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# Richard dials up 10 Ks, spares bullpen in Padres win

**Jeff Sanders**

Five relievers combined for seven innings Saturday night. One of them landed on the disabled list with a strained right lat. On Sunday, [Clayton Richard](#) took it upon himself to save the [Padres'](#) bullpen any more wear and tear.

Even more so than usual.

The 34-year-old's new infatuation with strikeouts continued with 10 more Sunday afternoon at Petco Park. More importantly, Richard was so pitch-efficient in sparing a depleted bullpen in a 5-3 win over the Cardinals that he believed he was making a compelling case to complete the game even as his manager sent in a pinch-hitter for him in the bottom of the eighth.

"He was lobbying me for the ninth," Andy Green said with a chuckle. "I was trying to explain to him – the guy was valedictorian of his high school class – that I was pinch-hitting for him at the time. His competitive nature won out over his intellect for a moment, but he's been big for us in a lot of ways."

Usually that means the groundball is in play and it was again on Sunday, the second of his double-play balls ending the sixth after the Cardinals scratched across two runs on Harrison Bader's triple and Jose Martinez's ensuing single.

Lately, it's the strikeout.

Richard carried a career-best strikeout rate into the game (7.9 per nine innings) and struck out at least one in every inning but the sixth. Three times, Richard recorded two punchouts in one inning.

His eighth strikeout arrived in the seventh after [Eric Hosmer](#)'s impossible pick on a running throw from third baseman [Cory Spangenberg](#) and his ninth followed Jose Pirela's glove-toss to Hosmer on a slow roller to second to start the eighth inning.

The 10<sup>th</sup> – Tommy Pham swinging through a 90 mph fastball – ended Richard's afternoon with eight complete innings, tied for a season-high.

"He relied heavily on his sink and missing bats," Green said. "He's probably exploring different parts of the zone a little more this year. He was so stubborn in one place that eventually somebody makes contact. I think he's attacking aggressively in at times, spinning the ball a little bit more and the sink's still there."

“That's opened up the strikeout, which, the last couple times out has been really welcome.”

With Phil Maton landing on the disabled list a day after the bullpen went the distance in a 13-inning win, Richard's effort couldn't have come at a better time.

Not the Richard's approach differed one bit.

“You know the situation our club is in,” Richard (2-5) said after throwing 67 of his 102 pitches for strikes, walking one and scattering five hits. “You always want to do everything you can to stay in the game as long as you can.”

The margin for error was tighter than it should have been after Cardinals starter [Adam Wainwright](#) walked a career-high six batters in his return from an elbow injury.

Thanks to double-play balls from Spangenberg and Travis Jankowski, Wainwright didn't pay for the two he yielded in the first or the one he allowed in the second. But the one-time Cardinals ace walked three of the first four hitters he faced in the third, Spangenberg roped a single to right to plate the Padres' first run and [Freddy Galvis](#)' ensuing sacrifice fly off reliever John Gant opened up a 2-0 lead.

Back-to-back hits in the fourth – Jose Pirela's run-scoring double and Franchy Cordero's RBI single – doubled the Padres' lead.

Carlos Asuaje added a sacrifice fly in the eighth in the pinch for Richard, giving Brad Hand a three-run cushion to record his 11th save. He needed it when Bader dropped an opposite-field homer over the short wall in right to start the ninth before the Cardinals loaded the bases.

Two punchouts completed a shaky save a day after Hand threw 27 pitches over two scoreless innings Saturday night.

“I think people remember the one or two times it doesn't work out,” Green said. “What you tend to forget is the 25 to 40 times it does work out. He's been very consistent getting the job done in leverage situations.”

# Franmil Reyes promoted to San Diego

Jeff Sanders

Entering Sunday, nobody in pro ball had more home runs than Franmil Reyes.

The [Padres](#) apparently want a closer look at that power.

The 6-foot-5, 240-pound outfielder has been recalled for his major league debut, a source confirmed for the Union-Tribune. The East Village Times first reported the promotion, which comes after the 22-year-old Dominican hit .346/.442/.738 with 14 homers and 38 RBIs through his first 36 games at Triple-A El Paso.

Reyes was particularly hot last week while collecting eight homers during a five-game stretch in the hitter-friendly Pacific Coast League.

“Every time I go up to the plate,” Reyes said over the phone last week. “I know I’m going to do damage, no matter who is up there pitching.”

Signed out of the Dominican Republic in November 2011, Reyes led the organization with 25 homers and 102 RBIs last year in the Double-A Texas League. His walk rate this year has jumped to a career-best 13.3 percent, while his strikeout rate has slipped from 23.7 percent last year to 19.3 percent this year, [signaling significant improvement in his approach](#).

Reyes is not ranked among the organization’s top-30 prospects, according to MLB.com.

The Padres have not announced Reyes’ promotion, nor a corresponding move for a 25-man roster that already includes five outfielders: Manuel Margot, Franchy Cordero, Jose Pirela, Travis Jankowski and Matt Szczur. Two others – Wil Myers and Hunter Renfroe – are on the disabled list, while infielder Cory Spangenberg also sees sporadic time in left field.

Designating [Chase Headley](#) for assignment on Saturday opened a spot on the 40-man roster.

## SUNDAY’S GAMES

### TRIPLE-A EL PASO (19-19)

- [Reno 5, Chihuahuas 4](#): LHP Kyle McGrath (1-2, 5.02) allowed two runs in two innings in the loss after LHP Dillon Overton (2.00) allowed two runs in five innings in the start. 2B Dusty Coleman (.208) went 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored and CF Auston Bousfield (.200) hit his first homer.

## DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (25-11)

- **Frisco 10, Missions 3:** RHP Cal Quantrill (2-3, 4.68) allowed seven runs on nine hits and three walks in four innings. SS Fernando Tatis Jr. (.233) went 2-for-3 with two walks, his third steal and a run scored and LF Josh Naylor (.360) went 1-for-5 with two RBIs.

## HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (15-22)

- **Storm 4, Modesto 3:** RHP Pedro Avila (2-2, 3.82) struck out nine and allowed three runs – two earned – on six hits and two walks in seven innings. RHP David Bednar (6.06) saved his second game with two shutout innings. RF Edward Olivares (.282) went 1-for-4 with two RBIs.

# Padres' Green playing the hand he has been dealt

Nick Canepa

Green managing with hand dealt

Nick Canepa Columnist

Baseball's unemployment office has a special window reserved for baseball managers of the year.

Other skippers never so honored must stand in a longer line — similar to the one outside of Walmart on Black Friday.

Managers, who have the shelf life of banana republic dictators, hit bricks more than [Padres](#) hit baseballs.

The [Reds](#) fired their guy about a month ago. They've been fantastic since.

(As an [NBA](#) aside, the [Raptors'](#) [Dwane Casey](#) was named coach of the year on Wednesday and was bounced Friday.)

Which conveniently brings us to Padres field boss Andy Green.

