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# Inbox: Padres may be very active at Deadline

By AJ Cassavell MLB.com

SAN DIEGO -- It's officially trade season.

With the non-waiver Trade Deadline looming on July 31, the Padres have a number of available pieces -- and they figure to be one of the Majors' most active teams. With that in mind, this week's Padres Inbox focuses on the precise probabilities that those players are dealt in the coming weeks.

## Who are the likeliest trade candidates at the Deadline, and what are the chances of a trade?

-- Eric, San Diego

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The five players who have been discussed most frequently are [Brad Hand](#), [Kirby Yates](#), [Craig Stammen](#), [Tyson Ross](#) and [Travis Jankowski](#). I'd agree they're probably the five likeliest to be dealt. Here's how I'd rank the chances that each player gets moved, putting a percentage on all of them.

#### **Stammen:** 70 percent

Stammen, 34, is a reliable veteran presence in the bullpen. He can pitch multiple innings, and he's a master at stranding baserunners. Stammen isn't a rental, but he does not have a burdensome contract, either. He's only due \$2.25 million next season. How many playoff-bound teams could use legitimate bullpen help from a guy with postseason experience? All of them.

#### **Ross:** 50 percent

A year ago, the Padres had an effective right-handed starter with a killer slider who was in the final year of his deal. They opted not to trade [Jhoulys Chacin](#), and he left for Milwaukee during the offseason. The Padres came away empty-handed. This time, Ross has expressed a desire to return to San Diego next season. But it's not a guarantee. In a thin starting-pitching market, Ross could fetch a nice sum if packaged with one of the team's controllable relievers.

#### **Hand:** 45 percent

Same old story. Hand is the top available lefty reliever on the trade market. The Padres will field calls from nearly every contending club. But they're not going to budge from their lofty asking price. The contract extension Hand signed during the offseason makes him even more appealing. It also makes the Padres less inclined to move him. It's a virtual tossup, but Hand remaining in San Diego is probably slightly more likely.

#### **Jankowski:** 30 percent

Jankowski checks all the boxes for a useful fourth outfield piece on a contender. He's an excellent defender, an excellent basestealer, and he's very good at reaching base against right-handed pitching. The thing is, Jankowski's only 27. He's not a free agent until after the 2021 season. The Padres might believe Jankowski could be *their* useful fourth outfield piece when they're contending.

**Yates:** 25 percent

How valuable, exactly, is Yates? He's been one of the best relievers in baseball during the first half of the season -- with a 0.79 ERA and 41 strikeouts in 34 innings. But he's never produced like this before, and general manager A.J. Preller's trade partners might be a fair bit skeptical. Yates is under contract for 2 1/2 more seasons. The Padres are willing to move him. But if they believe in his rapid ascension more than their opponents do, they'll happily hold onto him.

Now for some quick responses to a few other questions ...

**Is [Matt Strahm](#) seen as part of the starting rotation in 2019? Will he be able to throw 90-110 pitches per game?**

**-- Sergio Q., Tijuana, Mexico**

The front office doesn't know those answers yet, but it is willing to find out. Since he was acquired at the 2017 Trade Deadline, the Padres have loved Strahm's upside. They just aren't sure whether it plays best in the rotation or the bullpen.

Strahm is a year removed from major knee surgery, so he's not going to be stretched out this season. But I'd expect the 26-year-old left-hander to enter Spring Training in the rotation mix. If he thrives, the Padres have a starter. If he doesn't, they're content to have a left-handed weapon in the 'pen.

**Austin Allen vs. [Austin Hedges](#)? Does the organization seem higher on Hedges' defense or Allen's bat long term?**

**-- Aaron K., Costa Mesa, Calif.**

The short answer: Hedges' defense. It's elite, and there's no better spot for elite defense than behind the plate.

The longer answer: They'd really like Hedges to hit -- at least at a higher clip than his current .520 OPS. If he doesn't make significant strides, that could leave the door open for Allen, the team's [No. 27 prospect](#). He's a big-time, left-handed bat with questions defensively. Hedges is still the Padres' catcher of the future, but Allen could force his way into something of a platoon with the defensive-minded right-handed hitter (or, at the very least, he could turn himself into trade bait).

**Which Padres on their Top 30 Prospects list will have to be added to the 40-man roster before this year's Rule 5 Draft?**

**-- Devin O.**

There's going to be a roster crunch come November, when players need to be added to the 40-man roster or risk being selected by another club. Recently, San Diego has been on the other side of that dilemma, adding [Luis Perdomo](#), [Allen Cordoba](#), [Luis Torrens](#) and [Miguel Diaz](#) via the Rule 5 Draft.

This time around, nine Top 30 prospects must be added: second baseman Luis Urias (No. 3), right-hander [Anderson Espinoza](#) (No. 7), right-hander [Chris Paddack](#) (No. 8), right-hander Jacob Nix (No. 12) outfielder [Edward Olivares](#) (No. 18), right-hander Trey Wingenter (No. 19), right-hander [Pedro Avila](#) (No. 23), Allen and outfielder Michael Getty (No. 28).

It's not going to get any easier in the coming years, either, given the Padres' loaded farm system and the influx of talent that arrived internationally and via the Draft in 2016.

