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Myers, Mitchell help Padres top Mariners

[Kevin Acee](#)

Other than likely losing rookie second baseman Luis Urias for the rest of the season, it was a pretty good night for the [Padres](#).

Bryan Mitchell continued to prove he might be a decent starting pitcher after all, and [Wil Myers](#) showed he can still hit and play third base.

Mitchell pitched six excellent innings, and Myers' double scored pinch-runner [Travis Jankowski](#) from second base in the ninth inning to lift the Padres to a 2-1 victory over the [Mariners](#) at Safeco Field.

"I haven't been very good at all on either side of the ball," Myers said. "I've been pretty terrible. It kind of wears on you. ... I don't think anything defensively has affected my hitting. I feel like I'm just struggling hitting. It just kind of sucks when both are bad together. It felt good to make some plays over there and help at the plate."

Craig Stammen (8-2) got the victory after getting the final two outs of the eighth inning, and Kirby Yates pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

Urias suffered a hamstring injury in the eighth inning when he took an awkward step just before first base as he tried to beat out a grounder. He grabbed his left leg immediately after crossing first base and then crumpled to the ground. He was helped off the field a short time later.

"I don't think it looks particularly good given the amount of time we've got left in the season," manager Andy Green said. "Hopefully its nothing big, but it's doubtful at this point in time."

Before all that, Mitchell put together his second straight solid start in his second chance at showing he could be a part of the Padres rotation.

“That’s the best I’ve seen him,” Green said. “... It’s really fun to see.”

The 27-year-old right-hander, who was demoted to the bullpen after posting a 6.47 ERA and 2.00 WHIP in his first seven starts, allowed only [Robinson Cano](#)’s third-inning homer and three other hits over six innings.

This followed him allowing one run on two hits in five innings on Sept. 3 against the Diamondbacks, his first start in four months.

“It’s another step in the right direction,” said Mitchell, who discovered the effectiveness of a darting two-seam fastball during his seven rehab starts in Single-A while on the disabled list with an elbow strain. “... I can’t change what happened earlier. But these last two starts have been two good stepping stones. It’s really all I can control right now is trying to finish strong.”

After Cano’s homer, [Hunter Renfroe](#) led off the next inning with a double, moved to third on [Eric Hosmer](#)’s grounder and scored on an infield single by Franmil Reyes.

It was Renfroe who led off the ninth inning with a single against Mariners closer Edwin Diaz, the major league saves leader with 54 who fell to 0-4. Renfroe went to second on a single by Hosmer before Franmil Reyes struck out and Jankowski was inserted in Renfroe’s place.

Myers, who had made a nice play on a grounder to end the seventh inning with the bases loaded, then turned on the first pitch he saw, lacing a curve on the inner half of the plate just inside the line in left field.

“It’s one of the first breaking balls I’ve kept fair in a long time, so it felt nice,” said Myers, who was 2-for-4 after entering the game batting .203 in his first 21 starts (79 at-bats) since making the move from left field to third base. “To be able to get something going off a guy like that is pretty tough. I think it’s cool to say we got to arguably the best closer in the game. ... It was party cool team win all the way around — with Mitch and the bullpen coming in to close the door and those timely hits.”

Padres notes: Stammen the 'vulture'; Urias' impressive start

[Kevin Acee](#)

[Craig Stammen](#) took over the team lead in victories Tuesday night when he got the final two outs of the eighth inning and the [Padres](#) scored in the ninth inning to beat the [Mariners](#) 2-1.

It was the second straight game in which Stammen (8-2) has worked the eighth and gotten the victory and Kirby Yates the ninth for the save.

“I think that’s called being a vulture,” said Stammen, who worked a total of 1 2/3 innings for his latest two wins and a total of 11 1/3 innings in his eight victories.

Stammen took over for Matt Strahm, who worked out of a jam to leave the bases loaded in the seventh and then allowed a single before getting the first out of the eighth.

“We’ve got a lot of good arms down there,” manager Andy Green said. “We can run through the three we used today, and we can run three different ones at you tomorrow. It’s depth.”

Hard-throwing rookies Jose Castillo (0.81 WHIP in 32 innings), Robert Stock (2.31 ERA in 35 innings) and Trey Wingenter (17 strikeouts in 13 innings) have impressed Stammen.