Given that unsocial media is what it is — brutal, uneducated, uncaring, stupid — there are of course people who believe that Green, his third year into a hopeless situation, should be pink-slipped — or, as the great Rick Smith would say, given the big haircut, the rubber key.

Many would like to see bench coach [Mark McGwire](#) take Green's place. While I have no doubt that McGwire will get a job running a team one day, there are no guarantees he will win at it. Or he may be [John McGraw](#). He's never managed. How can we know?

I'll admit that there are times I completely disagree with what Green is doing. He overuses the shift, often is too quick with the hook, and should fly more by dead reckoning than on instruments.

The game is on the brink of complete boredom. A whole lot of bad ball is being played (check the winning percentages and team batting averages), and Green is in the room with the modernization of the sport (which I insist isn't making it better).

But he probably knew more baseball by kindergarten than I do now. He is, you know, a terribly bright man. And, to his credit, he isn't simply sitting back and doing nothing. He's trying to win games.

The Padres aren't tanking. They wouldn't know how. And I don't for a second believe that it's in Green's or management's blood.

The Padres aren't good, because it's almost impossible for them to be good. If you're putting the blame for this on Green, you're taking the easiest way out of this conversation — which seems to be the preferred way these days.

But it's wrong.

He's a part of this, to be sure. But the manager isn't always at fault. He can't contend with this team. Not nearly enough pitching or baseball intelligence. He wasn't expected to contend — except by the uninformed — with this team.

The Padres are what they are. They mostly are young, inexperienced, and have had people playing positions they shouldn't be playing.

They didn't get a hit against the [Dodgers](#) one day and then beat L.A. twice before leaving Monterrey, Mexico. It will be no surprise if they get no-hit again this season. I'm not going to be surprised if [MLB](#) experiences more no-hitters than any season in its history.

This part of it is not Green's fault. He's been dealt a bad hand (which he expected), and he can't fold. He's playing by the rules. The shift is legal. It shouldn't be. But at least he sends the right lineup card out there every day.

I'm not big on this team's overall baseball IQ. At times the players make Little League mistakes and run the basepaths recklessly, as if they're being chased by foreign spies.

How many errors have the Padres made this season that have been spun into hits by benevolent scorekeepers? How many runners have they left in scoring position? They may set all-time strikeout records.

Face it, quite often it's amateur night. Thing is, it's not that far from what should have been expected. Fans may believe they got the bait-and-switch when they approved Petco Park, but this bill of goods had the information on it.

Boss Ron Fowler erred before the season when he said he thought this team would be better than last year's. Not nearly enough pitching, and losing possible ace Dinelson Lamet to Tommy John surgery only made things worse.

[Eric Hosmer](#) wasn't signed at great expense to help the Padres win the [National League West](#) this year — and probably not next year, either. He's a good player who also is a foundation piece with not much danger around him (according to ESPN's Buster Olney, only 10 players see more pitches in the strike zone than Hosmer).

Green can't bat, run, field or pitch, and when players get to this level — as in all major sports — there isn't much time to teach. That has to come at the lower levels.

Is it his fault that his pitchers can't get out of first innings without giving up runs? It's absurd. When these guys get the lead first, they usually win. Problem is, they rarely get early leads.

This is a mystery that not even highly respected pitching coach [Darren Balsley](#) has been able to solve. But it is an enigma that must be solved if the Padres ever are to be any good. Playing uphill every day is hard.

I'll never say managing isn't important. I will say it's one of the more overrated positions in sports (even more so in the [American League](#)).



Pick a manager in baseball, any manager. Think he would have the Padres in contention? Are you telling me that, if Green had managed the Dodgers last year, they wouldn't have been any good?

Can't buy it.

My understanding is that Padres management loves Green and he isn't going anywhere.

Of course, Joan Kroc probably said the same thing in 1978, before the moment in [spring training](#) when she fired manager Alvin Dark.

I'm sure not ready to give up on Andy Green. He has to be given a lot of rope. His owners aren't knee-jerk jerks.

He must have something on his palette. If da Vinci had no paint, Mona Lisa's smile would be in No. 2 pencil.

# Mother's Day start hits home for Raffy Lopez

**Jeff Sanders**

Raffy Lopez caught all 13 innings Saturday. He arrived late to the ballpark Sunday to find his name in the lineup in the five-hole. The Mother's Day start was especially significant to the 30-year-old catcher.

His mother, Wanda, was 57 years old when she died more than two years earlier after suffering a brain aneurysm [a day before his wedding](#).

Sunday offered the first opportunity to strap on all the pink gear – mask, chest protector, cleats and more – in her honor.

“I actually got a little teary-eyed when I took the field,” Lopez said after catching 22 innings in less than 24 hours. “You see everyone out there. You see the pink. You see everyone with their moms. It definitely was in the back of my head. My path the last two years on top of it, including the loss of my mom, it just made it all that much more special.”

Lopez might not have even been at Petco Park on Sunday if it weren't for his mother, a spiritual guidepost for him when his career stalled.

The independent [Bridgeport Bluefish](#) were among his obscure stops before signing a minor league deal with the Padres this winter. Before San Diego, he'd played for four major league organizations in pursuit of his dream.

“It's funny – she was not a huge baseball fan,” Lopez said. “She was my way to get away from baseball, when my dad would (upset) me or something like that about baseball. ... I'll never forget a couple years ago she told me don't think that you have to keep doing this. Play because you want to, because you love it. Don't play for me or your dad because we want you to play because of all the money we spent or the time that was spent.

“Play because you love the game.”

# Kazuhisa Makita looking to start anew in return from El Paso

**Jeff Sanders**

Six days in the Pacific Coast League allowed Kazuhisa Makita to get into two games – hardly enough time to definitively iron out his issues against left-handed hitters. The 33-year-old submariner did, however, make a concentrated effort to get back to basics upon his first demotion.

“I think I was being too fine with my pitches and the pitches were getting away,” Makita, speaking through an interpreter, said Sunday morning upon returning from Triple-A El Paso. “Being sent down brought me back to square one to work on the basics and how I approach left-handers.”

Makita did not reveal specifically how he wants to attack lefties moving forward.

The sample size in while tossing three shutout innings in El Paso – a strikeout, a walk and a hit batter while retiring two lefties – was also far too small to draw any conclusions less than a week removed from his demotion.

Makita walked more batters in his first 16 innings in the majors (seven) than he did all of last year in Japan (five), but he at least started the season with momentum by allowing only one run through his first six appearances.

That’s one reason that – even with a 6.75 ERA and an 1.123 OPS against left-handers – Andy Green believed Makita would return sooner than later. Phil Maton’s strained right lat just made it much sooner than expected.

“It’s not like it was rough from beginning to end,” the Padres’ third-year skipper said. “He’s had some really strong outings for us. Then he had a couple that got away. I’m hoping for more of the strong ones. My hope is as he continues to acclimate he’ll get better and better.”