# Ross' string of stellar starts ends in loss to Bucs

By Katie Woo MLB.com

SAN DIEGO -- After one of the better months in his career, [Tyson Ross](#) took the mound Sunday looking to continue his streak of stability.

Instead, he saw that run snapped as the right-hander gave up seven runs and seven hits over five innings in the Padres' 7-5 loss to the Pirates at Petco Park.

The biggest blow to Ross' outing Sunday was the two-out grand slam to [Colin Moran](#) in the fifth inning. Six of those seven runs came off the three home runs Ross surrendered, the first time he'd given up three or more home runs in a game since Sept. 10, 2015. He also walked three batters, who would all come around to score.

"It was just one of those days where the slider wasn't biting for him," manager Andy Green said. "He's had that slider all season long, and it was one of those days where you go out there and sometimes you don't have your best weapons."

Up until the fifth inning, Ross managed to maneuver through missed locations, with his only big mistake being a solo shot to [Corey Dickerson](#) in the second. Even then, he almost managed to escape the fifth without damage. With two on and two out, [Josh Harrison](#) turned a swinging bunt into an infield single to load the bases. Two pitches later, Moran hammered his second slam of the season.

"He got two quick outs with nobody on, and with Tyson on the mound, you like that situation right there," Green said. "Next thing you know, the bases are loaded and there's one pitch hit out of the ballpark. That kind of changes the trajectory of the game at that point in time. That's a frustrating one for him."

Regarded as one of the likeliest candidates the Padres could shop before the July 31 Trade Deadline, Ross needed a start similar to those of his in June -- when he posted a 3.38 ERA over 29.1 innings. Instead, he saw his season ERA inflate to 3.78 after allowing the most runs in an outing since July 18, 2017.

Ross' usual consistency and durability (5-5, 3.32 ERA over 95 innings coming into Sunday's contest), along with his \$1.7 million contract that expires at the end of the season, make him an attractive midseason acquisition to teams with hopes of contending down the stretch. It's possible the Padres will look to shop him to those types of teams in hopes of boosting their already-stacked farm system -- ranked the No. 1 farm system by [MLB Pipeline](#).

Ross, who leads the Padres in strikeouts with 90, didn't record one for the first time all season. In fact, the Pirates' offense combined to swing and miss just three times throughout his outing.

The Padres' offense however was a different story.

San Diego was unable to score from the sixth inning on, leaving the bases loaded in the sixth, stranding two in the seventh and retiring in order in both the eighth and ninth. Their best chance

to close the gap came in the fifth inning, when [Hunter Renfroe](#) unloaded a solo shot to left field for his fifth home run of the year and second RBI of the game. However, [Elias Diaz](#) led off the sixth with a solo shot of his own, knocking Ross out of the game and giving the Pirates the nudge they needed to take the series.

### **MOMENTS THAT MATTERED**

**Leavin' em loaded:** The sixth inning was the biggest threat the Padres would muster. After [A.J. Ellis](#) walked to lead off the inning, pinch-hitter [Jose Pirela](#) singled. [Wil Myers](#) singled in Ellis, and [Eric Hosmer](#) followed with a walk to load the bases with one out, and cleanup hitter Renfroe at the plate. There would be no grand slam to match for the Padres however. Renfroe flied out to right and pinch-hitter [Christian Villanueva](#) struck out to end the inning.

**Can't cash in:** San Diego also couldn't take advantage of a leadoff walk in the seventh. After [Carlos Asuaje](#) walked, the Padres mustered two unproductive outs -- a [Freddy Galvis](#) strikeout and an Ellis infield popup -- before Pirela also walked. The Padres again came away with no runs, as [Manuel Margot](#) flied out to center to end the threat.

"I liked a lot of the at-bats we had today, we just couldn't deliver the big blow," Green said. "Then as the game progressed, we had our opportunities and just left them out there."

### **UP NEXT**

The Padres get an off-day Monday before they travel to Oakland to start a two-game series. [Clayton Richard](#) gets the ball in the opener at 6:05 p.m. PT on Tuesday night. He's worked at least six innings in 10 straight starts. Opposite Richard will be A's right-hander [Chris Bassitt](#).

# Padres sign top Draft pick Weathers

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SAN DIEGO -- The Padres have officially added yet another top-tier young left-hander to their already loaded farm system.

Ryan Weathers, the No. 7 overall selection in June's Draft, signed with the Padres on Sunday afternoon. News of the deal comes with less than a week until the July 6 deadline to sign Draft picks.

Weathers, out of Loretto High School in Tennessee, pairs his low-90s fastball with two strong off-speed offerings -- a changeup and a curve. He is the son of former big league reliever David Weathers.

According to MLB Pipeline's Jim Callis, Weathers' signing bonus is worth \$5,226,500. That's precisely the assigned slot value of the No. 7 pick.

The Padres have now agreed to terms with each of their selections from the first 10 rounds. They have approximately \$500,000 remaining from their pool to disperse among lower-round selections -- a number of whom remain unsigned.

Weathers posted absurd numbers in his senior season at Loretto. He allowed one run in 76 innings while striking out 148. He pitched nine scoreless frames in the Tennessee state title game (only for Loretto to lose in 12 innings). He finished the season 11-0 and was named the Gatorade National High School Player of the Year.

