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# Lucchesi leaves Padres loss to Rockies with glute tightness

Kevin Acee

Joey Lucchesi struggled this week to feel right. Tightness in his glutes affected his bullpen session and other preparations for his start Monday night.

“I thought it was good,” he said after the [Padres](#)’ 6-4 loss to the Rockies. “I didn’t feel it coming in to today. Then I started feeling it when I was throwing.”

Lucchesi, making his ninth start, began the game strong. But his intricate mechanics suffered as the muscles began tightening on him again.

“Progressively through the game,” he said of the effect. “... I know I can pitch better than that, but just a little bit of tightness was bothering me from how I normally pitch. I was just trying to grind it out for my team.”

By the fifth inning, Lucchesi was struggling. He gave up solo home runs to batters that generally don’t hit home runs. And after that inning, his manager could see he was done.

“The response told me he wasn’t feeling as good as he should be,” Andy Green said. “There was no doubt in my mind (about taking) him out of the game at that point in time and protecting him for the future.”

That interest could also jeopardize the rookie left-hander’s next scheduled start.

Green said it was too early to tell Lucchesi’s status but added, “We’re going to be very careful as we move forward with him in the season.”

Working in the Padres’ favor is extra time afforded by Wednesday’s day off prior to a four-game series against the [Pirates](#). And rain forecast for much of the week in Pittsburgh could further push back Lucchesi’s next outing, which as of now is set for Sunday at PNC Park.

Lucchesi said he has had a similar issue before that worked itself out. He will continue to get treatment.

“I had a mild case of it last year,” he said. “I’ll get through it. I’ll do strengthening and what I need to get it right, and I’ll be good.”

Lucchesi left having allowed three runs, the final two on solo homers in the fifth.

The Padres tied the game 3-3 in the bottom of that inning, but Kazuhisa Makita surrendered a three-run homer to [Gerardo Parra](#) in his first appearance since being recalled from Triple-A on Sunday.

Makita (0-1) saw his ERA swell to 7.79 in 17 innings.

For just the second time this season, the Padres did find ways to score in four successive innings.

They tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the third when [Freddy Galvis](#) led off with a double, advanced on A.J. Ellis’ grounder and scored on Manuel Margot’s bunt single.

They took a 2-1 lead with some help in the fourth.

With one out, Christian Villanueva broke a 37 at-bat hitless streak with a single to left field. He was erased on a fielder’s choice by [Franchy Cordero](#). And as Cordero broke for second base on a would-be steal attempt, Anderson balked on the attempted pick-off throw.

Franmil Reyes, making his major league debut after being called up earlier in the day, hit a routine grounder to shortstop that appeared it would be the third out. But [Trevor Story](#) sailed his throw well over first baseman [Ian Desmond](#)’s head, and Cordero easily scored.

After the two home runs in the top of the fifth (Daniel Castro’s second homer in 249 career at-bats and Noel Cuevas’ first in 37 career at-bats) gave the Rockies a 3-2 lead, doubles by pinch-hitter Matt Szczur and [Eric Hosmer](#) tied it again.

Galvis' two-out triple and a single A.J. Ellis made it 6-4 in the bottom of the sixth. Galvis would fall a home run shy of the cycle after failing in his attempt at a bunt single to lead off the ninth.

The Padres did not get a hit after Ellis' RBI single in the sixth.

# With eye on future, Padres option Carlos Asuaje to get look at Franmil Reyes

**Kevin Acee**

Travis Jankowski knew the situation before Franmil Reyes was brought up to make his major league debut for the [Padres](#) on Monday.

“This is a big year,” Jankowski said over the weekend. “With the talent and the way this organization is moving, the opportunities are going to be fewer and fewer.”

Reyes had his contract selected Monday, as the Padres sent down [Carlos Asuaje](#) to make room for the 6-foot-5, 275-pound outfielder. Reyes is in the starting lineup, batting sixth and playing right field against the Rockies.

He earned his call-up by hitting 14 home runs so far this season and batting .561/.647/1.317 in 12 games this month for Triple-A El Paso.

And with [Hunter Renfroe](#) and [Wil Myers](#) on the disabled list, now was a good time to get Reyes in the lineup.

“You have to take these windows of opportunity when they present themselves,” manager Andy Green said. “... This was really nice opportunity to get a first look at him.”

This has increasingly become what the 2018 season is about for the Padres – determining which of their many outfielders will be a part of future seasons.

“You only have 40 spots on that roster,” Green said. “You look up in the next couple years, it’s only going to get tougher on us. There’s going to be a long list of guys we’re going to have to protect this coming year. That’s what this opportunity presents – to find out which guys are going to be a huge part of this going forward in the future.”

Not only do the Padres need to make room on their roster this season for second baseman Luis Urias and possibly shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr., a handful of other

prospects will be subject to December's Rule 5 draft if the team doesn't get them on the 40-man roster.

The Rule 5 draft is when teams can poach other organizations' minor leaguers that have been in pro ball for four or five years (depending on their age at the time of their signing) and are not on 40-man rosters.

The Padres need to find room on their roster this offseason for highly touted prospects like Anderson Espinoza, Chris Paddack, Trey Wingenter, Austin Allen and possibly others. And 2019 brings a monster crop of Rule 5 eligibles, including Tatis, Logan Allen and Jorge Ona.

That means the Padres need to know whether Jankowski, Reyes, Renfroe, [Manuel Margot](#), [Franchy Cordero](#), Cory Spangenberg, Christian Villanueva and others can perform at a level the organization believes matches the caliber of player they see coming up through their system, widely regarded as one of the major leagues' best.

That's why Reyes is set to make his major league debut – so the team can find out if the power and improved plate discipline he has demonstrated in the hitter-friendly Pacific Coast League translate.

Essentially, this season has been and will continue to be an audition for several players.

Most pressing is the settling of a crowded outfield.

Reyes' defense has been a major knock against him, though that has reportedly improved this year. And with the way he was smacking baseballs, there was really no way to keep him down.

“Smart organizations pay attention to what bats are telling them,” Green said. “His bat was screaming.”

Said Reyes: “With the numbers I was having, I knew someday I would be here, and here I am.”

Uber-talented rookie Franchy Cordero, who has improved dramatically in virtually all aspects of his game, plays every outfield position is locked into an extended everyday look.

The team has anticipated Margot, which it acquired as part of the [Craig Kimbrel](#) trade in 2015, will be its center fielder of the future. He is a tremendous defender but has spent all but four games this season with a sub-.200 batting average.