# First pitch: Strained right lat sends Phil Maton to DL

**Jeff Sanders**

Saturday's 13-inning win forced **Andy Green** to call on his bullpen for seven innings of work. Today, an injury forced him to call Triple-A El Paso for extra coverage.

A right lat strain has sent right-hander **Phil Maton** to the 10-day disabled list. To replace him, the [Padres have recalled right-hander Kazuhisa Makita](#) less than a week after he was optioned to the Pacific Coast League to work on his sequencing to left-handed hitters.

"Sometimes need trumps plan," Green said Sunday morning. "We need to have him back right now. We need that durability he has – somebody who can eat innings."

Maton was doing his part Saturday when he began to feel discomfort in his second inning of work. He allowed two of his three hits in the 11<sup>th</sup> and recorded his second strikeout to strand a single in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning.

"I think I might have gotten just a little too much extension on a slider and it progressively got worse," Maton said. "I obviously had a lot of adrenaline in the game. I don't think I felt it too much in the first inning. The second inning didn't feel great. I felt like I had a job to do and wanted to put up zero. It's barking a little bit today."

The timing is especially frustrating.

Maton has allowed one run through his first 16 innings this season. He has struck out 17, walked seven and allowed 16 hits.

"I want to keep throwing," Maton said. "I want to keep going out there, feeling my delivery, keep repeating that. It sucks that I have this hiccup, but I have to get healthy so I can get back out there."

The lat injury is a first for Maton, who posted a 4.19 ERA in 43 innings during last year's big league debut. He's hoping his stay on the DL is minimal, but he also acknowledges it's entirely too early to put a timetable on a return.

"I don't think I'll need 10 days, but I don't know how I'm going to feel when I wake up tomorrow," Maton said. "It's a little tight today. It might feel better tomorrow. It's just hard to tell."

## Health check

- 3B **Christian Villanueva's** left knee swelled up overnight, but he is available off the bench, Green said. **Cory Spangenberg** is starting in his place and likely would have anyway against the right-handed [Adam Wainwright](#), who is coming off the DL to start

for the Cardinals. Villanueva slammed his knee into a wall below the netting while chasing a foul ball Saturday night.

- OF **Hunter Renfro** (elbow) is continuing to play in extended [spring training](#) games and could begin a formal rehab assignment at an affiliate this week. C **Austin Hedges** (elbow) will move his rehab on Monday to Peoria, Ariz., where he will also begin to get at-bats.

#### Notable

- OF **Travis Jankowski** is hitting .400 (12-for-30) with two triples, a home run and six walks as the Padres' leadoff hitter. He has hits in six of his last seven games.
- 2B **Jose Pirela** has reached base in 16 of his last 18 games (.384 OBP).
- C **Raffy Lopez** has reached base in six straight games.

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#### PITCHING MATCHUP | Cardinals at Padres

**Game 4:** 1:10 p.m. Sunday

#### **Cardinals RHP Adam Wainwright (1-2, 3.45 ERA)**

- The 36-year-old veteran will come off the disabled list to start Sunday's game. Wainwright had struck out 12, walked eight and allowed 16 hits in 15 2/3 innings before elbow inflammation sidelined him.

#### **Padres LHP Clayton Richard (1-5, 5.72 ERA)**

- The 34-year-old struck out a season-high eight batters Tuesday against Washington. He also became the first Padres pitcher to complete eight innings this season, although the effort (3 ER) came in a loss.

#### Up next

- The homestand concludes with two games against the Rockies on Monday and Tuesday. After an off-day Wednesday, the Padres will play three in Pittsburgh, three in Washington and three in LA.

Minors HR leader Reyes set to join Padres  
Slugging outfielder expected to have contract purchased  
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SAN DIEGO -- [Franmil Reyes](#) ' red-hot start to the 2018 Minor League season has paid off with a big league promotion.

The hulking outfielder will have his contract selected by the Padres on Monday, according to team sources. No corresponding move has been announced.

Reyes leads all Minor Leaguers with 14 homers, and he's hitting .346/.440/.748 in 35 games for Triple-A El Paso. A 22-year-old out of the Dominican Republic, Reyes is known for his easy power and his muscular 6-foot-6 frame.

Reyes will slot into an already crowded outfield, and it's unclear how much playing time he'll receive. That could depend on the corresponding move.

Reyes does not appear among MLB Pipeline's [Padres Top 30 prospects](#) . Still, he's highly regarded within the organization -- which possesses arguably the Majors' deepest farm system.

Richard sharper vs. non-NL West teams  
Notes on Jankowski, Pirela, Lopez, Spangenberg  
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Padres manager Andy Green recently noted that hitters in the National League West might be getting more comfortable with [Clayton Richard](#) than hitters outside the division.

The early-season numbers from the 2018 season tend to support Green's theory.

Richard made his ninth start of the season Sunday and his fourth against a team from outside the NL West. He held the St. Louis Cardinals to two runs on five hits and a walk while equaling his career high of 10 strikeouts over eight innings.

In five starts against NL West teams this season, Richard has an 8.25 ERA. He has allowed 23 runs (22 earned) on 33 hits and 16 walks with 24 strikeouts in 24 innings. His WHIP against NL West teams is 2.04.

Richard has a 2.73 ERA with a 0.98 WHIP against teams from outside the NL West. He has allowed nine runs on 24 hits and five walks with 26 strikeouts in 29 2/3 innings.

His four longest starts of the season have come in games against teams from outside the NL West. In fact, he has failed to go deeper than five innings against an NL West team, while his shortest start against a team from outside the division is 6 2/3 innings.

A couple other notes on Richard:

He went eight innings in each of his last two starts (against the Nationals and Cardinals). The last Padres pitcher to go eight innings in back-to-back starts was [Andrew Cashner](#) in 2014. It was also the second time that Richard went eight innings in back-to-back starts in his career.

He earned his 53rd win as a Padre for the third-most wins by a left-handed Padres pitcher (behind Randy Jones' 92 and Bruce Hurst's 55).

Richard now ranks 11th on the Padres' all-time strikeout list with 620.

NOTEBOOK:

- [RF Travis Jankowski](#) has hit safely in seven of his last eight games, going 12-for-31 (.387) with two triples, a home run, two steals and five walks for a .472 on-base percentage and a .613 slugging percentage for a 1.085 OPS. Jankowski is hitting .371 out of the leadoff position with six walks for a .463 on-base percentage.
- [C Raffy Lopez](#) was 0-for-2 with two strikeouts on Sunday. He also drew two walks to extend his career-best streak of reaching base to seven straight games. He is 5-for-20 with five walks during the streak. He also has two homers, three RBIs and five runs scored.

- **2B Jose Pirela** has hit in five straight games, going 7-for-19 (.368) with three doubles, three walks (a .455 on-base on base percentage), two RBIs and five runs scored.
- **INF Cory Spangenberg's** RBI single on Sunday was the second hit by a Padres third baseman this month.