Weathers is slated to head to the team's complex in Peoria, Ariz., this week. He'll join MacKenzie Gore, Adrian Morejon, [Logan Allen](#) among the organization's elite lefty prospects.

# Hoffman passed Eck, respected Hall of Famer

Recorded his 321st save with Padres on May 1, 2002

By Bill Center San Diego Padres

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Trevor Hoffman admired Dennis Eckersley.

"I first watched him in the early 1980s, when Eck was a teammate of my brother Glenn with the Boston Red Sox," Hoffman said recently. "I watched how he worked before games each day. I watched how he pitched.

"A lot of things I did throughout my career had to do with the lessons I learned from watching dedicated players like Eck and Glenn. Then, when I started pitching, Dennis Eckersley became something of a benchmark for me. I studied him. I respected him."

So, early in the 2002 season, Hoffman was well aware that he was closing in on Eckersley's record of 320 saves with a single team. Eckersley had done it with the Oakland A's.

"Eckersley was a very special pitcher," said Hoffman. "He had successful careers as both a starter and a closer."

In all, Eckersley spent 24 seasons in the Major Leagues en route to the Hall of Fame.

"One of the things that has always impressed me is longevity," said Hoffman. "Longevity doesn't happen. Longevity is something you earn. I admired Dennis Eckersley ... his career, what he did, how he did it and who he was."

Because of that, Hoffman admits that he was "pretty locked in on it" as he approached Eckersley's record for saves with one team.

"It's an unusual feeling that's hard to totally explain," said Hoffman. "This man I admire holds this record I revere, and I'm getting close to it. That baseball people might associate me with Eckersley as I approached this record meant a lot to me.

"The closer I got to the mark, the more I thought about Eck and all the things he had accomplished. I think a lot of people were unaware of the record. I was totally aware of the record and what it meant to me as a milestone."

Hoffman became the all-time leader for saves with one team on May 1, 2002, in a 4-3 Padres win against the Chicago Cubs at Qualcomm Stadium. He opened the inning by striking out Todd Hundley. He retired Delino DeShields on a line drive to third. And he closed out save No. 321 by retiring Roosevelt Brown on a grounder to second.

Hoffman would extend the mark to 552 before it was eventually eclipsed by Mariano Rivera of the Yankees.



"Setting that record always meant a lot to me, not because of the number, but because of the man who held it."

# Ross hit hard as Pirates beat Padres

Jeff Sanders

Because July has arrived, because the [Padres](#) are again a season-high 12 games below .500, because they will get nothing if he walks after this year, every day this month could be [Tyson Ross](#)' last in a San Diego uniform.

Only Sunday's effort in a 7-5 loss to Pittsburgh will not help the front office's push to flip the 31-year-old Ross for *something* ahead of the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

Not one bit.

Ross (5-6, 3.78) allowed a season-high seven runs, watched a season-worst three home runs sail over the walls at Petco Park and did not strike out a batter for the first time this season.

That might not be the worst of it: Ross recorded as many walks – three – as swing-and-misses before one last blast from Elias Diaz to open the sixth inning chased him from the mound and sent the Padres on the way to their 11<sup>th</sup> loss in their last 14 games.

“It was just one of those days,” Padres manager Andy Green said, “where the slider wasn't biting for him. I think he's had that slider all season. It was one of those days where you go out there and sometimes you don't have your best weapons. Nine times out of 10, he's had great weapons and today is atypical.

“My guess is he gets back on the mound next time and he's back to his normal self and rolling.”

Indeed, that would be best for all:

For suitors in search of rotation depth.

For the Padres, who signed him to a \$1.75 million minor league deal in hopes of a comeback story yielding trade value for their youth movement.

Most of all for Ross, who's been a revelation more than a year removed from the shoulder injury and subsequent thoracic outlet syndrome surgery that derailed his first stint in San Diego.

Before Sunday, he'd allowed four or more runs in only three of his 16 starts.

Nine times, he'd given up just two or fewer runs.

Opposing hitters over his previous nine starts in particular were hitting just .226.

These are the right things to circle if you're selling would-be trade partners that Sunday was just an off-day.

More to that point, five of Ross' seven runs on Sunday crossed the plate with two outs in an inning.

"It's just all about execution," said Ross, who threw 44 of his 79 pitches for strikes and tied a season-high with seven hits allowed. "The two-out, two-strike pitches I wasn't able to execute. Three walks, no strikeouts. It is what it is. I still had a chance to win that game. I just wasn't able to put hitters away when I got them into two-strike counts."

Early on, it looked like Corey Dickerson's second-inning homer would be a minor hiccup for Ross, who closed June with three straight quality starts.

The veteran right-hander even gave himself a 2-1 lead in the second, following up A.J. Ellis' run-scoring single with a sacrifice fly to center.

But Diaz doubled in a run with two outs in the third inning and more two-out trouble haunted Ross in the fifth.

It started with [Austin Meadows](#)' double to left. A walk to [Josh Bell](#) and [Josh Harrison](#)'s tapper in front of the mound loaded the bases and Moran emptied them with a hack at middle-in, 88 mph offering.

“I was able to move my fastball around and mix some sinkers in today, but unfortunately missing over the middle of the plate with a couple cutters and sliders ultimately was the difference.”