“Sooner or later they’re all going to be pitching the eighth or ninth, and hopefully I’m around to pitch the fifth or sixth,” he said. “They have some special talent, and it’s just a learning curve. ... They’re getting a taste right now and having a lot of success

pitching in those early innings. Pretty soon, they're going to be pitching in the back end and doing really well."

Urias showed promise

Green sounded virtually certain rookie second baseman Luis Urias' season is finished after he pulled up with a hamstring injury running out a ground ball in the eighth inning.

With 18 games remaining, there is no reason to rush back a player who is so promising and figures to be a big part of the Padres' future.

"Honestly, the way he looked coming off that baseball field, caution or not, he's probably not playing any time soon," Green said. "We're going to take care of him there, no doubt."

If he is finished, Urias finished the season 10-for-48 with a double, two home runs and three walks in 12 games after being called up to make his debut on Aug. 28.

"I don't think he really found his rhythm or his stride," Green said. "But you don't read too terribly much into that. The numbers aren't going to be what he'd want them to be for his first short stint in the big leagues. I don't think anybody is remotely concerned about that. He has a long track record (in the minors), and he had some quality at-bats, even though he didn't always get results."

Urias was 1-for-4 on Tuesday and went 4-for-13 in his final three games.

Cory Spangenberg replaced Urias at second base in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Jose Pirela will likely start Wednesday's series finale against left-hander [Wade LeBlanc](#).

Left-handed hitting shortstop Javy Guerra, called up Tuesday from Triple-A, will likely make his first start against the Rangers on Friday provided Texas' yet-to-be-announced starting pitcher is not a lefty.

"We want to platform Javy for success in the batters box," Green said.

Moving [Freddy Galvis](#) to second base, where he played early in his career with the Phillies, is likely for at least some starts. Earlier Tuesday, Green said he [plans to get Galvis into every game](#).

Extra bases

- Since allowing three runs in two innings in his May 7 debut for the Padres, Strahm has a 1.75 ERA and 0.90 WHIP in 51 1/3 innings.
- [Eric Hosmer](#) went 1-for-4 and has reached base in 12 straight games.
- Hunter Renfroe went 2-for-4 with a double and is batting .300/.319/.646 in 138 plate appearances since Aug. 5.
- Francisco Mejia doubled in the sixth inning, his first as a Padre. He is 4-for-15 since being called up Sept. 4.

Padres' Eric Hosmer trying to lift his game

[Kevin Acee](#)

It's that time of the season.

Not just for [Wil Myers](#) learning third base and Trey Wingenter navigating the eighth inning and so many other things a team in transition is trying to accomplish as the season winds down.

It's that time for the [Padres'](#) marquee player, too.

"You're still trying to win, still trying to compete," first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#) said. "But you're trying to gain ground and identify what went wrong for your year. For me, that's one thing I told these guys — from this point on I want to try to get the ball in the air and see what happens."

What has happened is that Hosmer has hit a home run in three straight games for the first time in his career.

In addition to his homers Friday, Saturday and Sunday, he also went two games (Friday and Saturday) without hitting a ground ball. It was just the second time this season he did not hit a ball on the ground in successive games.

Just three of the 15 balls he put in play in four games against the [Reds](#) were grounders, well below his major league-leading 61.9 percent ground ball rate entering the series.

All six balls Hosmer put in play over the three-game stretch preceding the series in Cincinnati were grounders. In compiling the highest ground ball rate of any of his eight major league seasons, he has had 36 games this season in which every ball he put in play was on the ground and 11 games in which none of the balls he put in play were on the ground.

Hosmer shrugged.

“I guess that’s what we’ve been searching for all year,” he said. “... It just got to the point where I wanted to focus on the main thing – ‘What is the main thing of getting the ball in the air?’ ”

That’s pretty much precisely what he asked hitting coach Matt Stairs and assistant hitting coach Johnny Washington before the series in Cincinnati.

It’s not that Hosmer hadn’t worked previously on getting the ball in the air. In fact, it had been a focus of his offseason.

But he figured the final month was the time to narrow it down.

Lo and behold, simplifying it to Stairs’ advice to concern himself solely with the back leg – not his elbow or swing, typical instruments for manipulating launch angle – and timing his step more in sync with the pitcher’s delivery.