Myers, who has spent all but 10 games this season on the disabled list and is not expected back until some time next month, is the second-highest paid Padres player and, thus, very much part of the team's future.

Renfroe, on the DL since April 21 due to an elbow issue, is in the midst of a huge prove-it season. His power is coveted, but he has struggled this season as much as ever against right-handers.

Jankowski has thrust himself into the conversation by tearing up Triple-A and continuing to do so in the 13 games since his call-up. He is on par with Margot defensively and, playing mostly against right-handed starters, has batted .371/.463/.571 in nine games as the Padres' leadoff hitter.

"Travis is going to be out there," Green said. "He's played way too well to be forgotten on the bench. We'll look at it more as a convenient way to rest guys on this coming trip than a platoon situation."

# Padres notes: Carlos Asuaje moving to third for a time in Triple-A; Myers in June?

**Kevin Acee**

Carlos Asuaje recently began taking ground balls at third base, and that was evidently not just an exercise.

“We think it’s for the best for him,” manager Andy Green said of Asuaje being optioned to the minors Monday. “His opportunity has dried up here. We’ll send him to the minor leagues with the idea he’ll move over to third base a little bit. Not that he’ll be a third baseman by any stretch, but the lack of versatility made it difficult. We’ll see if we can increase the versatility, see if we can get the bat going back in the right direction.”

Asuaje started 21 of the [Padres](#)’ first 22 games at second base but had started just five since then and seen his hitting line fall to .198/.263/.292.

If Asuaje’s future is with the Padres, it is as a utility player. Luis Urias, the organization’s No.3 prospect and rated as the 32<sup>nd</sup> best prospect in baseball by [MLB Pipeline](#), is the second baseman for El Paso and is expected to be in San Diego before too long (and for a long time).

## Bodyguard

Green’s first answer regarding why the Padres brought up the 6-foot-5, 275-pound Franmil Reyes:

“Size. We did fight with these guys last time.”

It was actually April 11, two meetings ago, that the [Rockies](#) and Padres had a benches-clearing fracas.



The Rockies starting pitcher that game was German Marquez, who is scheduled to start Tuesday. Green said Reyes would likely be in Tuesday's lineup.

## Manny back on top

[Manuel Margot](#) on Monday batted leadoff for the first time since May 2.

“He’s swinging the bat better than he did early in the season,” Green said. “It seems to me the right time to get him back there and take that shot at the leadoff spot against a left-handed pitcher he’s had pretty solid history against. ... We’re excited to see him take that spot again.”

Margot entered the game with four hits (two doubles) in 12 career at-bats against [Tyler Anderson](#). He also entered the game batting .202, sitting above .200 for just the fourth game this season. He did enter Monday's game with eight hits in his previous 26 at-bats.

[Travis Jankowski](#) had been the primary leadoff hitter the past two weeks, hitting .371/.463/.571 in nine games. Jankowski could start in center field and lead off Wednesday against the right-handed Marquez.

## Injury updates

- Catcher Austin Hedges, on the disabled list with elbow tendinitis, took pop-ups, threw long toss and took batting practice early Monday at Petco Park before heading to Arizona to continue his progression toward a rehab assignment.
- Right fielder [Wil Myers](#) is also back in Arizona for treatment on his strained oblique. Of Myers' anticipated return date, Green said: “Sometime in June is what I’m hoping for. That’s the best timetable I can give you – to just say that’s a hope right now.”
- Outfielder Hunter Renfroe, who has been in Arizona for a couple weeks, is likely a day or two from starting a rehab assignment. He went on the DL with elbow pain.

# Ex-Padres broadcaster Jenny Cavnar "humbled" to break new ground with Rockies crew

**Tom Krasovic**

The baseball threads run deep with former [Padres](#) broadcaster Jenny Cavnar, who this week has returned to San Diego in her budding — and trail-widening — job as a [Colorado Rockies](#) broadcaster.

Her father, Steve, was a longtime high school baseball coach near Denver whose ballgames and clinics she attended as a child.

Husband Steve pitched as a White Sox minor leaguer, and brother Jason caught for Pepperdine.

As for the couple's 7-month-old son, Vincent ...

"We did name him after Vin Scully," Cavnar said Monday. "We're calling him Vin."

Fans of the Hall of Fame baseball broadcaster Scully include Cavnar's husband, a Dodgers fan who listened to Scully while growing up in Stockton.

Working as a Padres TV broadcaster from 2007 through 2011, Cavnar got to know Scully, who retired in October 2016 after 67 years as a Dodgers play-by-play broadcaster.

"I have so much respect for him, not just for who he is as a broadcaster, but he is a wonderful person," she said.

Yet her admiration for Scully didn't extend to Cavnar obsessing to become a play-by-play broadcaster, she said.

Much as when she worked Padres games, she was enjoying her role as a host on Rockies pregame and postgame shows, while also calling upon her previous experiences as an in-game reporter.

Then, last month, arose an opportunity that Cavnar described as humbling: The chance to fill in for Drew Goodman, play-by-play broadcaster on Rockies telecasts.

She has called two games, joining a select group of women to call big-league baseball. Just the second woman to call play-by-play of a regular-season game on TV, Cavnar said that, “fascinating” and “fun” as the gig was, by no means was it as simple as moving from one microphone to the next.

She chose to play to her strengths.

“Not being trained to do play by play,” she said, “it was more, how can I take my personality, and what I know about the game, and how I like to talk about the game into the booth.”

After the April 23 telecast, it became more apparent to her how demanding the job was.

“My brain hurt — I was so exhausted after calling that first game,” she said, laughing. One of the new challenges she discovered: “You have to direct so much traffic.”

Her father can relate to her juggling act.

Steve Cavnar recalled with bemusement Monday that when he addressed youths at baseball clinics, his daughter would remind him of details she’d gleaned from earlier that he hadn’t yet mentioned.

She impressed him with “her enthusiasm for life in general and for sports in particular.”

Seeing sideline reporter Melissa Stark on “Monday Night Football” telecasts inspired Cavnar, then a youth, to view sports broadcasting as a career. “Wow,” she recalled thinking, “that’s a woman talking about sports, and I like to talk about sports. This is something I can do.”

Her dad told of his son coming home from Pepperdine at the same time Jenny was visiting from Colorado State. Hunting for the newspaper's sports section that morning, the father queried the older sibling.

