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### **San Francisco Chronicle**

#### **Giants beat Diamondbacks on another Andrew McCutchen walk-off hit Henry Schulman**

Ten games into the 2018 season, the Giants have a rotation that features one pitcher who has made as many as 30 big-league starts after Johnny Cueto sprained his left ankle and joined Madison Bumgarner and Jeff Samardzija on the disabled list Tuesday.

Until Cueto and Samardzija return, next week in Arizona if all goes well, the Giants will play a game of Let's Stay Afloat. Every win might feel like two, especially when they can overcome a 440-foot Paul Goldschmidt homer in the ninth inning and still walk off smiling.

For the second time in four games, Andrew McCutchen provided the winning hit Tuesday night. He shot a first-pitch single into left-center field with one out in the ninth to score Kelby Tomlinson for a 5-4 victory at AT&T Park after Jorge De La Rosa walked the bases loaded.

The clubhouse celebration after McCutchen's 14th-inning homer against the Dodgers on Saturday night was wild.

This one?

"A little safer, to say the least," McCutchen said. "It was fun, though."

The Giants returned to .500 at 5-5, the definition of staying afloat, and won Tyler Beede's major-league debut. Beede spotted Arizona two first-inning runs in a no-decision. He hit a batter and became the first Giants pitcher to walk five in his big-league debut since Tim Lincecum in 2007.

Beede did not allow another run over his final three innings.

“A lot of thoughts come to mind,” Beede said. “At the end of the day, I kept the team in position to win. It was an incredible win at the end. There are a lot of things I can break down about this start. I was not my sharpest. I was not efficient. I have a lot to work on, but I limited them to two runs.”

On deck is left-hander Andrew Suarez, who will start Wednesday’s series and homestand finale, marking the first time since Bob Knepper and Frank Riccelli in 1976 that two Giants will make their major-league debut starts in consecutive games.

The current rotation is Beede, Suarez, relatively inexperienced Ty Blach and Chris Stratton, plus old man Derek Holland with his 186 big-league starts.

Patrick Corbin blanked the Giants for five innings Tuesday. They seemed headed for another lifeless loss after scoring just twice in the two games after Saturday’s 7-5 win over the Dodgers.

But they jumped ahead 3-2 in the sixth when Gorkys Hernandez, Austin Jackson and Brandon Belt singled to load the bases and all scored without a hit. McCutchen walked to get one run home. Buster Posey and Hunter Pence hit sacrifice flies.

Before McCutchen, the Giants had gone 37 innings without an unintentional walk while striking out 48 times in the interim. In the ninth, Tomlinson, Jackson (intentionally) and Belt all walking to set up McCutchen’s winning hit demonstrated patience that had been missing.

As McCutchen watched the ninth inning unfold, he thought, “This is going to happen again,” meaning another chance to win the game, a position he loves.

Reliever Tony Watson saw that when they were teammates in Pittsburgh.

“He relishes those opportunities,” Watson said. “That’s what superstars do.”

The Giants had taken a 4-3 lead in the eighth on a throwing error by catcher Alex Avila after the Diamondbacks tied the game with two doubles off Josh Osich in the seventh. McCutchen got a bad read on Jarrod Dyson’s leadoff liner, which he thought he should have caught.

Hunter Strickland blew his first save of the season with two outs in the ninth when Goldschmidt hit his first home run. That merely teed it up for McCutchen to get another game-winning hit.

“They’re rare. You don’t get those opportunities a whole lot,” McCutchen said. “You love those situations. They leave a lasting impression on the fans, on your teammates. It’s always cool.”

## **San Francisco Chronicle**

### **Giants place Johnny Cueto on the disabled list with ankle injury**

**Henry Schulman**

The Giants' clubhouse got weirder by the minute Tuesday. First, reliever Steven Okert walked in with a suitcase. Then Mike Henry appeared. He is the voice actor who portrays the characters Cleveland, Herbert the old man and Consuela on "Family Guy."

Henry was there to see old friend Derek Holland, who does voices himself, including a mean Cleveland. They met on the sidelines of a Dallas Cowboys game.

Finally, starter Andrew Suarez rolled in, a bit overwhelmed but happy to be in a big-league clubhouse.

The picture became clear when manager Bruce Bochy announced that Johnny Cueto, his top starter in Madison Bumgarner's absence, sprained his left ankle during a weekend workout, which explained why the club kept pushing back his next start.

