stretch, Nolan's cooled off in his last four outings. He struck out five times in the Emerald City while contributing only two singles in three games.

Ian Desmond (58.46 — C): Desi was solid in the first two games managing two singles and stealing a base each outing as well.

Carlos Gonzalez (89.93 — A): CarGo was incredibly consistent in the series, hitting in each game and managing an RBI each game.

Noel Cuevas (89.24 — A): Cuevas was huge in a game two performance with a monster three-run homer added to two singles. He was less spectacular in a game three outing in which he struck out in both of his two ABs. That game two performance was probably the difference between the Rockies winning or losing the series though, which justifies the high grade.

Chris Iannetta (32.22 — F): After coming through in the clutch and allowing Colorado to sweep the last series, Iannetta's bat went missing in the two games he played in Seattle, striking out four times in seven ABs.

Gerardo Parra (57.76 — C): Parra had a nice game two outing, with two singles and scoring a run while also managing an RBI. His other two appearances were nothing to write home bringing his series average down significantly.

Tony Wolters (126.01 — ☆): Wolters was awesome in game one with two triples and three RBIs on the day, scoring two runs as well. It's not accounted for by DPR, but he had a great defensive play throwing out a runner at home by recovering a pitch in the dirt by Marquez.

Pat Valaika (98.14 — ☆): Valaika was a stud in his game two outing, producing both offensively and defensively. He reached the base pads three times with a walk and two singles while adding a run. He also had the defensive play of the day with a great diving grab and throw to first.

Raimel Tapia (84.97 — A-): Tapia had a pinch-hit appearance in game three that lowered his score but we're not going to average his grade that way as it seems unfair. His big outing was his DH performance in game one where he had two runs after walking once and producing a double. That's the type of spark Colorado needs from his bat.

German Marquez (80.34 — A-): After his best performance of the season in his last outing, Marquez was wheeling and dealing once again, throwing nasty stuff and showing sublime control. The Venezuelan was awesome with zero walks in six innings, allowing only one run off a solo homer.

In 110 pitches he had a stellar 70-percent strike percentage and induced 11 ground ball outs. A terrific outing to bring home the W while outdueling Felix Hernandez.

Kyle Freeland (56.22 — C): This was the second start in a row in which Freeland didn't seem to have his best stuff but battled to get through relatively unscathed in five innings of one-run baseball. The stats won't love his performance as he threw as many balls as he did Ks, had twice as many fly balls as he did grounders, and was below 60-percent in his strike percentage.

This was Freeland's worst outing per DPR since May 29th, which speaks to his consistency thus far.

Antonio Senzatela (49.23 — D+): His second start of the season wasn't nearly as lights out as his first, as Senza allowed five hits, walking three and ultimately was punished twice with some big at-bats by Ryon Healy. Healy got the righty twice with a bases-loaded double and a three-run homer for five RBIs on the day. Had Antonio, who got the run support he needed, been a bit cooler in those two ABs, the Rockies might've been sweeping in Seattle.

Jake McGee (75.04 — B+): In two innings this series McGee got the job done, with a potent outing in game one and a shakier appearance in game three where he still was able to shut the Mariners down. He collected three Ks in the two games and showed guts in the third game as he allowed a hit and a walk but threw a 75-percent strike percentage and was able to get out of trouble with two strikeouts.

Scott Oberg (74.86 — B+): Oberg appeared in the first two games of the series and had a couple clean outings. His first appearance was a bit shakier, allowing two hits, but he pounded the strike zone and was able to get out of it. He was excellent in game two with two strikeouts and a DPR of 96.11. His ERA is now down to 3.04 on the year.

Chris Rusin (61.53 — C+): Rusin wasn't lights out in two appearances in the series, but he managed two clean outings so it's certainly a passing grade. He was a bit shaky in a nine-pitch outing in game three where he allowed a single and a

walk but got two ground balls to exit unscathed. He allowed a single in game one too but managed to get out of trouble quickly.

Adam Ottavino (80.23 — A-): Otto was tasked with a two-inning outing in game two and wasn't perfect allowing a single in each inning but ultimately getting exiting cleanly. He struck out three, induced a double play, and threw two-thirds of his pitches for strikes. His 0.16 FIP was quite telling of how good he was on the day.

A nice outing with some extra duty work.

Wade Davis (83.33 — A-): Davis came in to close out game two in a non-save situation and was aided by some good defense. He got the job done forcing a pair of grounders to bring home the Rockies' second win.