Lopez relishes chance to play on Mother's Day  
By AJ Cassavell MLB.com @AJCassavell  
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SAN DIEGO -- Raffy Lopez woke up late on Sunday morning, and who could blame him? The 30-year-old Padres backstop caught 13 innings on Saturday night, after all.

But when Lopez arrived at Petco Park and saw his name on the lineup card ahead of the Padres' 5-3 victory over the Cardinals, he didn't think of the physical burden from 22 innings behind the plate in 22 hours.

He thought of Mom.

"I'd have one eye and still try to figure out a way to get out there, especially on Mother's Day," Lopez said. "It's a special day for me."

A Minor League journeyman, Lopez was already six years into his professional career when two life-altering events collided in the span of one weekend during the 2015-16 offseason.

A day before his wedding, Lopez's mother, Wanda, suffered a brain aneurysm. With Wanda Lopez in a coma, Raffy Lopez married his wife. Wanda passed away later that same offseason.

Naturally, it shook Lopez, who recounted the calming influence of his mother. He's convinced he's come out stronger for it.

And he's convinced that strength has carried onto the baseball field.

"Mentally, it doesn't get much tougher than that," Lopez said. "Those few days, and then the wedding day, mentally, you're challenged. And so, being [in the Majors] now, you're not mentally challenged as much, because I've been challenged as much as you can be. Now, I'm playing, and it's just: 'Go play.'"

Go play. That's all Wanda Lopez ever asked Raffy. And so he played on Sunday -- quite well, in fact.

Lopez went 0-for-2, but he worked a pair of walks and caught an eight-inning gem from Clayton Richard. (Lopez's elite framing skills at the bottom of the strike zone played no small part.)

"It's funny, she was not a huge baseball fan," Lopez said. "She was my way to get away from baseball when my dad would piss me off or something like that. I'll never forget a couple years ago that she said, 'Don't think you have to keep playing this game. Play because you want to. Play because you love it.'"

"She was always the one that let me take a step back from baseball, then at the same time she'd show up to games and we'd hear her screaming in the background."

As fate would have it, Lopez's name wasn't on the lineup card in 2016 or '17 on Mother's Day while he toiled in the Minors. He cherished being able to pull on his pink catchers gear before nearly 30,000 fans at Petco Park.

"I actually got a little teary-eyed when I took the field," Lopez said. "It's just a special day. You see everyone out there, you see the pink, everyone with their moms. It definitely was in the back of my head -- my path the last two years ... including the loss of my mom. It just made it that much more special. My first Mother's Day game since she's been gone is in the Majors."

Richard K's 10, dominates in win vs. Cardinals  
Padres southpaw completes eight innings for the second straight start  
By AJ Cassavell MLB.com @AJCassavell  
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SAN DIEGO -- The Padres' relief corps was toast entering play Sunday afternoon. Clayton Richard did his best to make sure his bullpen had a much-needed day off.

Richard worked eight innings of two-run ball, matching a career high with 10 strikeouts and setting the Padres on course for a 5-3 victory over the Cardinals. Closer Brad Hand allowed a solo homer and loaded the bases in a nervy ninth inning, but he slammed the door with consecutive strikeouts to pick up his 11th save.

Richard's timing couldn't have been any better. On Friday night, rookie left-hander Eric Lauer failed to make it through the third inning. Then, on Saturday, the 'pen was forced to eat seven frames in the Padres' 13-inning victory.

"You know the situation our club is in," Richard said. "You want to do everything you can to stay in the game as long as you can."

For Richard, it was his second consecutive start of at least eight innings, making him the first Padre to do so since Andrew Cashner in 2014. He accomplished the feat himself during his first stint in San Diego in 2012 -- and he joins Cashner and Mat Latos as the only pitchers with consecutive eight-inning starts in the team's last 10 seasons.

Those two outings have served as an excellent bounceback to a rocky first month for Richard. His ERA jumped to 6.21 after a seven-run effort in San Francisco on May 2.

"He's proven that [our] faith is warranted, the last couple of times out," said Padres manager Andy Green. "... It was a great day for him. We needed it."

Offensively, the Padres capitalized on some serious control issues for Cardinals right-hander Adam Wainwright, who walked a career-high six batters and allowed two runs over 2 1/3 innings.

Wainwright had missed four weeks with inflammation in his pitching elbow, and that injury flared up on him again in the first inning. The 36-year-old right-hander will be re-evaluated Monday, but he appears destined for another stint on the DL.

"I need to pause and get it right," Wainwright said. "This team deserves more than that, and the fans deserve more than that and the organization does too. If I'm going to be a force down the stretch I need to get healthy first."

The Padres tacked on two runs in the fourth against the Cardinals bullpen, getting RBI knocks from Jose Pirela and Franchy Cordero. In the eighth, pinch-hitter Carlos Asuaje delivered some insurance with a sacrifice fly to right field.

Hand had just enough breathing room for the ninth, though he certainly made things interesting. Harrison Bader homered with his first swing, before Hand loaded the bases on two walks and a hit batter.

"I'd prefer the quick route, personally," Green quipped. "But we have a ton of confidence in him, and it's well warranted."

#### MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Walk the walk: In the bottom of the third, the Padres finally capitalized on Wainwright's lack of control. They loaded the bases on three walks for newly recalled third baseman [Cory Spangenberg](#), who slapped a single into right. [Freddy Galvis](#) plated another run with a sacrifice fly, and the Padres led, 2-0. (Galvis also had two hits and a walk, after entering play Sunday with one hit in his past 22 at-bats.)

Twin killing: The Cardinals plated their two runs in the top of the sixth inning. Bader smacked an RBI triple into the right-center-field gap, then scored when [Jose Martinez](#) singled him home. Richard was on the ropes for the first time, and -- as is his trademark -- he used the ground ball to escape. Richard got Cardinals left fielder [Marcell Ozuna](#), who had singled in his first two at-bats, to hit into a 5-4-3 double play.

#### SOUND SMART

[Christian Villanueva](#) went deep in his first at-bat on May 1. That was the last hit by a Padres third baseman until Spangenberg's RBI single in the third inning on Sunday.

#### HE SAID IT

"He prides himself on being able to go deep into a game. He was lobbying me for the ninth, and I tried to explain to him -- and he's the valedictorian of his high school class -- that I was pinch-hitting for him at the exact time he was lobbying to stay in the game. His competitive nature won out over his intellect for a moment. But he's been big for us in a lot of different ways -- from a leadership standpoint and from an innings standpoint." -- Green, on Richard

#### UP NEXT

[Joey Lucchesi](#) has made two starts against the Rockies this season, and he's yet to allow an earned run. The rookie left-hander is set to face Colorado on Monday night with first pitch slated for 7:10 p.m. PT. Opposite Lucchesi will be Rockies lefty [Tyler Anderson](#).

Hoffman preaches patience for Padres fans

Soon-to-be Hall of Fame closer says club is 'on the right path'

By AJ Cassavell MLB.com @AJCassavell

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SAN DIEGO -- Padres fans are well versed in the team's memorable run to the 1998 National League pennant - a run that featured a handful of the greatest moments in franchise history.