Suarez will make his big-league debut in Cueto's place Wednesday, making it two debuts in two days after Tyler Beede's on Tuesday night.

"You know what?" Bochy said. "They were in major-league camp. They got a lot of work in. We have a lot of (bullpen) coverage here. Sure, it's a little unusual for two guys to make their debuts. ... But they were in major-league camp competing for jobs, and here they are."

The Giants promoted Okert from Triple-A Sacramento to take Cueto's spot on the roster and add bullpen coverage Tuesday. They will have to make another 25-man roster move and clear a 40-man spot for Suarez before Wednesday's game.

As dire as all this sounds, the Giants are confident that Cueto is not seriously hurt and they could have him and Jeff Samardzija back in the rotation next week.

Cueto threw off a mound at 70 percent Tuesday. The Giants are being cautious for fear he could injure the ankle further by fielding a bunt or covering first base. He turned the other ankle making a defensive play against the Mariners last Wednesday.

Cueto can return as soon as Tuesday's series opener in Phoenix. Samardzija could rejoin the rotation two days later if all goes well in a rehab start at San Jose on Saturday.

Suarez admitted he was surprised when Triple-A Sacramento manager Dave Brundage told him to pack his bags and drive to San Francisco.

He arrived before batting practice, unsure whether he would be activated Tuesday.

"I guess I should find out," said Suarez, a 25-year-old whom the Giants selected in the second round of the 2015 draft out of the University of Miami. He has pitched once this season, four shutout innings in Sacramento's season opener at rainy Tacoma on Thursday.

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**Cutch notches another walk-off for Giants**

**Chris Haft**

SAN FRANCISCO -- Andrew McCutchen got that feeling again shortly before the Giants edged the D-backs, 5-4. That winning feeling.

He watched the Giants' half of the ninth inning against Arizona unfold Tuesday night, with the score tied, teammates reaching base and his spot in the batting order coming closer and closer. McCutchen's mind flashed on last Saturday, when San Francisco's 14th-inning rally against the Dodgers culminated in his three-run walk-off homer.

"I was in the dugout, and there was one walk, another," McCutchen said, "and I was just sitting there, like, 'This is about to happen again.'"

It did -- maybe not quite as dramatically for McCutchen and the Giants, but still successfully. He ended the Giants' ninth-inning uprising with another game-winning hit, lining a bases-loaded single to lift the Giants over the D-backs.

Paul Goldschmidt's two-out homer off Giants closer Hunter Strickland forged a 4-4 tie in the top of the ninth inning. But that didn't stop the Giants, whose rally began with Kelby Tomlinson's leadoff walk issued by Jorge De La Rosa.

"I was fortunate that he couldn't find the zone as well as he'd like," said Tomlinson, who advanced to second base on Gorkys Hernandez's sacrifice bunt. That prompted an intentional walk to Austin Jackson and an unintentional walk to Brandon Belt.

McCutchen then smacked the first pitch he saw into left field, personally delivering a walk-off win to San Francisco for the second time in four days.

Giants manager Bruce Bochy has quickly become one of McCutchen's biggest fans.

"You couldn't ask for a better guy to have up there," Bochy said.

The Giants' offense wasn't of the textbook variety, unless that book happens to be badly frayed. They generated their runs on a bases-loaded walk to McCutchen, a pair of sacrifice flies, a throwing error on a double-steal that accompanied a strikeout and, of course, the walk-filled ninth.

Cutch scores go-ahead run in 8th

McCutchen, for one, would love to help the Giants sustain some genuine, consistent offense.

"We've been coming alive later in the game. Hopefully we can get that going from the first inning on," McCutchen said. "I want to get that started from the first at-bat."

That could be essential for the Giants in the near future as they attempt to survive with their top three starting pitchers on the disabled list -- Madison Bumgarner, Johnny Cueto and Jeff Samardzija. Cueto became the reluctant trio's latest member when he went on the DL on Tuesday with a sprained left ankle.

Asked about the Giants' need to support the members of the existing rotation with increased offense, McCutchen said, "That's first and foremost. That's the reason we have the team that we have. We have a team that can score. We just have to go out there and produce. We have the bats to do it."

Gearrin gears up: Giants right-hander Cory Gearrin, who remained unscored upon, blunted the momentum the D-backs generated in the seventh inning when they scored on back-to-back doubles by Jarrod Dyson and Ketel Marte. Gearrin relieved Josh Osich and stopped the D-backs cold, preserving the 3-3 tie while striking out two of the four hitters he faced.