## **The Rockies' poor play at Coors Field smothers their postseason ambitions**

**Shawn Drotar | MileHighSports.com | July 11, 2018**

After losing their ninth straight game at Coors Field to the Diamondbacks on Tuesday, the Rockies fell to 18-23 at home for the season.

Their abysmal .439 winning percentage at home is the fourth-worst in the National League, and if it were to hold out through the rest of the season, it would be only marginally better than 2012's 35-46 (.432) home record at Coors Field that marked the team's worst season out of 23 that they've played in their home park.

Entering this year, the Rockies were 1,018-845 (.546) at Coors, and if the Rockies were even close to their historical averages — 23-18 (.561) comes closest at this juncture — they'd not only be leading the NL West with an impressive 51-40 record; they'd be only 3-1/2 games behind the Brewers for the best record in the league.

That's the ground that the club's already ceded to its opponents by its historically poor performance at home this season. The Rockies' 3.96 team ERA on the road ranks seventh in the league; not bad at all, given the youth of their rotation. At home, however, the Rockies' 5.76 ERA is not only dead last, it's more than a run worse than the next closest team.

There's still time to reverse the trend; the Rockies' 50 road games at this juncture is the most in the league, so the Rockies will have plenty of home games available in the second half of the season to right the ship. But in truth, there's been no real indication that they will; an inconsistent offense in the league's best offensive park isn't likely to sustain support for any pitching staff that has to deal with the devilish nature of Colorado's altitude 81 times in a season.

Following a wild-card postseason appearance in 2017, the Rockies felt this was their year; their chance to arrive on baseball's scene as a regular contender. The dirty little secret? They're good enough to do exactly that; as shown above, even an average season as Coors makes the Rockies the favorite to claim the NL West for the first time in history.

However, as in most things, it's the execution that counts — and the Rockies aren't executing at home. If they don't turn that disturbing trend around soon, it'll be the epitaph to a season that might have been; a missed opportunity that might change the entire trajectory of the franchise.



## **Rockies' bullpen squanders lead in loss to Diamondbacks**

**Aniello Piro | MileHighSports.com | July 10, 2018**

The Colorado Rockies lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks Tuesday night, 5-3.

Tuesday's contest started off on a sour note for Rockies' starting pitcher Tyler Anderson, who surrendered a solo home run to Nick Ahmed, establishing an early advantage for the NL West-leading Diamondbacks..

Outside of the early home run, Anderson was sharp on the mound and kept Colorado in the game with the Rockies' offense tying the contest in the bottom of the third inning when Charlie Blackmon ripped an RBI double to left field.

Both teams were quiet in the fourth inning, but Colorado was able to pull ahead in the fifth starting with back-to-back hits from Nolan Arenado and Trevor Story. From there, Diamondbacks' All-Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt committed an error trying to cut off a run at the plate, pushing the Rockies ahead 2-1.

Anderson held the Rockies' lead through the sixth inning, but would not pitch beyond that point due to his high pitch count.

From there, Rockies' manager Bud Black opted to send out veteran Jake McGee to preserve the lead in the seventh. McGee did just the opposite as he allowed a walk and a double instantly. Unable to find himself on the mound with two runners on base in a one-run ballgame, McGee proceeded to surrender a three-run home run to David Peralta, which was then quickly followed by Black making a change on the mound.

Scott Oberg came into the game in relief of McGee and allowed a solo home-run to AJ Pollock to push Arizona ahead 5-2.

Arenado hit a solo shot of his own in the bottom half of the seventh inning to cut the deficit to 5-3.

Outside of the home run from Arenado, the Rockies were unable to generate any more runs throughout the game despite having runners in scoring position with one out later on in the seventh inning.

The loss dropped the Rockies record to 46-45 on the season while Arizona improved to 51-41.

The Rockies and Diamondbacks will continue their series from Coors Field Wednesday evening with first pitch set for 6:40 MST.

## It's Time, Rockies Need to Make Visitors Hate Coors Field -- Again

Tracy Ringolsby | [InsidetheSeams.com](http://InsidetheSeams.com) | July 10, 2018

The Rockies have been troubled with inconsistency this season.

They, however, are still alive in the NL West. Arizona, which has seen its lead over the Dodgers for the division lead shrink to a half game, is only 3 1/2 games ahead of the fourth-place Rockies.