"Nah," Jason said, "I'm reading the business section. Jenny's got the sports page."

Attending about 10 Rockies games per season, in field-level seats on the first-base side, was a family event for Steve, wife Donna, Jason and Jenny. They were regulars at Broncos games as well.

A math teacher for the past four decades, Steve Cavnar said he's hearing from teenagers — female and male — who would like to learn more about how his daughter became a broadcaster.

She's a willing mentor.

On the flip side, she's grateful to colleagues and family members who are helping her navigate a busy life.

"My husband is awesome," she said. "He's super supportive, and both of our families are really supportive. It definitely takes a village to raise a child."

She added: "All of a sudden, you get this moment in your career that's really a milestone moment. It's really cool. At the same time, I'm trying not to spend too much time away from the baby. It's definitely a balancing act."

Cavnar will continue to host Rockies TV shows before and after games. While it has yet to be determined how many more games she will call, there's a possibility Goodman will need relief again this month.

# Column | Trevor Hoffman is right about patience — but this isn't Padres rebuild 1.0

**Tom Krasovic**

Hells Bells, people.

"That '98 team," Trevor Hoffman said, "started that rebuild in '93."

Parallel drawn to a path that yielded a [World Series](#) team, whose 20-year anniversary was celebrated this past weekend, the Cooperstown-bound closer continued his pitch.

"I'm not going to put a number on it," Hoffman said in [comments to the Union-Tribune](#), "but I'd like to preach patience."

Next, some chin music.

"I'm starting to hear an underlying tone of, 'Is this process going to hurry up?' ... I think we're on the right path," he said.

Picture the blue-eyed stare.

"I think everyone understands (that, for) you to go out and compete in the free agent market, that's probably not going to sustain anything," the former pitcher added.

Hoffman, who joined the [Padres](#)' front office in January 2011, aimed his final fastball for the corner.

"But by having a farm system that is deep, hopefully some of these guys do come out of a deep farm system," he said.

Good for Trevor Hoffman. Coming from someone who turned himself into a Hall of Fame pitcher, after failing as a minor league shortstop, the ask for patience carries extra heft.

## Unpacking the comparison

Hoffman's comments echo what other Pads leaders have said, or what they may like to say but ought not say publicly because, well, they're not Trevor Hoffman.

*The gist: Rebuilds take time. We are in the midst of getting this right. Waves of young talent are needed, and will allow us to build and sustain success. Trust the process.*

I agree that the process makes sense.

Young talent is king in today's baseball, and to that end, the Pads have gone all in.

It worked for the [Royals](#), Cubs and Astros, the past three World Series winners.

When criticizing the Pads for not doing this sooner, bear in mind that baseball's labor pact and the one before it encouraged these rebuilds to a greater degree. Also, ownership upheaval caused plans to change a few times.

Baseball demands patience, period.

## Fair's fair

However, I think it's fair to note how the team has performed under current Padres leaders.

Start with the ownership group headed by lead investor Peter Seidler and Executive Chairman Ron Fowler.

They bought the team in 2012, taking over in August.

The farm system they inherited was universally praised then.

Keith Law of ESPN ranked it No. 1 of the 30 farm systems. So did the analytics site Baseball Prospectus, while Baseball America had it third.

Seidler and Fowler stuck with the leaders they'd inherited, General Manager Josh Byrnes and manager Bud Black.

The owners gave thought to an Astros-type rebuild but decided against it.

The losing continued.

Going with their own hire, the owners fired Byrnes and replaced him with A.J. Preller and empowered him with a five-year contract and, at some point, a gigantic budget to sign amateur players from other countries.

The farm system Preller inherited wasn't shabby, ranking sixth in Baseball America and ninth by Law. The GM, using several prospects for barter, tried to build the team into an immediate contender. Though the flurry of moves was exciting, the losing continued.

Preller changed course, firing Black. The switch to more of an Astros-type approach can be traced to November 2015, when Preller traded closer [Craig Kimbrel](#) to Boston for four prospects.

So, the Padres are in their sixth full season of the Seidler-Fowler Era, their fourth full season under Preller, and their third full season since yanking the steering wheel toward The Process.

Zero winning seasons or playoff races have resulted.

The farm system, once again, is drawing accolades. However, this time, it is said to have more "high ceiling" talent than in 2012 and 2014. [Scouts told me in March](#) that Double-A shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. has star potential, as do a few Pads pitching prospects. By 2020 or thereabouts, Seidler said in February, the Pads will begin 10 years of sustained contention. His forecast includes five or more playoff berths for that span.

### Hoffman's comp to 1993-98

There are parallels, but I'd go easy on invoking the five-year ramp-up that culminated in 98 victories and the trip to the 1998 World Series.

Three years after the three Fire Sale trades during the summer of 1993, the Pads put a good team onto Jack Murphy Field.

Hoffman, who joined the Padres in June 1993 via one of the Fire Sale deals, was among the standouts in 1996. He saved the final three games at Dodger Stadium to secure the club's first [NL West](#) title in 12 years.

Name a more entertaining regular season in Pads history than the '96 season.

I doubt you can.

Even if you grant that the current rebuild didn't begin until November 2015, there's no comparing its third team — this year's team — to the the '96 club.

As Hoffman also noted, it will take time.

What are the Pads rebuilding?

I'm glad Hoffman mentioned 1993 because he drew attention to an under-appreciated era of Pads history: the years preceding the Fire Sale of '93.

The Pads had six winning seasons, another at .500 and one World Series trip in the 10 years before 1993.

Would that kind of success have floated your boat across the 10 years before 2016?

How about the final five seasons, before the Tom Werner-directed Fire Sale?

The Pads fielded four winners. They never reached the playoffs, but the playoffs were harder to reach back then. Divisions had six teams. That was one more than now, and two more than in '96.

Remember, there were no wild-card berths to claim. So, for pretty good teams such as many of the Pads teams of 1985-92, there was less incentive to upgrade during a season.

As for the West that the Pads occupied from 1988-92, its five champions all reached the World Series.



Put another way, the era leading up to the 1993 Fire Sale provided several better teams to watch than the lengthy dismal Pads era that preceded the current rebuild.

Tony Gwynn, of course, rewarded Pads fans for tuning in pre-Fire Sale. So did very good players such as Fred McGriff, Gary Sheffield and [Roberto Alomar Jr.](#)

Some people talk about the Pads today like Preller is the first one of theirs to discover and sign Spanish-speaking ballplayers who could play.