Gorkys' grab: After tying the score in the ninth inning on Goldschmidt's home run, the D-backs made a bid to sustain their momentum as A.J. Pollock whistled a vicious line drive to left field. It initially appeared destined to be an extra-base hit, but substitute left fielder Hernandez dashed toward the foul line and dove to snare the ball while ending the inning.

#### MITEL REPLAY OF THE DAY

The Giants appeared to tack on a fourth run in the sixth inning when McCutchen slid into home plate and scored from second on Brandon Crawford's single to left. D-backs interim manager Jerry Narron appealed, however, and upon review the call was overturned. McCutchen's foot was elevated when catcher Alex Avila made the tag.

"I saw it [on video]," McCutchen said, "They replayed it like 10 times on the board. I tried really hard to keep my foot down, but I think it popped up that last little bit right when I got to the plate and that's when he applied the tag."

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Having split their first three series, the Giants will try to win one Wednesday when they confront the D-backs in the series finale. Left-hander Andrew Suarez, making his Major League debut, will oppose Arizona southpaw Robbie Ray.

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**Beede beams after Giants win his debut**

**Chris Haft**

SAN FRANCISCO -- Nearly two hours after he was removed from Tuesday night's game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, which the Giants won, 5-4, Tyler Beede wore his full uniform as he chatted with friends and relatives outside the team's clubhouse.

So, you were so thrilled about your Major League debut that you didn't want to shed your work clothes, right, Tyler?

Wrong. He put his jersey back on to give his loved ones what they wanted as they posed for pictures. "For family photos, that was probably the play," Beede said.

Beede didn't satisfy just the folks who came to see him. He kept the score close during his four-inning stint, allowing a pair of first-inning runs but little else. Beede received no decision, but he certainly contributed to San Francisco's victory.

"A lot of thoughts come to my mind, but at the end of the day, I kept the team in a position to win," said Beede, who surrendered three hits, walked five and struck out three besides yielding those two runs.

"I was nervous probably prior to the game," Beede said. "Once I got out there, I settled in."

**MLB.com**

**Cueto goes on DL with sprained ankle**

**Chris Haft**

SAN FRANCISCO -- Injuries continued to decimate the Giants' starting rotation Tuesday, when they were forced to place right-hander Johnny Cueto on the 10-day disabled list with a sprained left ankle.

Though Cueto's injury wasn't considered serious, it left the Giants without their top three projected starters, all regarded as examples of durability. Left-hander Madison Bumgarner (fracture in throwing hand) is expected to be sidelined through at least most of May. Samardzija (strained right pectoral) could return after he throws his next injury rehabilitation outing later this week with Class A Advanced San Jose.

Cueto, whose DL assignment was retroactive to April 7, tried throwing off a bullpen mound Tuesday at about 70 percent of full effort, Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

"There's still some inflammation," Bochy said.

As a result, the Giants likely will experience the rarity of back-to-back rookie pitchers making

their Major League debuts: right-hander Tyler Beede on Tuesday night and left-hander Andrew Suarez on Wednesday. Even before Cueto was placed on the DL, Bochy said there was a "really good chance" that Suarez would get the call for the series finale against Arizona.

Suarez, ranked 10th on MLB Pipeline's list of San Francisco's top 30 prospects, arrived at the Giants' clubhouse Tuesday afternoon, shortly before the Giants placed Cueto on the DL and finalized their pitching plans.

"I'm just excited. Hopefully I get to stay for the games," said Suarez, sounding like he was on a guided tour of AT&T Park.

The Giants also recalled left-hander Steven Okert to reinforce the bullpen. Okert, who made 60 appearances for the Giants in the previous two seasons, was brought aboard in case San Francisco needs more relief help with the inexperienced pair of Beede and Suarez making consecutive starts.

### **NBC Sports Bay Area**

#### **Tyler Beede struggles with command, but leaves Giants in good position in MLB debut Alex Pavlovic**

SAN FRANCISCO — When reporters approached at 11 p.m. Tuesday night, Tyler Beede was still in his full Giants uniform. He had not thrown a pitch since 8:30, but Beede knew that facing the Diamondbacks was not his only duty on this night.

The Beede family has been waiting 24 years for this moment. There were photos that needed to be taken to commemorate the former first-round pick's MLB debut, and Tyler knew his parents would want him in uniform.

"It's not a bad jersey to be wearing," he added, smiling. "It's pretty exciting."