Just think where the Rockies can be if they can reaffirm Coors Field as a house of horrors for visitors. The Rockies rank 11th in the NL with a .450 winning percentage at home, and that's a drastic improvement thanks to recent success. And the .450 winning percentage would rank below 21 of the previous 23 full seasons played at Coors Field. The Rockies, in fact, have had a winning record at Coors Field in 18 of those seasons.

### THE COORS FACTOR

2018				Rockies			
Team	W	L	Pct	Season	W	L	Pct
Phillies	30	16	0.652	1996	55	26	0.679
Cubs	28	15	0.651	2010	52	29	0.642
Giants	29	16	0.644	2009	51	30	0.63
Brewers	30	18	0.625	2007	51	31	0.622
Braves	23	17	0.575	1995	44	28	0.611
D-Backs	26	23	0.531	2003	49	32	0.605
Dodgers	26	23	0.531	2000	48	33	0.593
Cardinals	23	22	0.511	1997	47	34	0.58
Pirates	23	23	0.5	2002	47	34	0.58
Nationals	22	24	0.478	2017	46	35	0.568

<b>2018</b>				<b>Rockies</b>			
Rockies	18	22	0.45	2014	45	36	0.556
Reds	21	26	0.447	2013	45	36	0.556
Marlins	20	26	0.435	2006	44	37	0.543
Padres	19	26	0.422	2008	43	38	0.531
				1998	42	39	0.519
				2016	42	39	0.519
				2001	41	40	0.506
				2005	40	41	0.494
				1999	39	42	0.481
				2004	38	43	0.469
				2011	38	43	0.469
				2018	18	22	0.45
				2015	36	45	0.444
				2012	35	46	0.432

The Diamondbacks have had success at Coors Field. They have won their last eight games in Denver, and they have outscored the Rockies 75-30 in those eight games -- more than 5 1/2 runs per game. Coors Field is one of four current NL ballparks in which Arizona has a winning record on the road. And the Diamondbacks are looking for a sixth winning record at Coors Field in the last eight seasons.

### COORS, IT'S THE ALTITUDE

<b>Date</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>at Stadium</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>
6/21/2017	1	0	16-5	Marlins Park	14	12	0.538	2018	3	0	1
6/22/2017	1	0	10-3	PNC Park	31	29	0.517	2017	6	3	0.667

Date	W	L	Score	at Stadium	W	L	Pct.	Season	W	L	Pct
9/1/2017	1	0	9-5	Great American	25	24	0.51	2016	6	4	0.6
9/2/2017	1	0	6-2	Coors Field	91	89	0.506	2015	5	4	0.556
9/3/2017	1	0	5-1	Citi Field	16	17	0.485	2014	4	6	0.4
6/8/2018	1	0	9-4	Miller Park	27	32	0.458	2013	4	5	0.444
6/9/2018	1	0	12-7	Wrigley Field	32	38	0.457	2012	5	4	0.556
6/10/2018	1	0	8-3	AT&T Park	74	96	0.435	2011	6	3	0.667
Total	8	0	75-30	Dodger Stadium	77	103	0.428	2010	2	7	0.222
				Citizens Bank Park	20	27	0.408	2009	3	6	0.333
				PETCO Park	53	77	0.408	2008	7	2	0.778
				Nationals Park	15	22	0.405	2007	4	5	0.444
				Busch Stadium II	10	18	0.357	2006	7	3	0.7
				Sun Trust Stadium	0	3	0	2005	6	3	0.667
								2004	1	8	0.111
								2003	4	6	0.4
								2002	5	4	0.556
								2001	5	5	0.5
								2000	2	4	0.333
								1998	3	3	0.5
								1999	3	4	0.429

It is not like the current Diamondbacks rotation has dominated at Coors Field. The staff has a composite 5.04 ERA at the Mile High altitude. Patrick Corbin, who starts Game 1, has a 6.95 Coors field ERA, and Shelby Miller, the scheduled starter on Wednesday, has a 10.50 ERA at Coors Field. Robbie Ray, who is moving into the Thursday start with Zack Godley pushed back a day after working in relief on Sunday, is 1-0 with a 4.35 ERA, but that win came in 2015. The last

time he pitched at Coors Field was 2016 and he had two no decisions, allowing 11 runs, eight earned on 17 hits in nine innings.