“I gave him some pointers that helped me,” said Stairs, who had better than a 40 percent fly ball percentage over his final 10 major league seasons, a number that would be among the major league leaders and more than twice as high as Hosmer’s fly ball rate (19.9) entering Tuesday’s game at Safeco Field. “I told him what I went through with my leg and how I developed a better habit of getting the ball in the air on a consistent basis.”

Hosmer describes it as staying back longer and essentially using the ground for power.

“It almost seems like a lot of the good hitters who do a good job of getting the ball in the air hit one-legged,” Hosmer said. “The front leg is just there for the landing. I made it a point to really get into the back side and let everything work off that.”

Hosmer is always better when he stays back. That’s why so much of his power is to the opposite field. It allows him to see the ball longer and have his bat stay longer in the zone.

This year, he too often found himself lunging.

Basically, he was anxious, perhaps even trying too hard.

Others in the organization have postulated Hosmer was at times attempting to carry an offense that was so paltry so much of this season.

Hosmer has several times this season, including Tuesday, refused to bite on that line of questioning.

But he did acknowledge not being himself. A notoriously streaky hitter, Hosmer had some hot stretches this season. Mostly, though, he was battling himself.

“You’re always trying to make stuff happen, especially when you’re going out there and feel like you can’t pull off your ‘A’ swing,” he said. “You go from doing no stride to putting your foot down to doing anything you can to try to get the run in. ... It’s come to that a lot his year. It’s kind of understanding what I need to do in a certain at-bat, really just doing whatever I can to try to do that. There were certain times I couldn’t pull my ‘A’ swing off.”

He said he doesn’t know why he’s had his worst statistical season. He won’t attribute it to trying to meet the expectations of being the man on his new team with his new \$144-million contract. He won’t attribute it to seeing more consistently high-caliber left-handers in the [National League West](#).

Having hit 25 home runs each of the past two years, he has 16 through the Padres’ 145 games this year. A career .284/342/.439 hitter coming into 2018, he is batting .254/.318/.402 this season.

And his next strikeout will tie his career high of 132 set in 2016.

He is batting .269/.322/.491 over his past 28 games, maybe not enough to justify the \$20 million a year the Padres are paying him through 2022 but trending in the right direction.

He has also struck out just twice in 27 plate appearances over the past seven games. His next-best stretch this season was two strikeouts in 25 plate appearances, accomplished just twice.

In the past seven games, Hosmer has chased just 23.2 percent of pitches (16 of 69) outside the strike zone, well below his season average of 33 percent.

“I think a lot of it is us throwing stuff against the wall to get back to having that feeling I can have my ‘A’ swing every time,” he said when asked why his plate discipline has been better. “It’s feeling I’m locked in and not having to battle finding the mechanics before a game and having all that extra work. We’ve gotten back to that feeling of remembering who I am and getting those swings off, and it’s not a constant search coming into the park every day.”

It’s as important to him as any player that September is a success.

“It will almost feel like a jump start going into next year,” Hosmer said. “It was a long year constantly trying to get hot, trying to find myself. At the same time, Stairsy and J-Wash were learning me as a hitter. I think we’ve gained a lot of ground, especially this last month. I think the hard stuff is out of the way. ... We know what got us going.”

Padres notes: Green to make Galvis streak a priority

[Kevin Acee](#)

It is important to [Freddy Galvis](#), so it is important to Andy Green.

Galvis has started every game this season and is the only major leaguer to have played in every game since the start of last season — a stretch of 309 consecutive games that dates to the Phillies’ 2016 finale and goes through Tuesday night’s game against the [Mariners](#).

“It’s important because of all the work I put in and all the hours I do to take care of myself,” Galvis said last month. “It pays off. The reward is to play.”

So when [Javy Guerra](#), called up from Triple-A on Tuesday, starts at shortstop later this week, Galvis might play second base, either as the starter or subbing in.

“I have a ton of respect for Freddy, how professional he’s been this season, how hard he’s worked,” Green said. “Some things, when they matter to players they matter to the manager as well. He understands where we are right now and that there has got to be an opportunity to get other guys on the field to see what we have. But this is definitely not a ‘Hey Freddy, you’re not going to play the last couple weeks of the baseball season.’ He’s still going to play. The days he doesn’t start, we’ll find a way to make something happen. I don’t know exactly what that is, but we’ll try to make that as much of a priority as possible to get him on the field.”