A smile was permanently attached to Beede's face, and for good reason. He lasted only four innings the first time out, but he held tough and left the rest of the game to his veteran teammates. Andrew McCutchen's walk-off in the bottom of the ninth gave the Giants a 5-4 win and made sure AT&T Park was rocking as Beede celebrated with teammates and then met his family for photos, and to hand over the baseballs from his first pitch and first career strikeout. This was a night he'll never forget.

"It was just a good experience for him to get this out of the way," manager Bruce Bochy said. "I'm sure this is going to help him down the road."

The Giants are hopeful Beede helps them for years down the road. For now, here's a look at Night 1.

FIRST INNING: In his Cactus League debut two years ago, Beede walked three batters in two-

thirds of an inning while fighting a surge of adrenaline. He looked calm as he led the Giants onto the field, beginning his career at 7:18 p.m. with a 93 mph fastball to Jarrod Dyson that caught the bottom of the zone for a strike. Dyson grounded out to second later in the at-bat.

“I was nervous probably prior to the game,” Beede said. “Once I got out there, I settled in. Going through the emotions of the game and battling pitch to pitch, I think I was probably putting too much focus into making perfect pitches as opposed to just making quality pitches.”

That led to command issues that put Beede in a tight spot. He walked Ketel Marte, but pitched backwards to Paul Goldschmidt — slider, 94 mph fastball — to jump ahead 0-2. But then another 94 mph fastball tailed too far over the plate and Goldschmidt bounced it up the middle. Beede went full on A.J. Pollock, and with both runners going, Pollock yanked a down-and-in fastball into the left field corner for a two-run double.

It appeared the inning would spiral as Pollock took third when Beede forget to check the runner, but the rookie buckled down. He went changeup, fastball, changeup to whiff Alex Avila on three pitches. Chris Owings flied out to right on Beede’s 23rd pitch of the inning.

“As soon as I got in after the first I said leave them there,” Beede said. “That’s as many as they’re getting.”

**SECOND INNING:** Beede has spent much of his time in the minors focusing on getting quicker outs and he dialed up a grounder when he needed it. With a runner on, he buried a 2-2 curveball to Nick Ahmed and got a needed double play.

“You’ve got Gold Glovers behind you so you want to try to force them to put the ball in play,” he said. “That was the gameplan. There were situations where I was being too fine but in that situation we had to get the groundball and watch those Gold Glovers turn the double play up the middle. A thing of beauty, for sure.”

The first swinging strike came on a changeup to the next batter, opposing pitcher Patrick Corbin, but Beede sprayed two other changeups wide and went too low with two fastballs, walking Corbin. He bounced back, though. On his 42nd pitch of the night, Dyson popped up to second.

**THIRD INNING:** This frame kicked off with a changeup, which wasn’t much of a surprise. Beede threw 20 of them, and the pitch generated two of his four swinging strikes. He threw 49 fastballs — topping out at 95 mph — 10 curveballs and eight sliders.

“We all know he has great stuff,” catcher Buster Posey said. “It’s just a matter of believing in it and trusting his command.”

That four-pitch mix came in handy when Beede ran into another jam. A Giants pitcher can never be blamed for walking Goldschmidt on four pitches, as Beede did with one out, but he



compounded that by starting 2-0 on Pollock. Three pitches after a mound visit from pitching coach Curt Young and the entire infield, Beede drilled Pollock.

But he took advantage of Avila again, striking him out with a changeup that started at the knees and then took a nosedive toward the dirt. A fastball and curve put Chris Owings in a two-strike hole, but he battled back. On the eighth pitch of the at-bat, Beede froze Owings with an 89 mph slider that caught the inside corner.

In the bottom of the inning, Beede dug in at the plate for the first time. He was a .204 hitter in the minors and at 6-foot-3, 211 pounds, he certainly has the frame to develop some pop. Corbin was dominant through five innings, though, and Beede struck out.

FOURTH INNING: The first pitch of this inning was Beede's 70th, and it looked like he would have a much needed quick one. Two flyouts opened the inning, but Beede walked Corbin for the second time.

"I don't like walking the pitcher twice," he said. "That's something that's obviously glaring, but he's a good hitter so I tried to treat him like any other hitter and make quality pitches to him. Just happened to walk him a couple times."

As Reyes Moronta started warming up in the bullpen, Dyson shot a fastball into center, bringing Young out for another meeting. Beede once again limited the damage, getting Marte to spin a soft grounder down to third to end the inning. The pitch was Beede's 87th and final one of the night. He threw 45 strikes and 42 balls. The rest of this night would be up to his teammates.