That club -- which is being honored for its 20th anniversary this weekend at Petco Park -- wasn't built in a day. And closer Trevor Hoffman, who will be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame this July, made a point to remind the current fanbase as much.

"That '98 team started its rebuild, we'll say, in '93 or so, so that's five years," Hoffman said. "I'm not going to put a particular number on it, but I think I'd like to preach some patience. I'm starting to hear an underlying tone about: 'Is the process going to hurry up.' I don't think there's a clear-cut answer. ... But I think we're on the right path."

Hoffman arrived in San Diego via trade in 1993 -- a year in which the Padres sold big-name veterans like Gary Sheffield, Fred McGriff and Bruce Hurst. They also acquired Andy Ashby in the Hurst deal, and over the next couple of seasons key contributors in '98 started to trickle in -- Ken Caminiti, Steve Finley, Wally Joyner to name a few.

Hoffman sees similarities. This iteration of the Padres went through an overhaul during the 2016 season in which they revamped the farm system, to the point where it's now considered the best in baseball by MLB Pipeline. They also added veteran first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#) on a franchise-record contract during the offseason.

Before Saturday's game, the Padres honored that '98 team with about 20 former players on hand for a pregame ceremony. To a man, they echoed their desire for San Diego to once again experience a playoff environment.

"It was a pleasure being a part of it," Joyner said of his four seasons in San Diego, in which he won two National League West titles. "This is a tremendous fanbase when you have a nice product. They'll rally around you, they'll get excited for you, and they'll push you. ... We loved them, and they loved us, and it's been a 20-year love-fest. You come back in town, people remember, and they thank you."

Maton to DL; Makita recalled

Righty reliever [Phil Maton](#) was placed on the 10-day disabled list Sunday with a right-lat strain. Fellow right-hander [Kazuhisa Makita](#) was recalled from Triple-A El Paso in Maton's place.

The extent of the injury remains unknown, but it's certainly disheartening for the Padres. Maton was off to an excellent start to the season, having posted a 0.56 ERA over 16 innings.

Maton pitched two frames during Saturday's 13-inning victory over the Cardinals. The injury cropped up at the tail end of the 11th. He pitched the 12th anyway, and that's when it began to worsen.

"It's unfortunate. He's been really, really good," manager Andy Green said. "It was nothing he's ever felt before. He hasn't, in the time I've had him, had any arm issues whatsoever. ... He's been really durable, so when he came in hurting after the game yesterday, it was pretty obvious he needed some rest time."

Hedges, Renfroe on the mend

Catcher [Austin Hedges](#) and right fielder [Hunter Renfroe](#) have been out since April with elbow injuries. They could be nearing a return.

Green noted that Renfroe (right elbow inflammation) could begin a rehab stint this week. He's been playing games in extended spring training for about 10 days, but he hadn't begun playing the field until Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Hedges (right elbow tendinitis) will travel to Arizona on Monday to begin partaking in extended spring games. Green indicated Hedges might not be too far from a rehab.

Cancer survivor Lopez named honorary bat girl

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SAN DIEGO -- In 2009, Sandra Lopez was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer. Three years later after a brief period in remission, the Chula Vista native was re-diagnosed with Stage IV cancer and given five years to live by her doctors.

And yet, on Sunday there was Lopez, beaming from ear to ear as she was honored as the Padres' honorary bat girl at Petco Park.

"It's just amazing, and it's an honor," Lopez said. "I was not expecting this. It's so special, because this will be my 10-year anniversary as a survivor. I would never have thought that I'd be alive to even be here."

A lifelong Padres fan, Lopez is the mother of three and the sister of six siblings. She celebrated Mother's Day with her family on the field prior to the first pitch of the Padres game against the Cardinals.

She was introduced to the Petco Park crowd as approximately 100 fellow survivors lined the bases, and she noted the importance of the efforts made by Major League Baseball, the Padres and the community.

"There's still hope," said an emotional Lopez. "I still have a chance. We still have a chance. I'm just thankful to be here."

Mother's Day is particularly special for Lopez, whose sister Karla surprised Lopez by shaving her head on Mother's Day 2009 in a display of solidarity.

This November, Lopez will walk for the 10th time in the Komen's Race for the Cure. Her fundraising has helped contribute \$50,000.

For Mother's Day, all players are wearing newly designed caps with uniforms that feature a pink ribbon. Louisville Slugger will donate proceeds from the sale of their pink bats -- which are stamped with the MLB breast cancer awareness logo -- to Susan G. Komen and Stand Up To Cancer. MLB will again donate its licensed uniform royalties through Mother's Day apparel to Susan G. Komen and Stand Up To Cancer (which is celebrating its 10th season).

Eight different Padres position players used pink bats for Sunday's game, including [Travis Jankowski](#), an active member of the team's community efforts. On Saturday, Jankowski was one of a handful of Padres to take part in Rady Children's Hospital's Celebration of Champions, a race that raises funds for critical cancer support programs. A day later, Jankowski spoke to the importance of raising money and awareness to battle breast cancer.

"The Mother's Day part of it all is huge," said Jankowski. "Any time we can wear something to help find a way to fight cancer, we're excited to do it, and it means a lot."

# Richard fans 10, Wainwright struggles as Pads beat Cards 5-3

5:13 PM PT  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO -- After a slow start to his season that included four straight losses, 34-year-old [Clayton Richard](#) is looking strong for the [San Diego Padres](#).

Richard matched his career high with 10 strikeouts in eight brilliant innings for his first win in more than a month, and the Padres beat struggling [Adam Wainwright](#) and the [St. Louis Cardinals](#) 5-3 Sunday to salvage a split of their four-game series. Wainwright said afterward that he re-aggravated an elbow injury that had landed him on the disabled list.

Richard (2-5) held the Cardinals to two runs and five hits while walking only one to win for the first time since April 9 at Colorado. He then had a no-decision and four straight losses.

"He's been big for us in a lot of different ways, from a leadership standpoint, from an innings standpoint, from a win standpoint," manager Andy Green said. "It's a big win for us today. That gave us a split after being down two-nothing."

Richard said it was important to go deep into the game because Saturday night's game went 13 innings before the Padres won 2-1.

"You know the situation both clubs are in, having had a game like that last night. So you want to do everything you can to stay in the game as long as you can. Fortunately today it worked out for us that way."

Richard has been plagued by poor run support, with the Padres scoring no runs for the big left-hander in four of his previous eight starts. Included was his last start, when he pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and struck out eight but lost 4-0 to Washington.

Richard got enough backing Sunday thanks to Wainwright's wildness. The 36-year-old right-hander was activated from the 10-day disabled list after a bout with right elbow inflammation and walked six in just 2 1/3 innings, throwing 79 pitches. He allowed two runs on three hits and struck out three.

Richard got into trouble only in the sixth, when he walked [Tommy Pham](#) and then allowed an RBI triple by [Harrison Bader](#) and an RBI single by [Jose Martinez](#).