In the 1980s, the Pads signed several future big leaguers out of Puerto Rico, including both Alomars, Carlos Baerga, Benito Santiago, Ricky Bones and Javier Valentin.

The latter two were dealt for Sheffield, a terrifying hitter.

The 1991 team, which went 84-78, got good seasons from four starting pitchers: Andy Benes, Bruce Hurst, Dennis Rasmussen and Greg Harris.

Closer Mark Davis had excellent seasons. He won a [Cy Young](#) in 1989, saving 44 games and logging 92.2 innings for a team that won 89 games.

Several other players qualified as legitimate big leaguers, including homegrown outfielder John Kruk (.369 OBP and 113 OPS+ in 1988), center fielder Darrin [Jackson](#) (21 home runs in 1991), and infielder Bip Roberts (OPS+ of 132 in 1989 and 122 in 1990).

We all want to see Rebuild 3.0, 4.0 or 5.0 lead to an exciting ballclub to watch (and write about). Most of us understand what the team is trying to do, and see the logic to it.

If folks are antsy, well, the Pads may want to be grateful that San Diegans care enough to be antsy. I doubt 15 losing seasons and no playoff-series victories in 20 years is what anybody wanted or expected in 1998, when San Diegans voted to build the Pads a gorgeous ballpark downtown.

# Minors Thompson picks up Gore in TinCaps' win

**Jeff Sanders**

**MacKenzie Gore** is still looking to find his footing in the Midwest League. **Mason Thompson** is beginning to find his.

Gore allowed three runs in the first inning in [low Single-A Fort Wayne's 5-3 win](#) on Monday and watched from the dugout as Thompson relieved him with four shutout frames.

Thompson struck out six, walked two and allowed two hits to lower his ERA to 6.18. He has allowed two earned runs in his last 15 innings after allowing 14 in his previous 5 2/3 innings.

Gore, the organization's top-ranked pitching prospect, has allowed nine earned runs in his first eight innings with the TinCaps, a stint that was interrupted by a stint on the disabled list for a blister.

Gore has struck out 10, walked two and allowed 15 hits.

On Monday, he allowed all three runs in the first inning – two on the first home run he's allowed as a pro and another on a run-scoring double.

Gore stranded two hits in the second inning and one in the third. Then he exited with 57 pitches (36 strikes), six hits allowed, no walks and three strikeouts. He has a 10.13 ERA.

Left-hander **Travis Radke** (2.08) saved his third game with two strikeouts over two shutout innings for the TinCaps (15-21).

**Esteury Ruiz** (.274) went 2-for-4 with two doubles, an RBI, a walk and a run scored and **Luis Campusano** (.271), and **Justin Lopez** (.228) each had two hits.

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (20-19)

- [Chihuahuas 6, Reno 3](#): 1B [Allen Craig](#) (.247) went 3-for-4, drove in two runs and hit his fifth homer. C **Brett Nicholas** (.295) went 2-for-5 with a double and three RBIs and **2B Luis Urias** (.276) went 2-for-4 with a double, a walk and a run scored. RHP **Walker Lockett** (2-3, 5.12) struck out five and allowed two runs in 6 1/3 innings. LHP Jose Castillo (9.00) struck out two and allowed a run in the ninth in his PCL debut.

#### DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (25-12)

- [Corpus Christi 2, Missions 1](#): RHP **Miguel Diaz** (1-2, 2.96) struck out six and allowed two runs on four hits and a walk in four innings. RHP **Erik Johnson**(4.63) struck out three over three scoreless innings. 1B **Kyle Overstreet** (.300) hit his seventh homer for the Missions' only run.

#### HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (16-22)

- [Storm 9, Modesto 1](#): RHP **Reggie Lawson** (1.95) struck out three and allowed one run in seven innings in the win. LF **Buddy Reed** (.320) went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and two steals (17) and 2B **Eguy Rosario** (.262) went 2-for-5 with a double and three RBIs. DH **Jorge Ona** (.258) went 2-for-5 with a double and his third homer.

#### Transactions

- 2B **Carlos Asuaje** was optioned to El Paso as OF **Franmil Reyes** joined San Diego. LHP **Jose Castillo** was also transferred from San Antonio to El Paso.
- RHP **Seth Simmons** was reinstated from El Paso's seven-day disabled list and transferred to San Antonio.

# HRs sink Padres pitching at Petco

By AJ Cassavell

SAN DIEGO -- [Kazuhisa Makita](#) spent the first week of this Padres' homestand at Triple-A El Paso. The Rockies greeted him rudely upon his return to the big leagues.

[Gerardo Parra](#) launched a tiebreaking three-run homer off Makita in the top of the sixth inning Monday night, sending Colorado to a 6-4 victory at Petco Park. It wasn't the softest landing spot for Makita, and it wasn't the softest landing either.

"He missed down and in," said Padres manager Andy Green. "That down-and-in spot to Parra is not where you want to end up."

Makita had allowed 11 runs over his last eight appearances. Yet the Padres called upon the struggling right-hander in a tie game in the sixth inning. Green laid out his reasoning.

Under different circumstances, Makita wouldn't have entered in that spot. But right-hander [Phil Maton](#) was placed on the disabled list Sunday. [Jordan Lyles](#) was promoted to the rotation last week. Plus, closer [Brad Hand](#) was unavailable, having worked two straight days, pushing [Adam Cimber](#) into a late-inning role.

"It pushes everybody back," Green said. "It changes the context, and not having Phil Maton or [Jordan Lyles](#) changes the context of your bullpen. At some point, you've got to hand the ball to somebody against three righties. ... That's for Maki to step up and pitch well. It just didn't happen for him."

Green also liked the matchups. Makita retired [Trevor Story](#) on a bunt attempt, but he allowed hard singles to [Ian Desmond](#) and [Chris Iannetta](#), setting the stage for the lefty-hitting Parra. Green stuck with Makita, citing Parra's ugly swings against the right-hander last month.

"He clearly didn't see him well," Green said. "[Makita] beat him up in the zone."

On Monday, Makita lost to Parra down in the zone.

Meanwhile, Padres rookie starter [Joey Lucchesi](#) battled what he called "glute tightness" that persisted throughout his start. Both he and Green downplayed the nature of the tightness, and Lucchesi said he's worked through the issue in the past.