Diaz later led off the sixth with a solo homer off Ross, fetching Green from the dugout for the first of 11 combined pitching changes in the three-and-a-half-hour game that saw the Padres threaten early and often.

Hunter Renfroe, who doubled in a run in the third inning, cut the Padres’ deficit 6-4 via a fifth-inning homer, his fifth of the season.

Wil Myers plated a run in the sixth inning, which ended with pinch-hitter Christian Villanueva striking out with the bases loaded.

Two runners were on base when Manuel Margot flied out to center to end the seventh before the Padres went down in order in the eighth and ninth.

“We had good swings early,” Green said. “As the game progressed, we had our opportunities and just left them out there.”

# Padres' infamous 2016-17 international class already making waves

**Jeff Sanders**

The ink had barely dried on [James Shields'](#) franchise record deal in the winter of 2015 when Chris Kemp learned the [Padres'](#) pursuit of Cuban phenom [Yoan Moncada](#) would come up short. The next morning, the Padres' international scouting director was on the phone with General A.J. Preller discussing the next move:

Building the No. 1 class during the 2016-2017 international signing period.

It wasn't a reaction.

Really, the next logical step in the first-year general manager's masterplan was already in motion.

"Once (Moncada) was off the board and you started looking at the landscape and a lot of the big players were going to be out of it," Kemp recalled. "We saw an opportunity to strike and load up."

That they did.

Two years later, that infamous class – one that cost the Padres \$40.8 million in bonuses, \$37.4 million in overage taxes and is again limiting their spending when the 2018-19 window opens Monday – has a lot to do with Preller building one of the game's best farm systems.

Two signees that year (Michel Baez and Adrian Morejon) rank among the game's top-100 prospects, according to MLB.com, nine sit in the organization's top-30 and plenty more are on the come, just as Preller envisioned even as he pursued Moncada before he ultimately signed with the [Red Sox](#) for a record-setting \$31.5 million.

“Big picture, we’d always talked about a big class the following signing period,” Preller said. “We were prepared for that. After Moncada signed, it was turn the page, turn to a different avenue and make sure we lined up the next few years of international players the best we could.”

The circumstances made the 2016-17 class ripe for the picking.

Most of the game’s richest teams – the Dodgers, [Yankees](#), Cubs, Red Sox and Giants – barred from signing players for more than \$300,000 that year cleared the deck for the biggest international spending spree in franchise history. With Preller’s extensive history in international markets, combined with those of international supervisor Trevor Schumm and veteran newcomers Logan White and David Post, the front office had a unique grasp of the talent pool even as Kemp settled into his first international job. A number of famous Cubans were expected to follow Moncada off the island. Lastly, most executives were anticipating a hard cap on international spending arriving the following year.

“It was kind of like if we were going to do it and try to put some classes together that was the year to do it,” said Post, a special assistant to the general manager. “We felt like we could possibly get two or three years’ worth of players if we went all in like that.”

The initial wave saw eight of Baseball America’s top-50 international prospects – including Luis Almanzar (\$4 million), Jeisson Rosario (\$1.85 million), Gabriel Arias (\$1.9 million), Tirso Ornelas (\$1.5 million) and Justin Lopez (\$1.2 million) – immediately blow through the Padres’ \$3.35 million bonus pool, triggering a 100-percent tax on all additions that year.

Deals for Cuban outfielder Jorge Ona (\$7 million) and left-hander Adrian Morejon (\$11 million) later that summer set Padres’ amateur records, while the organization dropped another \$7.75 million on Cuban pitchers Michel Baez, Osvaldo Hernandez and Ronald Bolanos.

All but Baez were on the Padres’ radar early.

The 6-foot-8, 220-pound right-hander, just 20 years old that year, became a hot commodity as he threw harder and harder on the tryout circuit as spring stretched into summer.

Because Baez had never shown especially well on Cuba's international circuit, beating out the Astros and Cardinals in December with a \$3 million offer was all about being in the right place and the right time.

It often is.

"You can go to a tryout and a kid had five tryouts a couple days before and he looks rugged and beat down and you can walk away," Kemp said. "You could go in and he's fresh and you get a different look. You could go down, schedule a bunch of tryouts and the Yankees or Red Sox got down there a couple days before you and closed the kid out. They beat you to the punch.

"It's all timing."

Timing, in fact, worked in Kemp's favor during an April 2016 trip to Colombia to begin collecting reports on future classes. He was contemplating returning to his hotel when someone over a loud speaker announced that "a Luis Patino from Barranquilla" was going to throw a bullpen between games.

Kemp's staff had seen him before. On this day, the 16-year-old right-hander throwing 85-87 mph fetched a \$120,000 bonus from the Padres, almost as a throw-in in a class that was largely in place for the July 2 opening. Today, Patino's 2.95 ERA and 41 strikeouts in eight starts (36 2/3 innings) as an 18-year-old in the Midwest League shows he's well on his way to returning surplus value on the Padres' initial investment.

"He's taken the (expletive) off; he's just taken off," Kemp said. "I had no clue he would be throwing 94-97 mph. I figure he'd settle in as an 89-92 mph guy that was a plus athlete and still be something real, but he's turning into something that might be a top-100, top-150 prospect with the stuff he's throwing up there."