Otherwise, he was throwing his slider well enough to match his career strikeout high set June 30, 2010, against Colorado.



Wainwright (1-3) threw 33 pitches in the first inning, loading the bases with two outs on a single and two walks, but didn't yield any runs.

He wasn't as lucky in the third. He walked the bases loaded with one out and then allowed a single by [Cory Spangenberg](#) and was pulled in favor of [John Gant](#). [Freddy Galvis](#) followed with a sacrifice fly.

The Padres added on in the fourth with three hits against Gant, with [Jose Pirela](#) hitting an RBI double and [Franchy Cordero](#) following with an RBI single.

[Brad Hand](#) struggled through the ninth for his 11th save in 13 opportunities. Hand allowed Bader's leadoff homer, his third, and then loaded the bases with one out, on two walks and a hit batter. He struck out [Carson Kelly](#) and [Kolten Wong](#) to end it.

Wainwright said he re-aggravated his elbow problem on the third-to-last warmup pitch.

"It's tough. If I'm able to go out there and make pitches and put my arm in the position where it allows me to execute, then I will take my chances against anyone," he said. "But I wasn't able to execute, so I was falling behind and I didn't want to give in, so I was walking some guys.

"Luckily we got through the first two innings, got out of a couple of jams. But if you keep putting yourself you in binds, it's going to be tough."

He couldn't locate his fastball or throw his good cutter.

"I need to pause and get it right," Wainwright said. "This team deserves more than that and the fans deserve more than that and the organization does, too. If I'm going to be a force down the stretch, I need to get healthy first. Luckily we have a lot of young guys primed for this position."

Said manager Mike Matheny: "That's not the pitcher he wants to be. It's the pitcher he had to be today but that's not the pitcher he wants to be."

## QUOTABLE

"He was lobbying for the ninth. I tried to explain to him, a guy who was valedictorian of his high school class, that I was pinch-hitting for him at the time he was lobbying for the opportunity to stay in the game," Green said of Richard. "His competitive nature won out over his intellect for a moment."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: Placed RHP [Phil Maton](#) on the 10-day disabled list with a right lat strain and recalled RHP Kazuhisa Makita from Triple-A El Paso.

## UP NEXT

Cardinals: RHP Jack Flaherty (0-1, 3.60) is scheduled to start Tuesday night in the opener of a two-game series at Minnesota, which counters with RHP [Jose Berrios](#) (3-4, 4.50).

Padres: Rookie LHP [Joey Lucchesi](#) (3-2, 2.98) is scheduled to start the opener of a two-game series Monday night against Colorado, which counters with LHP [Tyler Anderson](#) (2-1, 4.23).

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# Padres to promote minor league HR leader Franmil Reyes

5:30 AM PT  
ESPN

The [San Diego Padres](#) will promote outfield prospect Franmil Reyes, who has more home runs than any player in the minors, on Monday in an attempt to bolster their struggling lineup, according to multiple reports.

Reyes, 22, is batting .346 with 14 homers and 38 RBIs in 36 games this season at Triple-A El Paso. The 6-foot-5, 240-pound Dominican slugger has homered seven times in his past 10 games.

"Every time I go up to the plate, I know I'm going to do damage, no matter who is up there pitching," Reyes told the San Diego-Union Tribune in a recent interview.

Reyes is expected to make his major league debut Monday against the [Rockies](#), according to reports. The Padres have not officially announced the promotion and will need to clear a spot on their 25-man roster to make room for Reyes. Veteran third baseman Chase Headley was designated for assignment Saturday, opening a spot on San Diego's 40-man roster.

The Padres enter Monday's game with a .227 team batting average and a .662 OPS, second-worst in the majors in both categories. They also have the second-most strikeouts in the majors (416), trailing only the [Rangers](#).

# This Day in Padres History—

## May 14

*By Bill Center*

*May 14, 1929*—Pomona's Class D team is moved to Coronado giving the San Diego area two Class D teams. The Aces, owned by **Bill Lane**, are already playing in San Diego.

*May 14, 1986*—**Tony Gwynn** is 4-for-5 with a triple, two steals and three runs scored as the Padres defeat the Pirates 10–4 in Pittsburgh.

*May 14, 1995*—Shortstop **Andujar Cedeno** hits a pair of two-run homers and pinch-hitter **Brian Johnson** hits an eighth-inning grand slam as the Padres defeat the Cubs 9–7 at Wrigley Field.

*May 14, 2000*—Right-handers **Brian Meadows** and **Trevor Hoffman** combine on a two-hitter as the Padres defeat Arizona 2–1 at Petco Park.

*May 14, 2006*—**Brian Giles** draws a franchise-record five walks as the Padres defeat the Chicago Cubs 9–0 at Wrigley Field. The win is also the Padres' franchise-record eighth straight road win. Right-hander **Clay Hensley** allows two hits and a walk in a complete-game shutout and strikes out five times as a hitter to set a since-tied franchise record. Giles scored twice as shortstop **Khalil Greene** had a homer and four RBIs.

*May 14, 2007*—Right-hander **Greg Maddux** allows a run on five hits with three strikeouts in a complete game and ties a franchise record with three sacrifice bunts as the Padres defeat Cincinnati 7–1 at Petco Park.

*May 14, 2015*—Catcher **Derek Norris** has five RBIs off a double and a triple as the Padres defeat Washington 8–3 at Petco Park.

# #PadresOnDeck: Tatis Jr. Continues Steady Climb after Slow Start

*By Bill Center*

**Fernando Tatis Jr.**, the [Padres' No.1-ranked prospect by MLB Pipeline](#), continues to come on after a slow start.

The 19-year-old shortstop was 2-for-3 Sunday afternoon the Double-A San Antonio with two walks, a stolen base and a run scored to raise his batting average to .233.

However, the Missions' 11-game winning streak ended in a 10–3 loss to Frisco in San Antonio.

Three center fielders made debuts at a higher level Sunday.

**Auston Bousfield** homered in five at-bats and scored two runs for Triple-A El Paso in his first game up from San Antonio. **Taylor Kohlwey** was 0-for-2 for the Missions, but was twice hit by pitches and scored a run in his first game up from Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. **Robbie Podorsky** joined Lake Elsinore from Extended Spring Training and was 0-for-4 with a RBI and a run scored.