Moronta, Cory Gearrin and Tony Watson kept the line moving, and the lineup overcame a brutal start to push runs across on two sacrifice flies, a bases-loaded walk, and a ball that was thrown away on a double steal. In the end, McCutchen walked a team off for the second time in four days. Beede did not get a win or a loss on his record, but he was part of a Giants win.

"At the end of the day, I kept the team in a position to win and obviously we had an incredible win there," he said. "There's a lot I can work on moving forward, but overall I limited damage when I needed to."

**NBC Sports Bay Area**  
**Johnny Cueto hits DL with ankle injury**  
**Alex Pavlovic**

SAN FRANCISCO -- A few minutes after walking into the home clubhouse at AT&T Park, Andrew Suarez was asked if he knew if he was on the active roster.

"No," he said. "I guess I should find that out."

An hour later, Bruce Bochy finally explained two days of mystery. Johnny Cueto tweaked his left

ankle while working out Saturday and was placed on the disabled list before Tuesday's game. Reliever Steven Okert will take his spot Tuesday, but Suarez will be added to the roster on Wednesday morning to make his MLB debut. Fellow prospect Tyler Beede is making his MLB debut Tuesday night.

"They were in major league camp and got a lot of work in," Bochy said of the two. "We have some coverage for them."

Suarez is considered the organization's best left-handed pitching prospect and the staff believes he's ready for big league action. Still, this is a tough situation. The top three starters coming into the season are now on the disabled list, and the rotation consists of two rookies (Beede and Suarez), a 27-year-old former first-round pick (Chris Stratton), a non-roster invitee (Derek Holland), and a pitcher (Ty Blach) who was going to be the long reliever before all the injuries hit.

There is some light at the end of the tunnel. Jeff Samardzija will make a rehab appearance for the San Jose Giants on Saturday. Cueto's DL stint is retroactive to April 7 so he could return on the next road trip and the Giants expect him to. Samardzija should be back around April 19.

## **The Athletic**

### **Andrew McCutchen hands Giants walk-off No. 2 in Tyler Beede's debut**

**Shayna Rubin**

California is in a drought, and Derek Holland has already dumped two full jugs of Alhambra on red-hot walk-off machine Andrew McCutchen.

This was no walk-off, three-run bomb dump, though. This one was a little more tame: McCutchen slapped a game-winning single in the bottom of the ninth to seal the Giants' 5-4 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night at AT&T Park.

"A little safer, to say the least. It was fun, though," McCutchen said of the team's second walk-off celebration. "It's just not as crazy, that's all, not too loud. There's kids out there, so we were more chill this time. Not too crazy."

That amount of water waste can not be sustainable, but this wet celebration felt justified in an otherwise arid 24 hours at the plate.

How dry was it? Through eight innings Tuesday night, the Giants were 3 for 7 with runners in scoring position — all three hits landed without scoring a run. After making Zack Godley's curveball look omnipotent — they struck out nine times against the starter Monday — the Giants rolled over and mustered two hits with another nine whiffs through the first five innings against Diamondbacks starter Patrick Corbin on Tuesday.

The Giants were trying to be aggressive at the plate, which led to uncharacteristically

unproductive at-bats.

This time around, it took McCutchen's nine-pitch, bases-loaded walk to snap the team back to its patient state.

"We're trying to have good at-bats," McCutchen said. "We've been coming alive later in the game."

McCutchen's walk in the sixth inning cut the Diamondbacks' two-run lead in half and the guys behind him finagled a 3-2 lead with two sacrifice flies from Buster Posey and Hunter Pence. Brandon Crawford almost handed the Giants a rare scoring hit with RISP when he blooped a single to left. Third base coach Ron Wotus waved McCutchen in from third, but a safe call was reversed upon review. McCutchen's foot lifted briefly off of home plate.

What could have been a two-run lead turned into a tie game within 10 minutes in the seventh; Josh Osich allowed consecutive doubles to Jarrod Dyson and Ketel Marte. The Giants regained the lead the following inning with a run scored on Evan Longoria's strikeout — yes, a strikeout — when Posey and McCutchen attempted a double steal. Alex Avila's miffed attempt to nab Posey at second sent McCutchen home from third.

The one-run lead was theirs in the ninth, found finally when the Giants focused on putting the ball in play.