Like Patino, the biggest names from the 2016-2017 class have been pushed to Fort Wayne and Lake Elsinore this year. A handful are in short-season Tri-City and still many more from the some-50-player class – think Tucupita Marcano, Manny Guzman and Martin Carrasco – are beginning to make names for themselves in the rookie-level Arizona League.

It will be another few years before the Padres can truly judge what their unprecedented binge returned to the organization.

The standard is clear.

“It will be a success if we’re in the playoffs at Petco Park, the place is sold out and there’s a couple pieces from that class on those teams,” Kemp said. “That’s the only way.”



# Padres sign top draft pick Ryan Weathers for \$5.23 million

**Jeff Sanders**

The [Padres](#) already boast the top left-handed pitching prospect in the game. Their system counts three southpaws on MLB.com's top-100 list. Now they can officially begin assessing where Ryan Weathers fits in.

The 18-year-old Weathers, the seventh overall pick in last month's draft, on Sunday agreed to sign for the recommended bonus – \$5.23 million – a source confirmed for the Union-Tribune.

MLB.com's Jim Callis first reported Weathers' signing bonus, which will keep him from his college commitment to Vanderbilt.

To date, the Padres have signed 26 of their 41 draftees, including their first 12 selections, ahead of the July 6 deadline.

Weathers, who will be introduced Monday morning at Petco Park, went 10-0 with a 0.09 ERA and 148 strikeouts in 76 innings at Tennessee's Loretto High School, following MacKenzie Gore – last year's first-rounder – as the Gatorade National Baseball High School Player of the Year.

The left-handed Gore (No. 14), Adrian Morejon (No. 44) and Logan Allen (No. 100) are all ranked among MLB.com's top-100 prospects in the game, and Weathers, the son of a veteran of 19 major league seasons, certainly has the pedigree and stuff to join them.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Weathers was sitting 94-95 mph in his state championship before the draft, a heavy four-seamer that he pairs with a downward-biting slider and a low-80s change-up.

He will report to the Padres' [spring training](#) complex in Peoria, Ariz., for the start of his professional career shortly after Monday's introductory press conference.

# Luis Urias, Chihuahuas continue hot stretch

**Jeff Sanders**

At 21 years old, **Luis Urias** has more than held his own in the [Pacific Coast League](#).

He's doing a little more than that at the moment.

Urias reached base three more times Sunday to continue his recent uptick in the [Triple-A El Paso's 6-4 win](#) over visiting Albuquerque, the Chihuahuas' 10<sup>th</sup> win in their last 12 games.

Urias is hitting .341 over his last 10 games and has reached base multiple times in seven of his last eight games.

For the season, Urias – ranked the No. 3 prospect in the [Padres](#) system by MLB.com and No. 30 overall – is hitting .274/.384/.406 with six homers, 30 RBIs and 47 runs scored.

Catcher **Brett Nicholas** (.304) went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, **Dustin Coleman** (.170) hit his seventh homer and **Auston Bousfield** (.268) and **Allen Craig** (.296) each had two hits.

Right-hander **Seth Simmons** (1-0, 4.18) allowed four runs on seven hits and two walks in six innings.

Right-hander **Rowan Wick** (0.00) walked a batter in two scoreless innings in his El Paso debut and right-hander **Trey Wingenter** (3.97) saved his second game with a scoreless ninth.

El Paso is 44-39.

**DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (5-5, 47-33)**

- **Arkansas 3, Missions 1:** LHP **Jerry Keel** (6-3, 4.55) allowed two runs on six hits in four innings in the loss. 3B **Ty France** (.255) and 2B **Peter Van Gansen** (.258) both recorded two hits and Van Gansen drove in El Paso's only run. CF **Michael Gettys** (.249) went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts.

## **HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (3-8, 37-44)**

- **Storm 7, Modesto 4:** RHP **Chris Paddack** (4-1, 2.24) allowed a season-high 10 hits while allowing four runs over six innings in a win. Paddack struck out four. CF **Edward Olivares** (.273) went 3-for-5 with his sixth homer and two runs scored and C **Marcus Greene Jr.** (.261) went 2-for-4 with his second homer and two RBIs. SS **Kelvin Melean** (.254) went 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored.

## **LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (7-4, 39-41)**

- **Lake County 6, TinCaps 4:** DH **Tirso Ornelas** (.261) went 2-for-4 with a double, his eighth homer and three RBIs and 3B **Esteury Ruiz** (.247) hit his eighth homer. CF **Jeisson Rosario** (.276) went 2-for-4 with a double, a run scored and a 15<sup>th</sup> steal. LHP **Nick Margevicius** (5-5, 3.07) struck out six and allowed five runs – three earned – on seven hits in 5 1/3 innings in the loss.

## **SHORT-SEASON TRI-CITY (9-8)**

- **Dust Devils 12, Boise 5:** CF **Grant Little** (.500) went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, a walk and a steal in his professional debut. 1B **Luis Asuncion** (.308) went 3-for-5 with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored and RF **Aldemar Burgos** (.320) and 2B **Reinaldo Ibarra** (.304) both collected two hits and scored three runs. LHP **Ramon Perez** (3.21) struck out six and allowed three runs in five innings in the start and RHP **Diomar Lopez** (2-0, 1.08) turned in 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win. RHP **Dylan Coleman** (3.60) saved his first game with two scoreless innings.