Still, Lucchesi ran into a bit of fatigue as a result. With one out in the fifth inning, Lucchesi hung his changeup/curveball hybrid to [Daniel Castro](#), who mashed it into the left-field seats. [Noel Cuevas](#) did the same three batters later when Lucchesi grooved an 88-mph fastball down the middle to give the Rockies a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom half of the frame, Green pinch-hit for his starter after just 71 pitches. Lucchesi had allowed three runs on five hits while striking out two. He also reached base via walk in the third inning and was thrown out trying to score with an awkward slide into home on a wild pitch.

"When you're battling [leg tightness] and you're fatigued, it wasn't the right time to put him back out for the sixth," Green said.

For a moment, the decision appeared prudent, as pinch-hitter [Matt Szczur](#) doubled and later scored to tie the game. But it set the stage for Makita's implosion.

### **GALVIS ON CYCLE WATCH**

Padres shortstop [Freddy Galvis](#) appears to have put his slump behind him, pounding out three more hits on Monday night. When he strode to the plate with two outs in the ninth, he was a homer shy of the cycle.

He bunted. Seriously.

The way Galvis saw it, reaching base was of paramount importance with his team down by two runs. Had he homered, the Padres would've been in practically the same position, needing a runner other than him to score to tie the game.

"I'm just trying to do what's best for the team," Galvis said. "What's best for the team was getting on base. I'm trying to get a rally going. It's not about me. I don't want to go up there and make three big swings for the fence."

Galvis pushed his bunt up the first-base line, and was out by a step when Desmond flipped to closer [Wade Davis](#).

### **MOMENTS THAT MATTERED**

**Squeeze me close:** Even in the most dire of slumps, [Manuel Margot](#) brings plenty to the table with his speed and with his defense. He showed off another facet of his game in the third inning with a picture-perfect squeeze bunt that plated Galvis (who had doubled to open the frame). The placement of Margot's bunt forced Desmond to vacate the bag. Rockies starter [Tyler Anderson](#) initially went for the ball, too, and Margot's wheels carried him to an easy single.

**Trevor Stor-E:** Franmil Reyes went 0-for-4 in his big league debut, reaching base only once when Story sailed his throw into the netting beyond the first-base line. The error plated [Franchy Cordero](#), but it represented something of a bad break for the Padres. Last year, Story's throw would've landed in the second row. This year, the ball was in play, and Reyes was held at first. It's likely he'd have scored on Galvis' ensuing two-out single. Instead, the Padres settled for one run and a 2-1 lead.

### **SOUND SMART WITH YOUR FRIENDS**

Reyes, Cordero and Margot combined to make up the [first outfield](#) in franchise history featuring a trio of Dominican-born players.

### **UP NEXT**

Lyles was sharp in his first start of the season, allowing one earned run to the Cardinals over five innings. Now, the veteran right-hander will face the Rockies, his former club, on Tuesday afternoon with first pitch slated for 12:40 p.m. PT. Colorado counters with right-hander [German Marquez](#).

# Big-hitting Reyes joins friend Franchy in lineup

Rookie outfielder and Cordero remain close from days in D.R.

By AJ Cassavell

SAN DIEGO -- Batting in the middle of the Padres' lineup on Monday was a rookie outfielder with unquestioned power -- a rookie outfielder who hits the ball harder than just about anybody else who plays the sport.

You could call him Fran for short, though nobody does.

Oh, and [Franchy Cordero](#) was penciled into the Padres' outfield, too.

Franmil Reyes, a 6-foot-5, 240-pound behemoth arrived in San Diego on Monday after his contract was selected from El Paso and went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts in the team's **6-4 loss**. He batted a scorching .346/.442/.738 at Triple-A, while leading the Minors with 14 homers.

Reyes has long been close with Cordero, a fellow outfielder from the Dominican Republic and a fellow force of nature. Both possess freakish athletic frames, and both needed time to hone their swings so as to best capture their raw power.

Eventually, they did, and both tore through Triple-A. Now, Cordero hit fifth and Reyes sixth against the Rockies on Monday night.

"Since 2015, when they moved me to the outfield, we've shared the outfield at various levels," said Cordero, a one-time shortstop prospect. "To do it here is pretty special."

The similarities don't end there. They signed with the Padres on the exact same day -- Nov. 1, 2011 -- and they were signed by the exact same people -- Felix Feliz, Martin Jose and one-time Padres general manager, Randy Smith.

"Both of those guys are great guys, and they both go about it the right way," said Smith when reached by phone on Monday evening. "I'm not surprised at all that they're having the success they're having."

Cordero and Reyes first met during a tryout shortly before they signed. They were roommates at the team's complex in the Dominican Republic. Evidently, Reyes made quite the first impression.

"I just remember all the bombs he was hitting and how big an arm he had," said Cordero. "Once we signed, I remember getting to know each other and starting to hang out and

spending some time together at the complex in the DR. That was the start of our relationship, which is a really special one."

Cordero was far more highly touted as a prospect, and he's turned plenty of heads across the Majors this season with his monster home runs and his absurdly hard contact. He leads the Padres with an average exit velocity of 93 mph, and he's crushed four of the eight hardest-hit balls in the National League this year.

"Franmil hits it harder," Cordero admitted Monday.

It's possible Cordero was only being modest. But one Padres staffer acknowledged Reyes' average exit velocity this season is higher than Cordero's, and he's hit a handful of baseballs harder than 110 mph.

Said one Padres Minor Leaguer who's been on hand for all of Reyes' exploits this season: "He's hitting .350, and it's the hardest .350 you've ever seen."

Yes, Cordero and Reyes both mash. But they aren't the same player by any stretch. In many ways, they're polar opposites. Cordero flies, and he projects as a very good outfielder, though he could still use work on his first step and his routes.

None of those traits are applicable to Reyes. He's a hulking defender, and his outfield play remains suspect. There's no denying his bat alone brought him to San Diego.

"They were always different guys in the way they went about it," Smith said. "But they've always had incredibly exciting tools."

With his first swing of batting practice on Monday, Reyes parked one 10 rows deep into the second deck. That's rarified territory at Petco Park. But with Cordero already on board, the extraordinary has already become routine during BP.

"I look at Franchy as an example for me," Reyes said. "He's a very good player. He's disciplined. The support he gives his teammates and the young guys, it's awesome.

"When we played our first season in the Dominican Summer League together ... we talked a lot about [playing together in the Majors] one day."