Guerra is up for the second time this season. He made his major league debut May 4 when the [Padres](#) were allowed to add a 26th man to their roster for their series against the Dodgers in Monterrey, Mexico. Guerra struck out in both his at-bats that series and did not play in the field.

The 22-year-old, who was acquired as part of the [Craig Kimbrel](#) trade in 2015, is an excellent fielder whose offense has lagged. He finished this past season in Triple-A with a .223/.269/.398 line, though he batted .325/.376/.602 over a 37-game stretch from early July to late August.

“My confidence, it’s big to me,” said the left-handed hitting Guerra, who won’t start against the Mariners’ two left-handed starters.

Proving himself repeatedly

Joey Lucchesi held the Mariners to one run over a career-high 6 2/3 innings on Aug. 29 and will face them again Wednesday.

The rookie left-hander has proved to himself he can be effective no matter how often a team sees his funky delivery, unique curve and deceptive fastball.

His most recent start, Sept. 4 in Arizona, was his fifth game against the [Diamondbacks](#) – and arguably his best, as he allowed three hits and two runs over five innings.

“That’s a really good lineup and fifth time facing them I feel like it showed I am a competitor; it doesn’t matter who they are,” said Lucchesi, who was 0-4 with a 7.71 ERA and 1.89 WHIP in his first four starts against Arizona. “I realize they do hit off me. I didn’t let it discourage me. I said, ‘I’m not going to let them beat me again.’”

Said Green: “It should shoot him a ton of confidence. His stuff is real. His stuff is going to play. The deception is going to continue to play, no matter how many outings he throws.”

Left out

[Eric Hosmer](#)’s batting average against left-handers this season fell below .200 when he lined out to left field in Tuesday’s second inning against Marco Gonzales.

The left-handed hitting Hosmer entered the season batting .265 in his career against lefties.

This isn't a good year to struggle that way, as he moved into the lefty-heavy [National League West](#).

Entering Tuesday, Hosmer already had 201 plate appearances against left-handers this season, just five off his average over his first seven seasons.

Extra bases

- An MRI revealed tendinitis in rookie right-hander Brett Kennedy's left leg, and he could miss the rest of the season. Green said Kennedy is certainly going to miss his next two starts. Green said the tests revealed nothing structural but did show "some serious tendinitis" and Kennedy "starting again this year is probably in jeopardy."
- The Padres also called up relief pitchers Colten Brewer, Kazuhisa Makita and Brad Wieck. When Wieck pitches, it will be his major league debut.
- Green said the Padres considered calling up Colin Rea, who had a 1.54 ERA over 23 1/3 innings in his final five starts for Triple-A El Paso. But given his up-and-down comeback season following 2016 Tommy John surgery, they decided it was best to shut him down.

Minors Missions lose TLCS opener in extras

Jeff Sanders

Again, Double-A San Antonio will have to dig out of a playoff hole.

Keibert Ruiz's 10th-inning single sent Tulsa to a 3-2 win over the Missions on Tuesday night at ONEOK Field, giving the Drillers' the early edge in the best-of-five Texas League Championship Series.

San Antonio had won three straight games to dig out of a 0-2 hole the previous round.

Tuesday's game was tied 2-2 in extra innings when **Drew Jackson** singled with one out and a runner on first and Ruiz singled off reliever **Travis Radke** for the game-winning hit.

Relievers **Ronald Bolanos**, **Jason Jester**, **David Bednar** and **Eric Yardley** had combined for 3 1/3 scoreless innings before the hit.

Right-hander **Michel Baez** started the game with seven strikeouts over 5 2/3 innings. He allowed one hit but walked four and hit two batters in giving up runs in the first and fourth innings.

Hudson Potts collected two hits, including a second-inning homer that tied the game at 1-1.

Austin Allen's third-inning groundout gave the Missions a one-run lead that lasted until Baez walked two and hit two batters in the fourth to re-tie the game.

Josh Naylor and **Kyle Overstreet** both had two hits.