## **ROOKIE AZL PADRES 1 (5-6)**

- **Mariners 7, Padres 6:** 3B **Lee Solomon** (.217) went 2-for-2 with his second homer, three RBIs, two runs scored and two steals. SS **Ruddy Giron** (.353) hit his first homer. 1B **Carlos Luis** (.243) and 2B **Jarryd Dale** (.222) each had two hits. RHP **Carlos Belen** (0-1, 9.00) allowed three runs – two earned – in the seventh inning to take the loss.

## **ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (5-6)**

- **Cubs 9, Padres 3:** RHP **Manny Guzman** (0-2, 8.18) struck out six and allowed six runs on eight hits and a walk in four innings in the loss. 1B **Jason Pineda** (.450) went 3-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs and 3B **Jonny Homza** (.242) went 2-for-4 with a double, a walk and a run scored.

# Moran's grand slam helps Pirates beat Padres 7-5

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SAN DIEGO -- Rookie [Colin Moran](#) isn't big on showing emotion, so he took it in stride after hitting his second grand slam of the season.

Manager Clint Hurdle, though, put the feat in perspective.

"Two grand slams in a year is pretty cool. Some guys don't hit one their whole career," Hurdle said after Moran's slam helped carry the Pirates to a 7-5 victory against the [San Diego Padres](#) on Sunday. "In his rookie season, too. He hunts pitches. He's got a lot of confidence when he goes to the plate. He prepares."

In fact, none of Hurdle's 32 home runs over a 10-year career came with the bases loaded.

[Corey Dickerson](#) and [Elias Diaz](#) also homered for the Pirates, who took two of three games.

Moran connected off [Tyson Ross](#) with two outs in the fifth to put the Pirates ahead 6-3. He also hit a grand slam in the home opener on April 2, a 5-4 victory against Minnesota.

Ross, who singled and then had his first career stolen base a half inning earlier, faltered with two outs in the fifth. [Austin Meadows](#) doubled, [Josh Bell](#) walked and [Josh Harrison](#) beat out an infield single to load the bases. Moran then drove a 1-0 pitch to right for his eighth homer.

"It's cool," Moran said of hitting two slams in one season. "But I guess it was just kind of nice to get some runs in there and get us the lead, so that was the biggest thing."

The only other rookie in Pirates history to hit two grand slams in a season was Wally Westlake in 1947. Moran was the first Pirates player with two grand slams in a season since [Jose Bautista](#) in 2006.

"Those are cool things," Hurdle said. "They don't happen for everybody. They don't happen to many guys whatsoever. It goes back to preparation, opportunity and then production, and he's been able to pull that off. ... He's ready to hit. He knows what he's hunting to hit."

Moran made his big league debut with Houston in 2016, appearing in nine games. He appeared in seven games with Houston last season before being sent to Pittsburgh along with [Joe Musgrove](#) and two other players in the deal for [Gerrit Cole](#). Moran had 34 big league at-bats coming into this season.

"He's one of the calmest people I've ever played with," Dickerson said. "He just has no emotion. He has a good plan. He does the same thing every day. You don't ever change stuff up. He's very simple. Simple sometimes is the best in great moments like that. He came through."

Dickerson homered in the second, his sixth, and Diaz homered leading off the sixth, his sixth.

The Padres closed to 7-5 on [Wil Myers](#)' infield RBI single with one out in the sixth and then loaded the bases on [Eric Hosmer](#)'s walk. But [Steven Brault](#) got [Hunter Renfroe](#) to hit a flyball to right that

wasn't deep enough to bring in [Jose Pirela](#), and [Kyle Crick](#) struck out pinch-hitter [Christian Villanueva](#).

Crick (1-1) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win. [Felipe Vazquez](#) pitched the ninth for his 17th save. Ross (5-6), who has been mentioned in trade rumors, was chased by Diaz's homer. Ross had his worst start of the season, allowing seven runs and seven hits, with three walks and no strikeouts.

"I didn't throw the ball particularly well," Ross said. "I could've been a lot better with two outs and two strikes. That's kind of where I really got myself into trouble.

"That big fifth inning, had two strikes on Meadows and two outs, and double to left and then everything kind of unfolded from there. Days like this happen. I still had a chance to win that game, just wasn't able to put hitters away when I had two-strike counts."

Said manager Andy Green: "You've got two outs and nobody on and Tyson on the mound, you kind of like that situation right there. Next thing you know, bases are loaded and one pitch is hit out of the ball park, and that kind of changes the trajectory of the game. It's a frustrating one."

Pirates starter [Jameson Taillon](#) went 4 2/3 innings, allowing four runs, three earned, and seven hits while striking out four and walking three. He got the first two outs of the fifth before allowing Renfroe's homer to left, his fifth, that pulled the Padres to 6-4. Taillon allowed singles to [Cory Spangenberg](#) and Carlos Asuaje before making way for [Edgar Santana](#), who struck out [Freddy Galvis](#).