It's no longer just talk.

# “His bat was screaming at us from El Paso”: Franmil Reyes makes his San Diego debut

[By Dennis Lin](#)

En route to Petco Park, Franmil Reyes did not skip leg day. The outfielder strode into the home clubhouse Monday afternoon as, according to listed weight, the most imposing player in Padres history.

“Fanimal,” said rookie pitcher Eric Lauer, “he’s got massive legs, massive glutes. He’s just a huge lower-body guy.”

Reyes, 22, had arrived to make his major league debut. He’d earned the privilege with a .346/.442/.738 slash line, a minors-leading 14 home runs and defensive strides to go along with ones at the plate. At 6-foot-5 and 275 pounds, he will serve as an outsized reminder: The Padres must evaluate what they have, sometimes at the expense of what they have seen.

In a corresponding roster move, Carlos Asuaje was optioned to Triple A, the same level Reyes had been dominating. Asuaje was hitting .198/.263/.292. He had lost most of his playing time at second base to José Pirela, who will continue playing out of position until the organization deems someone else ready.

Asuaje figures to return sometime this summer. In an effort to increase his versatility, the Padres will give him repetitions at third base, a position he has not played much of since 2014. There is another reason: 20-year-old Luis Urías will remain El Paso’s second baseman — at least until he becomes San Diego’s second baseman.

A quarter of the way into their season, the Padres find themselves in the same place they spent most of 2017. They were bound to shift from spring optimism to sober evaluation sooner than later, but a lack of overall performance has fostered an early sense of urgency.

“We’re at a point in time with hitters here where your opportunity will pass you by if you don’t make an adjustment and start putting the ball in play,” manager Andy Green said earlier this month, after the Padres were no-hit in Monterrey, Mexico. “The opportunity will start going to somebody else.”

Monday brought a very real example, though Reyes should be credited with forcing the Padres’ hand. Even in the hitter’s paradise known as the Pacific Coast League, he made the front office take notice. He’d tattooed eight home runs in one five-game stretch and gotten on base in almost every other contest. He’d upped his walk rate and trimmed a strikeout percentage that already was lower than a typical slugger’s.

After the Padres took a calculated risk by exposing Reyes to the Rule 5 draft — the defensively-challenged outfielder had undergone surgery to repair a broken hamate



bone — they encountered a simpler decision. With outfielders Wil Myers and Hunter Renfroe on the disabled list, now seems an opportune time to see if Reyes' power will translate. Never mind that, due to the formidable depth of San Diego's system, Reyes is not considered one of its top prospects.

"I think a smart organization listens to what the bats are telling them, and his bat was screaming at us from El Paso," Green said.

So, Reyes found himself batting sixth and playing right field Monday at Petco Park. Standing inside the home clubhouse before the game, the big man smiled easily and often. His mother and a cousin, Smit Valera, who spent four seasons in the Rockies' organization, were inbound to witness his debut. Reyes recalled signing with the Padres on the same day — Nov. 1, 2011 — as close friend Franchy Cordero.

"Hell yes," Reyes said when asked if he and Cordero had envisioned patrolling the same big league outfield together. (Cordero was batting fifth and playing left field.)

Cordero, 23, has been the Padres' most positive story on offense this season. He has begun harnessing his immense physical gifts, especially at the plate. Few other major leaguers have hit baseballs as hard. Like Reyes in Triple A, he has chased fewer pitches and consistently made quality contact. He is an early candidate for National League Rookie of the Year.

The Padres hope Reyes, to some degree, follows suit. He may not possess Cordero's speed or defensive ability, but Cordero on Monday acknowledged that Reyes impacts baseballs with even greater force. During batting practice, Reyes sent several into orbit, one nearly reaching Petco Park's left-field video board.

"He hits the crap out of the ball," said Lauer, who played with Reyes last season in Double A.

Cordero and two other outfielders, Manuel Margot and Travis Jankowski, will continue to play most days, but so will Reyes — the expectation is that each player will rest every few games or so.

Monday night, Reyes drew tough matchups in Rockies left-hander Tyler Anderson and reliever Adam Ottavino. He finished 0-for-4 with two strikeouts. He did reach base in his second at-bat, when he put the ball in play and Colorado shortstop Trevor Story uncorked a wild throw.

"I was so pressured and just trying to get my base hit," Reyes said after the Padres lost, 6-4, to Colorado. "But I will slow my game down and I will get it next time."

There should be more than a few next times. Myers, out with an oblique strain, has not resumed baseball activities; the hope is, he will return sometime in June. Renfroe, sidelined by elbow inflammation, is still a couple days away from beginning a rehab assignment.

While Cordero looks like a keeper, Margot remains the presumptive center fielder of the future, and Jankowski has been a sparkplug since his own call-up from El Paso, the Padres' outfield is as wide-open as it's been.

# Parra's 3-run homer lifts Rockies to 6-4 win over Padres

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO -- After hitting a go-ahead, three-run homer, [Gerardo Parra](#) was just as happy that rookie [Noel Cuevas](#) went deep for the first time.

"It's good having new talent like that and for him to hit his first homer in the big leagues," Parra said after the [Colorado Rockies](#) hit three home runs to beat the [San Diego Padres](#) 6-4 Monday night. "Every player wants to do something that helps us win."

[Daniel Castro](#) also homered for the Rockies, who won for the second time in six games.

Parra gave Colorado a 6-3 lead when he connected with one out in the sixth inning off [Kazuhisa Makita](#) (0-1), who was making his first appearance since being recalled from Triple-A on Sunday. Parra's second homer of the season came with [Ian Desmond](#) and [Chris Iannetta](#) aboard on singles.

"More importantly than the homer, it was a great win tonight," Parra said.

Castro homered leading off the fifth, his first, and Cuevas connected with two outs for a 3-2 lead. Cuevas made his major league debut on April 22.

"I hit it good and I was just trying to see if it was high enough and when I saw him turn around and it hit the stands, it was a pretty electric feeling," Cuevas said.

"I was happy that we got the lead back. That was the first thing in my mind. It was a good homer, the momentum went back our way. We knew that we had the arms in the bullpen to keep us close and we got the W."

[Eric Hosmer](#) hit a tying double for the Padres in the fifth before Parra put the Rockies back in front.

Castro was called up from the minors on May 1.