Before the game, infielder **Ruddy Giron** was added to the Missions' roster from Lake Elsinore and right-hander **Trevor Megill** was transferred to Lake Elsinore.

Missions right-hander **Emmanuel Ramirez** (2-2, 2.63) will face Tulsa left-hander **Ben Holmes** (2-2, 2.82) in Wednesday's Game 2.

Myers, Padres reward Mitchell, rally past M's

San Diego tags closer Diaz with loss after 3-hit 9th inning

By AJ Cassavell

SEATTLE -- It's going to take more than a couple decent September outings for [Bryan Mitchell](#) to earn his way into the Padres' 2019 rotation plans. But with a strong finish to the season, Mitchell at least has the chance to throw his name back into the conversation.

Mitchell worked six innings of one-run ball Tuesday evening, and [Wil Myers](#) smacked a go-ahead double in the ninth against [Edwin Diaz](#) as the Padres beat the Mariners, 2-1, at Safeco Field. [Hunter Renfroe](#) and [Eric Hosmer](#) sparked the rally with consecutive singles to lead off the ninth.

"It was a pretty cool team win all the way around with Mitchell, the bullpen coming in to shut the door and those timely hits," Myers said.

But the Padres' victory may have come at a serious cost. Top second-base prospect Luis Urias pulled his [left hamstring](#) in the eighth inning while attempting to beat out an infield grounder. Manager Andy Green indicated that it's "doubtful" Urias returns this season.

"I don't think it looks particularly good, given the amount of time we have left in the season," Green said. "We'll see how he responds to treatment. Hopefully it's nothing big, but he's doubtful at this point in time."

As for Mitchell, it was his second start since a three-month stint on the disabled list with a right elbow impingement. Since his return, he's relied heavily on his two-seam fastball -- and it's worked to some success.

In those two outings, Mitchell has allowed two runs on six hits in 11 innings, though he's walked five and struck out only four. He hasn't been lights-out by any stretch. But Mitchell feels as though he's turned a corner since he saw his ERA soar above seven before landing on the DL in early June.

"I can't change what happened earlier," Mitchell said. "But these last two starts have been two good steppingstones moving forward. That's all I can really control right now is to try and finish strong."

Mitchell surrendered a homer to [Robinson Cano](#) in the third, but the Padres tied the game half an inning later on [Franmil Reyes'](#) RBI infield single. From there, Mitchell and the San Diego bullpen held the Mariners in check. [Matt Strahm](#) and [Craig Stammen](#) escaped jams in the seventh and eighth innings, respectively, before [Kirby Yates](#) worked a perfect ninth.

Mitchell -- an important piece in the Padres' December trade with the Yankees -- is determined not to get too caught up in the big-picture aspects of his starts.

"It's another step in the right direction," Mitchell said of Tuesday's outing. "I'll just try to keep that rolling."

MYERS BREAKS THROUGH

It's been a grind for Myers since he transitioned to third base a month ago -- and not just defensively where he's made four errors and at least as many additional misplays. Myers entered play Tuesday hitting just .203/.284/.304 as a third baseman.

"On either side of the ball, I've been pretty terrible," Myers said. "It's one of those things that wears on you. Especially when you're not doing anything offensively, you want to be able to help defensively, and I haven't been able to do that."

On Tuesday, Myers was solid defensively, making two nice plays on Mariners ground balls. On offense, he contributed two hits and a stolen base. In other words, Myers was precisely the complete player that he's been aiming to be.

"I don't think anything defensively has affected my hitting," Myers said. "I feel like I've just kind of been struggling hitting right now. It is what it is, but it kind of sucks when both of them are bad together. So it felt good to make some plays over there and also help at the plate."

SOUND SMART

Myers' steal was his ninth of the season, and he still hasn't been caught. Only Texas' [Jurickson Profar](#) (10-for-10) has more stolen bases this year without being thrown out.

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS

Mitchell induced his share of weak contact, but he lucked his way into an out in the fourth -- thanks in part to some quick thinking by Hosmer. With two outs and nobody aboard, [Mike Zunino](#) hit a cue shot into foul ground. But the spin on the ball took it toward fair territory. Hosmer stood at first base and merely waited for the ball to cross the foul line, before tagging Zunino for the final out of the inning.