*Around the Farm:*

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (19–19): RENO 5, Chihuahuas 4–2B **Dusty Coleman** (.208) backed Bousfield and went 2-for-4 with a double and a stolen base with a run scored. RF **Franmil Reyes** (.346) was 1-for-3 with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. 3B **Diego Goris** (.323) and C **A.J. Kennedy** (.200) were both 1-for-4 with a RBI. 1B **Brett Nicholas** (.291) was 1-for-4 with a walk. LHP **Dillon Overton** (2.00 earned run average) allowed two runs on three hits with a strikeout in five innings. LHP **Kyle McGrath** (0–1, 5.02 ERA) allowed two runs on three hits with three walks in two innings to take the loss. RHP **Colten Brewer** (5.65) allowed a run on two hits with strikeout in an inning.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (25–11): Frisco 10, MISSIONS 3—RHP **Cal Quantrill** (2–3, 4.68 ERA) allowed seven runs on nine hits and three walks with a strikeout in four innings. RHP **Gerardo Reyes** (3.60) allowed two runs on three hits and two walks with two strikeouts in an inning. RHP **Eric Yardley** (2.38) allowed a hit in two scoreless innings. RHP **Jason**

**Jester**(1.83) allowed a run on three hits with two strikeouts in two innings. LF **Josh Naylor** (.360) was 1-for-5 with two RBIs in support of Tatis Jr. and Kohlwey. RF **Forrestt Allday** (.250) was 2-for-4 with a run scored. C **Kyle Overstreet**(.302) was 1-for-3 with a walk.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (15–22): STORM 4, Modesto 3—Starting RHP **Pedro Avila** (2–2, 3.82 ERA) allowed three runs (two earned) on six hits and two walks with nine strikeouts in seven innings to get the win. RHP **David Bednar** (6.06) issued a walk with three strikeouts in two otherwise perfect innings to get his second save. RF **Edward Olivares** (.282) was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. 2B **Matthew Batten** (.333) was 1-for-3 with a RBI and a run scored. DH **Jorge Oña** (.252) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. SS **Kelvin Melean** (.247) was 1-for-3. 3B **Hudson Potts** (.258) was 0-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. LF **Buddy Reed** (.310), 1B **Brad Zunica** (.213) and C **Luis Torrens** (.265) were all 1-for-4.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (14–21): The TinCaps were off Sunday as the Midwest League doesn't play on Mother's Day.

# Andy's Address, 5/13

## Andy Addresses Maton's injury, Makita's return, third base, Jankowski

*By Bill Center*

Coming off Saturday night's, 2-1, 13-inning win over the Cardinals, the Padres needed to add some innings to their bullpen.

So they recalled submarining, Japanese right-hander **Kazuhisa Makita** from Triple-A El Paso. At the same time, the Padres placed right-handed relief pitcher **Phil Maton** on the 10-day disabled list with a sore lat muscle. Maton worked two scoreless innings Saturday night lowering his earned run average to 0.56.

"Obviously going 13 innings Saturday, we were in need of a fresh arm," said Padres manager **Andy Green** Sunday morning while discussing the move. "Makita was really sharp in his only appearance in El Paso. And he's fresh and ready to go. This serves two purposes. Gives Phil some rest and gets Maki back here pitching for us."

"Maton said he felt it at the very end of his first inning Saturday night and it carried on into the second inning. It's unfortunate. He's been really, really good. It's nothing he's ever felt before, at least not in the time I've had him. He's really had no arm issues whatsoever . . . maybe a little of the every-day soreness that comes to most guys from time to time."

"But Phil's been pretty durable. When he came in hurting after the game yesterday it became pretty obvious that he needed some rest time."

Green talked about Maton throwing more breaking balls this season.

"It's balanced him out a little bit," said the manager. "His fastball percentage was so high last year that everybody got to the point where they'd just come out of their shoes trying to catch up to the fastball. Now, the balance has forced them to take a much less aggressive approach and I think that has gotten his fastball to play up a little bit more."

"He's been successful. His only issue at all this year has been pounding the strike zone at times. When he's been in the strike zone, he's been very, very effective. It's a tough loss for us. Outside of the three guys we go to every time we have the lead, he was the guy we'd go to in close games and he kept us in it. He did a great job at that."

Green said he has no idea how long Maton might be sidelined.

“Twelve hours after it happened it’s not possible to speculate how long he’ll be out,” said Green. “I’m hoping it’s not long. I hope he’s back in 10 days, but I’m not holding my breath.”

Talking about Makita’s quick return from El Paso, Green said: “Sometimes need trumps plan. We need to have him back here right now. We need the arm that he brings and that durability he has. We need someone to eat innings for us at times.”

The Padres sent Makita to El Paso to work on his approach to left-handed hitters. Although he made only the one, two-inning appearance, Makita did face a couple left-handed hitters.

“He was mixing probably a little bit better against lefties, but you’re reading too much into one outing if you think something has radically changed. It’s just a matter of him getting on the mound and executing. He had a number of really good outings for us. It was like it was rough from beginning to end. He had some really strong outings for us and then he had a couple that got away. So we’re hoping for more of the strong ones. As he continues to acclimate to pitching here, he’ll get better and better.”

Green discussed third base. **Chase Headley** was designated for assignment Saturday and is out of the picture. Now the left-handed-hitting **Cory Spangenberg** returns as a complement/rival to **Christian Villanueva**, who is hitless in 36 straight at-bats. Villanueva also has a sore left knee that was hurt as he leaped into the new netting behind third chasing a ball Saturday night.

“Villanueva has some soreness in that knee,” said Green. “It swelled up on him a bit today. He’s available. I don’t think it’s anything major. Just soreness.”

“I just think Christian wants to get hits. He wants to impact the ball so it impacts the club in a positive way. Sometimes that desire to want to do something gets him swinging really early in the count at pitches he doesn’t necessarily hit. It just comes back to trust yourself . . . you’re really good. Once a hit falls in, he’s going to take a deep breath and start rolling again.”

“The jury is still out at third base. How people bounce back from adversity is probably the greatest determinate as to whether they’re going to be successful in the big leagues for a long time because every single guy goes through a rough stretch. How they bounce back from that rough stretch ultimately dictates how impactful they are in the future. The challenge is out there in front of him and out there in front of Cory, too. There’s a lot that’s wide open here. How it all plays out will be determined in time.”

“I can see us bouncing Cory around. I can see him at second base. He gives us real double switch possibilities. His versatility has been missed. When he gets going, he can hit. Hopefully we can keep him in really good rhythm here and get him going well.”



Green discussed two players on the disabled list with elbow ailments—outfielder **Hunter Renfroe** and catcher **Austin Hedges**.

“I expect Hunter to start a formal rehab assignment relatively soon,” said Green. “Hedges heads to Arizona tomorrow to start his progression with baseball activities. Hopefully, he’s not that far off. He’ll have some rehab games as well.”

Green discussed **Travis Jankowski**, who has been a positive influence on the Padres on offense out of the lead-off slot and on defense.

“Travis is having really good at-bats,” said Green. “The home run kind of shocks you when it happens. He’s slapping singles to left repetitively. When he gets the opportunity to drive a baseball, he crushes one to right. I like the walks, I like the hard contact the other way.”

“It seems like he went through a year plus where he was kind of flirting with the leg kick, kind of messing around with his swing a lot. The Jankowski I see right now looks very similar to the guy in 2016 who, when he came up, got on base repetitively against right-handed pitching and had a lot of really good at-bats. It’s fun to see him in his element and playing well. In the outfield, catches other guys aren’t making he’s making out there. He’s impacting on both sides of the ball right now and it is fun to watch.”