But it wouldn't come easy. Paul Goldschmidt hit his first home run of the year 440 feet into the left-field bleachers, which also handed Hunter Strickland his first blown save of the season.

McCutchen's walk-off hit was the first to score a man with RISP in this game. And the only one that mattered.

"I'll be honest, we get a guy like Andrew McCutchen, I said he was going to impact our club and he has shown that," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We had a great guy up there, and in that position where you couldn't ask for a better guy to be up there."

That sixth inning rally revived the Giants' offense briefly and also saved Tyler Beede from wearing an L in his major league debut.

It would have been a loss the 24-year-old rookie didn't deserve.

Beede was a bit wild. He struggled to find command of his pitches out of the gate and couldn't quite settle in.

After allowing a walk to Marte in the first, Goldschmidt handed Beede his first hit allowed as a big leaguer — it's a rite of passage on the shores of McCovey Cove — and A.J. Pollock quickly gave Beede his first earned runs with a bases-clearing double.

Beede walked four more batters and struck out three in his four innings. Despite command issues, he demonstrated a solid changeup and a fastball that hovered around 93 mph and maxed out at 94.

With the rotation in disarray, all the team is looking for is a starter who can keep the game close. The nerves got to him at first, Beede said, but overall there were positive strings to pull.

“It’s easier said than done, but going out there and pitching against these guys shows my stuff can play at this level,” Beede said. “So it’s just about making those adjustments I need to make and commanding the ball a little better.”

McCutchen may have been the star and Beede the draw, but the win wouldn't have been possible without Reyes Moronta.

Moronta came in for Beede and dealt two innings of no-hit ball with three strikeouts. He hasn't given up a run in five appearances.

“Just stops the momentum,” Bochy said of Moronta. “He puts up a couple zeroes and just does a great job of giving us a chance to come back and he’s really thrown the ball outstanding.”

#### Extra Innings

— Andrew Suarez will make the start Wednesday afternoon with Johnny Cueto headed to the DL with a left ankle sprain. There are more details in this story. Bochy said they will make the necessary roster moves tomorrow and no decisions were made Tuesday night.

#### **The Athletic**

#### **Giants place Johnny Cueto on the DL; Andrew Suarez likely to debut Shayna Rubin**

Something was up with Johnny Cueto. At least that much could be deduced earlier this week when the Giants pushed his scheduled Tuesday start back a day, allowing Tyler Beede a MLB debut that felt months in waiting.

Then, hours before first pitch Tuesday, it became even clearer when a couple of new but familiar faces waltzed into the Giants clubhouse. First Steven Okert arrived, then top pitching prospect Andrew Suarez rolled in with his suitcase and took a locker next to Buster Posey's.

Suarez, who was scheduled to pitch Tuesday for the Sacramento River Cats, found out Monday night from manager Dave Brundage that he'd be following Beede to San Francisco to join the suddenly popular taxi squad. At the point that he arrived in the clubhouse, it was unclear if and when he would be activated to the Giants roster.

“I guess I should find out,” Suarez laughed before the Giants played the Diamondbacks at AT&T

Park on Tuesday.

About an hour before first pitch, the Giants clarified the situation. The team announced that Cueto would be placed on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 7, due to a tweaked left ankle incurred during a routine workout. That is not the ankle he appeared to have injured while scrambling for a bunt in his last start against Seattle.

Manager Bruce Bochy said the team wasn't sure if Cueto's ankle would be healed enough for him to throw at 100 percent by Wednesday. Cueto threw off the mound Tuesday at around 70 percent.

"It's coming around a little slower than we thought," Bochy said.

The injury seems mild but remains enough of an issue to warrant a move. For the moment, Okert will provide much-needed depth in the bullpen, but another move will need to be made on Wednesday for Suarez to get onto the roster. Assuming Suarez makes that start, it will give the Giants two highly anticipated debuts on back-to-back days, with Beede starting on Tuesday.

Suarez is not on the 40-man roster, so the Giants will need to find room on both their 25- and 40-man rosters before he takes the hill. By Wednesday morning, the Giants rotation should consist of Ty Blach, Chris Stratton, Derek Holland, Beede and Suarez.

But the timing of Cueto's injury means that the Giants rotation could regain form by next week. Jeff Samardzija was throwing the ball around again pregame Tuesday and is scheduled to make a rehab start with San Jose this Saturday. He could return by the Diamondbacks series in Phoenix, the same time that Cueto would be eligible to return.