Ross hit a sacrifice fly that gave the Padres a 2-1 lead in the second. He singled with two outs in the fourth and then got the first stolen base of his career. He was stranded when [Manuel Margot](#) grounded out.

Renfroe also hit an RBI double in the third.

## WEATHERS SIGNS

The Padres agreed to terms with LHP Ryan Weathers, their first-round selection, seventh overall, in June's amateur draft. He is the son of former big league pitcher David Weathers.

## UP NEXT

Pirates: RHP Nick Kingham (2-3, 3.82) is expected to be recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis to start Monday night's opener of a three-game series at the [Los Angeles Dodgers](#), who will counter with LHP [Alex Wood](#) (4-5, 4.00).

Padres: LHP [Clayton Richard](#) (7-7, 4.29) is scheduled to start Tuesday night's opener of a two-game series at Oakland, which counters with RHP [Chris Bassitt](#)(1-3, 2.82).

## **Padres agree to terms with first-round selection Ryan Weathers**

SAN DIEGO– The [San Diego Padres](#) have announced the signing of LHP Ryan Weathers, the seventh overall selection in the 2018 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

The southpaw was ranked 13th on MLB.com's top 200 draft prospects list coming into the draft, dominating opposing hitters in his senior year of high school. As an 18-year-old, Weathers went 11-0 with a 0.09 ERA with 148 strikeouts in 76 innings pitched for Loretto High School in Tennessee.

Weathers' performance earned him Gatorade's 2017-18 National Baseball Player of the Year award.

"He's a guy that we were very excited to select," stated GM AJ Preller following the draft. "A lot of time and effort went into scouting him."

Prior to the draft, Weathers committed to Vanderbilt. He had until July 6 to sign with the Padres.

With the announced signing, San Diego has now inked 26 of their 41 draft picks as well as two undrafted free agents.



# #PadresOnDeck: OF Prospects Olivares, Ornelas Both Homer Sunday; Paddack Wins

*By Bill Center*

Two of the Padres younger outfield prospects homered Sunday.

**Tirso Ornelas**, 18, the [Padres' 12th-ranked prospect by MLB Pipeline](#), was 2-for-3 with a double and his eighth homer for three RBIs for Single-A Fort Wayne. The Tijuana native is now hitting .261.

Center fielder **Jeisson Rosario**, 18, the [Padres' No.16 prospect](#), was 2-for-4 with a double and a stolen base and is now hitting .276 for Fort Wayne.

Center fielder **Edward Olivares**, 22, the [Padres' No.17 prospect](#), was 3-for-5 with a home run and two runs scored for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. The Cuban native is hitting .273.

Right-handed starter **Chris Paddack**, who is [No.98 on Pipeline's list of 100 top minor league prospects](#), improved to 4–1 with a 2.24 earned run average with Lake Elsinore. He gave up four runs on 10 hits and no walks with four strikeouts over six innings Sunday night in Modesto.

Second baseman **Luis Urías**, 21, the [Padres' No.3 prospect](#), was 2-for-4 with a walk and a run scored with Triple-A El Paso Sunday, raising his average to .274.

*Around the Farm:*

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (44–39): CHIHUAHUAS 6, Albuquerque 4—  
C **Brett Nicholas** (.304) backed Urías, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs.  
CF **Auston Bousfield** (.268) was 2-for-4 with a double, a RBI and a  
run scored. 1B **Allen Craig** (.296) was 2-for-4 with a RBI and a run  
scored. SS **Dusty Coleman** (.170) homered in four at-bats. RF **Franmil  
Reyes** (.333) was 1-for-3 with two walks and a run scored. LF **Shane  
Peterson** (.288) was 1-for-4 with a RBI. RHP **Seth Simmons** (1–0,  
4.18 ERA) allowed four runs on seven hits and two walks with three  
strikeouts in six innings to earn the win. RHP **Rowan Wick** issued a  
walk in two otherwise perfect innings in his first outing since being  
promoted from San Antonio. RHP **Trey Wingenter** (3.97) gave up two  
hits with a strikeout in a scoreless inning to earn his first save.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (5–5, 47–33): ARKANSAS 3, Missions 1—  
LHP **Jerry Keel** (6–3, 4.55 ERA) allowed two runs on six hits with two  
strikeouts in four innings to suffer the loss. RHP **Jason Jester** (4.33)  
issued two walks with two strikeouts in two hitless, scoreless innings.  
RHP **Trevor Frank** (2.50) allowed a run on a hit and a walk in two  
innings. 2B **Peter Van Gansen** (.258) was 2-for-4 with a RBI. 3B **Ty  
France** (.255) was 2-for-4. DH **Josh Naylor** (.312) was 1-for-4 with a  
run scored. SS **Matthew Batten** (.326) was 1-for-3 with a hit-by-  
pitcher. 1B **Kyle Overstreet** (.261) was 1-for-4.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (3–8, 37–44): Storm 7,  
MODESTO 4—C **Marcus Greene Jr.** (.261) backed Olivares, going 2-  
for-4 with a homer and two RBIs. SS **Kelvin Melean** (.254) was 3-for-4  
with a double, a RBI and a run scored. 3B **Eguy Rosario** (.255) was 2-  
for-5 with a double, a RBI and a run scored. LF **Buddy Reed** (.327) was  
1-for-4 with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. 3B **Hudson Potts** (.260)  
was 1-for-5 with a RBI. 1B **Brad Zunica** (.242) had a double in four at-  
bats with a run scored. RHP **David Bednar** (4.26 ERA) followed  
Paddack and issued a walk with two strikeouts in two otherwise perfect  
innings. RHP **Blake Rogers** (3.05) allowed a hit in a scoreless ninth for  
his second save.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (7–4, 39–41): LAKE COUNTY 6, TinCaps 4—  
3B **Esteury Ruiz** (.247) backed Ornelas and Rosario with a solo homer