"That was great. When you get contributions from guys up from Triple-A, it really makes the club have a good vibe to it," Colorado manager Bud Black said. "And obviously a big swing by Parra. That gave us a little momentum when those two guys went deep so, happy for those guys. They're great Rockies. They're going to contribute here. We're going to need those guys moving forward."

Franmil Reyes made his big league debut for the Padres after leading all of professional baseball in homers with 14 while at Triple-A El Paso. He started in right field and went 0 for 4. He reached on a throwing error by shortstop [Trevor Story](#) that allowed [Franchy Cordero](#) to score for a 2-1 lead in the fourth.

[Freddy Galvis](#) of the Padres finished a homer short of the cycle. He tried to bunt for a single in the ninth to get a rally going but was thrown out.

Colorado's [Nolan Arenado](#) had three hits and an RBI.

[Tyler Anderson](#) (3-1) allowed four runs, three earned, on seven hits in 5 2/3 innings and reached base twice against rookie lefty [Joey Lucchesi](#). Anderson walked with one out in the third and scored on Arenado's single. He singled in the fifth before being forced out.

[Wade Davis](#) pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Lucchesi struggled through five innings, allowing three runs and six hits while striking out two and walking one. He also was thrown out trying to score on a passed ball to end the third. The big pitcher lumbered down the line and an awkward slide left him short of the plate.

Lucchesi, making his ninth career start, said he had tightness in his glutes.

"I know I can pitch better than that, but just a little bit of tightness was bothering me from how I normally pitch and I was just trying to grind it out for my team," he said.

"I just didn't feel like myself today. I didn't have my normal mechanics. I was dropping my arm slot."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Rockies: Placed All-Star second baseman [DJ LeMahieu](#) on the 10-day disabled list with a sprained left thumb and recalled infielder Pat Valaika from Triple-A Albuquerque. LeMahieu was hurt Sunday while taking a swing during a loss to Milwaukee. He was batting .279 with five home runs and 13 RBI.

## UP NEXT

Rockies: RHP [German Marquez](#) (2-4, 5.35 ERA) is scheduled to pitch the finale of the two-game series Tuesday. He tossed three innings against San Diego on April 11 in Denver before being ejected for his part in a brawl that started when San Diego's Luis Perdomo threw behind Arenado.

Padres: RHP [Jordan Lyles](#) (0-1, 3.28) will start against his former team.

# Big Slugger Reyes Ready to Contribute to Padres

Powerful outfielder looks to Franchy Cordero for inspiration

*By Justin Lafferty*

At 6'5" and 240 lbs., newest San Diego Padre **Franmil Reyes** cuts an imposing figure.

After looming large in the Pacific Coast League (a minor league-best 14 home runs), Reyes earned his promotion to San Diego on Monday.

"I'm really glad to be here; it's an unbelievable feeling," Reyes told reporters prior to Monday night's game against the Colorado Rockies. "I'm very proud to be the first major leaguer in my family, coming from a big family of other baseball players."

Reyes had been tearing the cover off the ball for the El Paso Chihuahuas, hitting .346 this season and recently earning AAA Player of the Week honors. Manager **Andy Green** has put him in the starting lineup on his first day, batting 6th and playing right field.

Reyes signed with the Padres as an international free agent on Nov. 1, 2011—the same day **Franchy Cordero** joined the organization. Reyes and Cordero (who signed as a shortstop) were actually roommates when they attended the tryout and have been friends ever since.

Reyes pointed to Cordero, who has really come into his own this season, as an inspiration.

"Franchy's been a real example for me," Reyes said. "Very good player. He's disciplined with his teammates and the support he gives to guys, it's awesome. Franchy's a guy to follow."

Despite his power, Reyes was not a member of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Padres prospects this season, an example of the depth within the system. He said he wasn't worried about rankings or any external factors at all, but has simply been focused on improving his game.

In addition to sharing the outfield with Cordero, Reyes is joined at Petco Park by his cousin **Smit Valera**—who spent some time in the Rockies organization—and his mother.

“What I can control is to play hard and give my 100 percent, that’s what I was doing,” Reyes said. “I knew that someday they were going to call me up, and here I am.”

# Andy's Address, 5/14

Andy Addresses adding Franmil Reyes, optioning Asuaje and Lucchesi facing Rockies again

*By Bill Center*

The Padres made a major move Monday before the opener of a quick, two-game series against the Colorado Rockies at Petco Park.

The Padres purchased the contract of right fielder **Franmil Reyes** from Triple-A El Paso. In the counter move, the Padres optioned second baseman Carlos Asuaje to the Chihuahuas.

A native of the Dominican Republic, the 22-year-old Reyes was hitting .346 with 14 homers, 38 RBIs, 34 runs scored, 96 total bases, 21 walks and only 31 strikeouts in 36 games for El Paso. He had .442 on-base percentage, .738 slugging percentage and 1.180 OPS.

Reyes, who is listed as 6-foot-5 and 275 pounds, led the Pacific Coast League in homers, RBIs, slugging percentage, OPS and total bases; was tied for first in runs scored; sixth on on-base percentage; tied for seventh in hits; ninth in batting average, and tied for 11th in walks.

Reyes signed with the Padres on Nov. 1, 2011—the same day the Padres signed outfielder **Franchy Cordero** (who at the time was a shortstop).

Padres manager **Andy Green** started Monday's pre-game media session discussing Reyes.

"It's a really good bat, one that I was personally intrigued with while watching him in spring training the couple of weeks he played before hurting his wrist," said Green. "He's one of the guys, along with Cordero, who hits the ball about as hard as anyone in baseball."

"He's been really good in the minor leagues this year. Some of the things we like now that we probably didn't pay attention to a couple years ago . . . he's cut down his chase rate a ton. He's been swinging at the pitches he should be swinging at. He's been doing a lot of damage on them. He leads the minor leagues in home runs and he's not chasing outside the zone that often."

“Those are usually good indicators of future success in the big leagues. It is the kind of power that’s definitely going to play in the big leagues. It’s not, ‘Hey will he have enough to hit it out of Petco Park because it went out in El Paso?’ He’s like **Hunter Renfroe** in that regard. The balls he hits, he hits and you know they’re hit. It’s nice to add that dynamic to the lineup.”

“It kind of crowds our outfield picture a little more. Those guys out there are doing a really nice job. It’s easy today with the lefty on the mound to give Travis a day down. Franmil will be out there. He will play quite a bit. I’ll stop short of saying he’ll play every day. But he’s going to get some opportunities and we’re excited to give it to him right now.”