# #PadresOnDeck: Paddack Stretches Scoreless Innings Streak to 16 Straight

*By Bill Center*

Right-hander **Chris Paddack** Saturday continued his strong return from “Tommy John” elbow reconstruction surgery, striking out 10 while allowing two hits and no walks in six scoreless innings for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore.

In three starts for the Storm, Paddack, who is currently ranked the Padres’ [No. 22 prospect by MLB Pipeline](#), has not given up a run. He has allowed six hits and a walk with 26 strikeouts for a 0.44 WHIP to go with that perfect earned run average.

Paddack was a Top-10 Padres prospect when they acquired him from the Marlins on June 30, 2016, for closer **Fernando Rodney**. But he made only three starts for Single-A Fort Wayne before injuring his ulnar collateral ligament.

Paddack’s outing was one of three by right-handed starters new to their current teams in the Padres’ system Saturday:

— **Jesse Scholtens** allowed two runs on five hits and a walk with two strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings in his first start for Triple-A El Paso since being promoted from Double-A San Antonio. Scholtens did suffer the loss in the Chihuahuas 2–1 defeat in Reno.

— **Lake Bachar**, who was promoted to San Antonio from Lake Elsinore when Scholtens went to El Paso, allowed one hit and a walk with three strikeouts in five innings for the Missions.

Other top performances by leading Padres prospects Saturday:

— Right fielder **Franmil Reyes** hit his 14th home run for El Paso’s only run. He was 1-for-2 with two walks and is now hitting .346 for the Chihuahuas.

— Right fielder **Jorge Oña** (.252), the [Padres’ 17th-ranked prospect](#), was 2-for-4 with a homer for Lake Elsinore.

— Catcher **Austin Allen** (.331) was 2-for-4 for San Antonio. He is the [Padres' 17th-ranked prospect](#).

**Cory Spangenberg's** promotion to the Padres from El Paso led to two other moves in the Padres' system. Outfielder **Auston Bousfield** was promoted from San Antonio to El Paso. **Taylor Kohlwey** was promoted from Lake Elsinore to San Antonio.

*Around the Farm:*

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (19–18): RENO 2, Chihuahuas 1 –RHP **Colten Brewer**(5.40 ERA) followed Scholtens and struck out the only hitter he faced. RHP **Robert Stock** (3.60) walked two in a hitless, scoreless inning. CF **Shane Peterson** (.245) was 1-for-2 with a walk and was the only El Paso hitter besides Reyes to have a hit.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (25–10): MISSIONS 2, Frisco 1 –RHP **Trevor Megill** (1–0, 4.50 ERA) followed Bachar and allowed a run on two hits and a walk with three strikeouts in two innings as the Missions won an 11th straight game—their longest winning streak since the 2001 season. RHP **Jason Jester**(1.53) pitched a perfect inning. LHP **Brad Wieck** (4.25) allowed a hit and a walk with two strikeouts in a scoreless ninth to get his second save. C **Webster Rivas** (.353) backed Austin Allen, going 2-for-4. 3B **Ty France** (.264) had a RBI double in four at-bats. LF **Rod Boykin** (.259) was 1-for-3 with a walk and a RBI. DH **Fernando Tatis Jr.** (.224) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. CF **Michael Gettys** (.220) was 1-for-2 with a walk.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (14–22): Storm 4, MODESTO 1 –RHP **Diomar Lopez** (4.50 ERA) followed Paddock and gave up a run on two hits and a walk with a strikeout in two innings. RHP **Dauris Valdez** (3.60) issued a walk with two strikeouts in an otherwise perfect inning to record his first save. C **Marcus Greene Jr.** (.180) backed Oña with a two-run double in three at-bats plus a walk. SS **Kelvin Melean** (.244) was 2-for-4 with a run scored. 2B **Matthew Batten** (.333) was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. CF **Edward Olivares** (.283) was 1-for-4 with a triple and a RBI. 3B **Hudson Potts** (.264) was 1-for-4.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (14–21): The TinCaps were rained out at Kane County Saturday and the game will not be made up.

# Padres' Lucchesi, Rockies' Anderson meet for 3rd time

STATS May 14, 2018 at 11:57a ET

SAN DIEGO — There are some things with the baseball schedule that are strange this season.

And one chapter will be played out at Petco Park Monday and Tuesday.

The [Padres](#) will be hosting the [Colorado Rockies](#) for two games – Monday night at 7:10 p.m. and Tuesday afternoon at 12:40 p.m. Two starts a little more than 12 hours apart seems a bit compact.

But this is also the Rockies second visit to Petco Park this season. And by the time the Rockies depart Lindbergh Field Tuesday night bound for San Francisco, they will have completed 12 of the season's 19 meetings with the Padres.

After Tuesday, the Padres and Rockies will face each other only seven more times — and those seven games will be played within a two-week span between Aug. 21 and Sept. 2.

The Rockies are 6-4 against the Padres this season. And while the teams have split the pair of three-game series played in the rarified air of Coors Field, the Rockies won three of the four games played at sea level at Petco Park April 2-5.

In fact, Monday night's pitching matchup of the Padres' [Joey Lucchesi](#) and Colorado's [Tyler Anderson](#) will mark the third time that the left-handers have been paired this season. They faced off April 5 in San Diego and five days later at Coors Field.

Neither pitched in the third series played between the National League West rivals.

The Rockies and Padres are 1-1 in the previous Anderson-Lucchesi matches.

The rookie Lucchesi is 3-2 with a 2.98 earned run in eight starts for the Padres. The 24-year-old is the only member of the Padres rotation with a winning record. He has allowed 16 runs (14 earned) on 37 hits and 14 walks with 46 strikeouts in 42 1/3 innings.

There is a lot of funk to the 6-foot-5 Lucchesi's delivery, which ends with a high leg kick. He has already picked off three runners from first base.

Lucchesi leads all rookie pitchers in ERA and ranks second in innings pitched, strikeouts, opponents' batting average (.222) and opponents' on-base percentage (.239).

Anderson, 28, is 2-1 this season with a 4.23 ERA in eight starts. He has allowed 20 runs (18 earned) on 34 hits and 17 walks with 40 strikeouts in 38 1/3 innings. Opponents are hitting .238 against him.

Anderson doesn't have a decision from his two matches with Lucchesi this season. But he does have a 1.50 earned run average and has given up only two runs to the Padres on 11 hits and two walks with 12 strikeouts in 12 innings.

Anderson is 1-1 with a 1.80 ERA in 30 innings over five starts. He made his major league debut against the Padres on June 12, 2016.

Anderson, who suffered his first loss of the season Wednesday against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, is 1-0 with a 4.22 ERA in five road starts this season. He is 0-1 with a 2.31 ERA in two previous career starts at Petco Park.

Lucchesi has yet to yield an earned run to the Rockies. In his two starts against Anderson, Lucchesi has allowed two unearned runs on five hits and four walks with 15 strikeouts in 11 innings.