in four at-bats. SS **Gabriel Arias** (.223) was 1-for-3 with a walk. RF **Jack Suwinski** (.223) had a triple in four at-bats. C **Luis Campusano** (.288) was 1-for-4. Starting LHP **Nick Margevicius** (5–5, 3.07 ERA) allowed five runs (three earned) on seven hits with six strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings to suffer the loss. LHP **Fred Schlichtholz** (4.91) allowed a hit and a walk in 1 2/3 scoreless innings. LHP **Ben Sheckler** (3.45) allowed a run on three hits and a walk with three strikeouts in an inning.

SHORT-SEASON SINGLE-A TRI-CITY (9–8): DUST DEVILS 12, Boise 5–1B **Luis Asuncion** (.308) was 3-for-5 with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored. 2B **Reinaldo Ibarra** (.304) was 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, a RBI and three runs scored. RF **Aldemar Burgos** (.320) was 2-for-4 with a RBI and three runs scored. CF **Grant Little** (.500) was 2-for-4 with a walk, a stolen base and two RBIs. SS **Owen Miller** (.319) was 1-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored. 3B **Olivier Basabe** (.206) had a double in five at-bats with a RBI and a run scored. C **Blake Hunt** (.326) was 1-for-4 with a walk. Starting LHP **Ramon Perez** (3.21 ERA) allowed three runs on three hits and three walks with six strikeouts in five innings. RHP **Jonathan Guzman** (5.14) allowed two unearned runs on a hit and a walk in two-thirds of an inning. RHP **Diomar Lopez** (2–0, 1.08) allowed a hit with a strikeout in 1 1/3 scoreless innings to get credit for the win. RHP **Dylan Coleman** (3.60) allowed a hit and a walk with two strikeouts in two scoreless innings to earn his first professional save.

DOMINICAN SUMMER LEAGUE PADRES (15–10): The Dominican Summer League doesn't play on Sundays.

ARIZONA ROOKIE PADRES:

PADRES-1 (5–6): Mariners 7, PADRES 6–3B **Lee Solomon** (.217) was 2-for-2 with a home run, two walks, two stolen bases and three RBIs. 1B **Luis Carlos** (.243) was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Rehabbing SS **Ruddy Giron** (.353) homered in three at-bats with two walks. 2B **Jarryd Dale** (.222) was 2-for-4 with a double, a stolen base and two runs scored. DH **Nick Gatewood** (.293) had a double in four

at-bats with a walk. Starting LHP **Omar Cruz** (0.75) allowed a run on three hits and a walk with four strikeouts in four innings. RHP **Martin Carrasco** (0.00) allowed three unearned runs on a hit with a strikeouts in two innings. RHP **Carlos Belen** (9.00 ERA), who is being transformed into a pitcher, allowed three runs (two earned) on two hits and a walk with a strikeout in an inning to take the loss.

PADRES-2 (5–6): CUBS-2 9, Padres 3–1B **Jason Pineda** (.450) was 3-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs. 3B **Jonny Homza** (.242) was 2-for-4 with a double, a walk and a run scored. 2B **Jordy Barley** (.133) had a triple in four at-bats with a walk. SS **Tucupita Marcano** (.368) was 0-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Starting RHP **Manny Guzman** (0–2, 8.18 ERA) allowed six runs on eight hits and a walk with six strikeouts in four innings to take the loss. LHP **Danny Sexton** (0.84) allowed a run on two hits with three strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings.

# This Day in Padres History— July 2

*By Bill Center*

*July 2, 1993*—The Padres and Phillies play an historic doubleheader in Philadelphia, with the second game ending at 4:40 a.m. July 3 . . . the latest ending time for a game in Major League history. The first game of the doubleheader, won by the Padres 5–2, ends at 1:03 a.m. after a playing time of two hours and 34 minutes and three rain delays totaling five hours and 54 minutes. The second game starts at 1:28 a.m. with the Phillies winning 6–5 in 10 innings.

*July 2, 1999*—The Padres get a franchise record 14th straight win with a 15–3 victory in Colorado.

*July 2, 2011*—Left-hander **Cory Luebke** and three relievers combine on a two-hit shutout as the Padres win 1–0 in Seattle. The Padres pitchers strike out nine Mariners without issuing a walk.

*July 2, 2014*—Right-hander **Tyson Ross** allows three hits with no walks and nine strikeouts in a 3–0 complete-game win over Cincinnati at Petco Park.

*July 2, 2015*—**Melvin Upton Jr.** hits his franchise-record third walk-off homer of the season on the first pitch of the ninth inning from **Andrew Miller** to give the Padres a 2–1 win over the Yankees at Petco Park.