### VISITING MOUND MATTERS

Player	Season	W	L	Pct	SvOP	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Andrew Chafin	2015-2018(4)	0	0	-	0	10	0	10	5	1	0	4	13	0
Jorge De La Rosa	2017-2017(1)	0	0	-	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Yoshihisa Hirano	2018-2018(1)	0	0	-	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0
Archie Bradley	2016-2018(3)	2	0	1	0	9	3	22.2	22	8	8	12	19	3.18
T.J. McFarland	2017-2018(2)	0	0	-	0	5	0	5.2	10	3	2	0	2	3.18
Zack Godley	2016-2018(3)	3	0	1	0-1	5	3	21.1	17	9	9	11	24	3.8
Zack Greinke	2016-2018(3)	2	1	0.667	0	4	4	25.2	30	13	12	4	23	4.21
Randall Delgado	2013-2017(5)	0	2	0	0-1	14	2	22	31	18	17	10	15	6.95
Patrick Corbin	2012-2017(5)	3	2	0.6	0	9	8	44.1	58	36	35	14	33	7.11
Shelby Miller	2016-2016(1)	0	1	0	0	1	1	6	11	7	7	1	5	10.5
		10	6	0.625	0-2			160.2	186	95	90	58	137	5.04

The current Rockies roster has not been able to solve the Arizona pitching staff. Charlie Blackmon (.335) and DJ LeMahieu (.300) are the only position players on the Rockies with career averages of .300 or better against the Diamondbacks.

### BITTEN BY THE SNAKES

Player	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
Charlie Blackmon	370	70	124	20	5	18	51	26	67	0.335
DJ LeMahieu	363	53	109	17	4	9	41	26	63	0.3

Player	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
Carlos Gonzalez	446	76	133	33	3	27	80	45	124	0.298
Gerardo Parra	136	13	40	12	1	3	10	2	22	0.294
Raimel Tapia	41	6	12	1	1	1	3	0	10	0.293
Nolan Arenado	325	49	93	25	4	16	58	25	46	0.286
Noel Cuevas	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0.286
Trevor Story	144	22	40	11	1	12	33	10	48	0.278
Chris Iannetta	188	27	52	11	0	6	19	24	42	0.277
Tony Wolters	44	4	11	2	0	1	5	8	10	0.25
Ian Desmond	203	23	50	10	1	5	21	12	46	0.246
Tom Murphy	23	3	5	1	0	1	3	2	8	0.217
Pat Valaika	28	4	6	1	0	1	4	3	6	0.214

The Rockies do have a pitcher on a roll starting the opener. Tyler Anderson has a 2.18 ERA in his last six starts, allowing a .207 batting average, and striking out 8.93 batters per nine innings compared to 1.74 walks per nine innings. That comes after a five-start funk, in which he had a 6.67 ERA.

#### ON THE UPSWING

Stat	Last 6 GS	Previous 5	Difference
ERA	2.18	6.67	-4.49
BA	0.207	0.302	-0.095
RISP	0.071	0.333	-0.158
OPS	0.572	0.928	-0.156
K/9	8.93	5.33	4.6

<b>Stat</b>	<b>Last 6 GS</b>	<b>Previous 5</b>	<b>Difference</b>
BB/9	1.74	3	-1.26
HR/9	0.87	2	-1.13

## **Colorado Rockies rumors: Rockies will not sell unless they collapse soon**

**Kevin Henry | RoxPile.com | July 10, 2018**

Barring a complete collapse before the trade deadline, the Colorado Rockies will not be sellers, according to ESPN.com's Jerry Crasnick.

While this news may not come as a complete surprise to Rockies fans with the team sitting at 46-45 heading into Wednesday's home game against the National League West-leading Arizona Diamondbacks, it still helps clear up some of the "what if" talk surrounding the Rockies. What if the Rockies can't make up a lot of ground in the standings heading into the All-Star break? It sounds as if the Rockies won't be looking to deal off DJ LeMahieu, Adam Ottavino or any other piece of a team that was built to contend for a division title this season but has fallen sort of expectations so far.

Colorado enters Wednesday's play sitting in fourth place in the NL West, 4.5 games behind the Diamondbacks in the division standings. That's the same amount they trail in the race for the second Wild Card spot.

According to Crasnick, the Boston Red Sox did call the Rockies and ask about Ottavino and closer Wade Davis. However, the conversation didn't apparently last long with the Rockies still chasing their second consecutive postseason berth. If Colorado shakes off its doldrums and makes the playoffs this season, it would mark the first time in franchise history they will have appeared in the postseason in back-to-back campaigns.