“We’ve pretty much moved **Jose Pirela** to second base full time, so that alleviates some of the crowded nature of the outfield. The three guys we’ve had out there, we love the defensive element they’ve brought to the table. Cordero has had great at bats and is going to play fairly consistently. But I think as we go on this road trip, to Pittsburgh and Washington, it will be easy to get all three of those guys, **Manny (Margot)**, Franchy and **Travis (Jankowski)** all a day off and Franmil will be part of that mix in this coming road trip. While we’re here at home, it will be easy to get Franmil out there today and probably tomorrow as well.”

Green then discussed the demotion of Asuaje to El Paso. Asuaje was batting .198 in 106 at-bats and had lost the starting second base job to Jose Pirela.

“It’s something that we honestly think is the best for him,” Green said of Asuaje. “His opportunity here has kind of dried up right now. We sent him to the minor leagues with the idea of moving over to third base a little bit, not to become a third baseman by any stretch, but to become a little more versatile. The lack of versatility made it really hard to get him on the field when we chose to go with Jose Pirela consistently at second base.”

“That was more of a choice of how we got Cordero and Jankowski more on the field. The ability to move Pirela into second base kind of took away from Carlos’s opportunities. We’ll send Carlos down and see if we can increase the versatility and get the bat going back in the right direction. We’re tremendously pleased with the way he went about his work in the last couple of weeks.”

“There are a ton of young guys who hang their heads, who pout who don’t think it’s fair. Asuaje owned every second of ‘Hey, I could have played better . . . it was me. No one else is to blame.’ And he came out every single day and did early work, extra work, crushing it.”

“You look up and his last four at-bats, and I know it’s a very small sample size, but they were really good. His sacrifice fly for us yesterday turned out to be a big insurance run. He had a base hit the day before that. And another sacrifice fly. It’s good to see him

trending in the right direction. Hopefully he'll get some at-bats to build on that in El Paso really quickly. He's a guy we definitely expect to see again."

Turning to Monday night's game, Green was asked about left-handed rookie **Joey Lucchesi** facing the Rockies for the third time in his nine Major League starts. Lucchesi has allowed two unearned runs on five hits and four walks with 15 strikeouts over 11 innings against the Rockies.

"We're not looking for Joey to change much," said Green of Lucchesi. "He's been good because he's been himself on the mound against them. He's been comfortable on the mound against them. I think he's had secondary command against them, which is probably the biggest indicator of whether or not he'll have success on any given day or not."

"If he's commanding that secondary, he's really a tough pitcher to handle because he's got enough of a fastball to pitch to both sides of the plate. We're not asking him to do anything different. They've got a little bit of a different lineup. Some of these guys have seen him before and some haven't. He'll have the advantage of the first time on some of these guys."



# Takeaways from the Padres' 6-4 loss to the Rockies

John Horvath | FOX Sports San Diego

SAN DIEGO— [Tyler Anderson](#) threw 5 2/3 innings, [Nolan Arenado](#) reached base four times, and [Gerardo Parra](#) blasted a three-run home run in the top of the sixth as the [Rockies](#) defeated the [Padres](#) 6-4 on Monday night at Petco Park.

San Diego fell to 16-27 while Colorado improved to 23-19.

## *Takeaways*

### **Lucchesi only goes five**

Joey Lucchesi entered Monday evening's game having to pitch against the Rockies for the third time already in his young career. Three of his nine starts have come against Colorado, and he had plenty of success in the two ballgames prior; allowing no earned runs and striking out 15 in 11 innings of work.

He wasn't as successful in his third go-around.

Lucchesi lasted only five innings; giving up six hits and three earned runs. He struck out two and walked one.

It was an up-and-down start for the rookie left-hander. He sandwiched perfect innings in the second and fourth innings with plenty of traffic on the bases in the third and fifth innings.

In the third, Nolan Arenado lined a 3-2 pitch off Lucchesi into the left-center field gap for an RBI single.

In the fifth, he was bitten by the home run ball from two unlikely sources. [Daniel Castro](#) led the inning off with his first home run since 2015; a line drive shot that landed in the left-field seats. After allowing a hit to pitcher Tyler Anderson and inducing a ground-ball double play off the bat of [Charlie Blackmon](#), Lucchesi gave up his second home run of the inning to right fielder [Noel Cuevas](#). The home run by Cuevas was the first of his career.

Lucchesi was visibly upset following the conclusion of the fifth and was removed for a pinch hitter. He only generated two swinging strikes out of his 71 pitches on the night.

### **Makita struggles**

Kazuhisa Makita was recalled from Triple-A El Paso on Sunday following a right lat injury to Phil Maton. He made his first appearance following the recall tonight, and it did not exactly go well.

Coming on in relief of Lucchesi in the bottom of the 6th, Makita quickly retired shortstop [Trevor Story](#) on a bunt attempt. Following the quick out came a bunch of hard contact.

[Ian Desmond](#) and [Chris Iannetta](#) both lined hard-hit singles to center and right field respectively. The next batter, Gerardo Parra, worked the count to 1-1. On the third pitch of the at-bat, Parra lined his second home run of the season into the T-Mobile home run deck in right field. Just like that, it was 6-3 Rockies and the game was out of reach.

“He (Makita) missed down and in. That down and in spot to Parra is not where you want to end up, and that is ultimately what got him,” manager Andy Green said about the homer.

Makita has now allowed 15 earned runs in his 17 innings of work this season (7.53 ERA).

### **Galvis heating up**

Freddy Galvis is seemingly heating up. Following a 2-2 game yesterday, Galvis finished a home run shy of the cycle tonight. The 29-year-old doubled in the third, singled in the fourth, and tripled in the sixth.

### **Franmil goes 0-for-4 in debut**

Making his big league debut, 22-year-old Franmil Reyes went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts. He did reach in the bottom of the 4th on a throwing error.

“Tyler Anderson can be tough. One of the biggest differences you’ll find between minor league lefties and big league lefties is how they pitch the inner third of the plate, so it’s a unique matchup,” stated Green regarding Reyes’s performance.

“We are optimistic he is going to do well.”

### **Arenado torches Pads**

Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado reached base in all four of his at-bats tonight against Padres pitching, going 3-3 with a walk. He now has reached base in 24 consecutive games, which is the second-longest streak of his career.

The last game in which he did not reach base came during his kerfuffle with the Padres and Luis Perdomo on April 12.