It is little surprise that the Red Sox would call to check on Ottavino, who is putting together an All-Star season despite being snubbed for the NL All-Star roster. He currently boasts a 1.74 ERA and has 63 strikeouts in 41.1 innings of work. He also has allowed just four hits in 18.2 innings pitched at Coors Field.

Perhaps a little more of a surprise is Boston's inquiry on Davis, who was signed to a three-year, \$52 million deal in December as part of Colorado's attempt to build a "super bullpen." Davis has 25 saves in 29 opportunities in his first year with the Rockies and is seen as part of Colorado's long-term plan with its bullpen.



## Colorado Rockies: Nolan Arenado on his favorite part of the All-Star Game

Kevin Henry | RoxPile.com | July 11, 2018

Nolan Arenado of the Colorado Rockies will be starting his second consecutive Major League Baseball All-Star Game and taking part in his fourth straight Midsummer Classic. He's had some time to not only experience what it's like to be recognized as one of the best players in the game today, but also hang out with others who are considered some of the best at their positions as well.

Arenado was voted in as the starter by the fans after putting together yet another phenomenal season at the plate and more highlight-reel-worthy plays in the field. Heading into Tuesday's series opener against the Arizona Diamondbacks at Coors Field, the 27-year-old Arenado has put together a slash line of .305/.388/.583 along with a .907 OPS. He's hit 22 homers and driven in 63 runs in 84 games.

When I asked Arenado about what he enjoys most about the All-Star Game after Sunday's series finale in Seattle, it was little surprise that he mentioned the camaraderie he shares with the other players. Well known as a student of the game and one of the most diligent when it comes to practice and honing his craft, Arenado enjoys learning from others and simply talking baseball.

"I really enjoy it. I really enjoy those days. I really like hanging out," Arenado said. "I don't like going home from the field at the All-Star Game. I like to just stay there all day and talk to those guys and hang out with them. It's an amazing time."

There are some who scoff at the All-Star Game as "just an exhibition game." However, it's clear that the players enjoy their time with their colleagues. Arenado even said it's a time when he can let his guard down and be a little more relaxed when he takes the field.

"My first year, I was a little nervous because it was my first year and there were guys there who had done it I don't know how many times," Arenado said. "I'm going to enjoy it like I have the last four years and kind of lower my guard in a way because everyone else is too. We're just enjoying each other so it's a really amazing time."

The 2018 MLB All-Star Game will take place in Washington, D.C., at Nationals Park on July 17 at 6 p.m. (Mountain time).  
It will be televised on FOX.

## **'Always Comes Down To Pitching': Ryan Spilborghs On Rockies**

**Michael Spencer | CBSDENVER.com | July 10, 2018**

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (CBS4)— On Monday night former Colorado Rockies outfielder and current Rockies analyst Ryan Spilborghs joined CBS4 sports anchor Michael Spencer at the ViewHouse Centennial.

The Rockies have won eight of their last 10 games, and enter the week 3.5 games back of the top spot in the National League West.

"It always comes down to pitching. Starting pitching has been fantastic," said Spilborghs when asked about the Rockies current hot streak.

In seven of their eight victories, the Rockies have allowed two runs or fewer.

"We've always know the team to be offensive. They've had great defense, they just needed pitching."

For all the good the Rockies have certainly had some bad on the mound. Jon Gray, their opening day starter the last two seasons, is currently in Triple-A after posting a 5.77 ERA and 7-7 record through 19 starts this season.

"This one is really interesting to me," said Spilborghs. "The arm talent is there, but he needs a reset button. If you are a teammate of his, you understand for the Rockies to be successful you need Jon Gray. As a teammate... you're encouraging him."

The Rockies have three players heading to the July 17 All-Star game in Washington, D.C. Nolan Arenado will start in the game with Trevor Story and Charlie Blackmon serving as All-Star reserves, but there were two big snubs in Spilborghs' mind with both Kyle Freeland and Adam Ottavino left off the roster.

Freeland is in the top-10 in ERA for National League starters while Adam Ottavino has been one of the most dominant pitchers in the majors this season.

"I still think it's such a double standard when it comes to Coors Field," said Spilborghs.

The Rockies will start a six-game home stand on Tuesday. The Rockies will welcome in the Arizona Diamondbacks for three games followed by a three-game series with the Seattle Mariners.