HE SAID IT

"It's pretty cool that we could sit back and say we got to arguably the best closer in the game. You take some confidence out of that." -- *Myers*

UP NEXT

[Joey Lucchesi](#) recorded his longest start of the season against the Mariners on Aug. 29, throwing 108 pitches in 6 2/3 innings and allowing one run. The young left-hander has been solid lately, and he's looking to finish his rookie campaign strong. Lucchesi takes the ball Wednesday afternoon opposite former Padre [Wade LeBlanc](#), with first pitch at Safeco Field slated for 3:40 p.m. PT.

Urias likely done for year with hamstring injury

Padres prospect sustains injury attempting to run out grounder

By AJ Cassavell

SEATTLE -- [Luis Urias](#)' first taste of the big leagues appears to have come to an abrupt and painful end.

The Padres' 21-year-old second-base prospect, ranked [No. 4](#) in the club's system by MLB Pipeline, pulled his left hamstring during the eighth inning of a [2-1 victory](#) on Tuesday night in Seattle. He sustained the injury while trying to leg out an infield grounder, and afterward manager Andy Green noted it's "doubtful" that Urias returns this season.

"I don't think it looks particularly good, given the amount of time we have left in the season," Green said. "We'll see how he responds to treatment. Hopefully it's nothing big, but he's doubtful at this point in time."

Urias, the top-ranked [second-base prospect](#) in baseball, earned his callup last month and went 10-for-48 with two homers in his debut season.

Despite the relatively slow start, the Padres came away with an extremely positive first impression of Urias -- if, indeed, his season is finished.

"There's a lot to like," Green said. "He's really defended the field. He's looked so good at second base, made a diving play almost every time he's had a chance to. They've been big plays. And he's turned double plays well."

"At the plate, I don't think he really found his rhythm or his stride, but you don't read too terribly much into that. He had some good swings at times. The numbers aren't going to be what he'd want them to be for his first short stint in the big leagues. But I don't think anybody's too concerned. He's got a long track record."

Facing Mariners right-hander [Alex Colome](#) in the eighth, Urias bounced a chopper to first base. In his attempt to beat Colome to the bag, he lunged with his left leg one stride before reaching the base. That's when he came up hobbling.

Urias was escorted off the field with the help of Green and team trainer Mark Rogow. [Cory Spangenberg](#) entered at second base in his place.

Spangenberg and [Jose Pirela](#) are both options to take over for Urias at second over the next three weeks. Another possibility would see shortstop [Freddy Galvis](#) slide to second with the newly recalled [Javy Guerra](#) getting a [look at short](#).

In any case, the Padres were pleased to have gotten a look at Urias, however brief it may have been.

"We valued his opportunity to come up and play in the big leagues, because, one: he had earned that opportunity, and two: he's a big part of what we plan on doing going forward," Green said.

Guerra, one of 4 callups, to get look at SS

'He's elite defensively,' Green says of 22-year-old

By AJ Cassavell

SEATTLE -- The Padres recalled four players from Triple-A before Tuesday's game against the Mariners -- moves that mostly served to reinforce the bullpen now that El Paso's season has come to an end.

But shortstop [Javy Guerra](#) -- the lone position player to earn a callup -- is a particularly intriguing roster option entering the 2019 season.

Guerra was joined by right-handers [Kazuhisa Makita](#) and [Colten Brewer](#) and left-hander [Brad Wieck](#) in being promoted Tuesday. Over three seasons in the Padres' system, Guerra still hasn't quite pieced it together offensively.

He arrived in the [Craig Kimbrel](#) trade prior to the 2016 season as a very highly touted prospect. But Guerra has batted .217 at three different levels since then, and his Minor League strikeout rate has hovered around 33 percent.

Still, there's a noteworthy vacancy at shortstop in San Diego for the start of next season. [Freddy Galvis](#) is set to become a free agent and top prospect [Fernando Tatis Jr.](#), ranked [No. 2](#) in baseball by MLB Pipeline, is coming off thumb surgery and probably destined to start next year in the Minors.

The Padres have some decisions to make this offseason, and Guerra could factor prominently.

The first question that must be answered is whether to bring back Galvis -- a decision that could hinge on his contract demands and the rest of the league's interest. If the answer is no, the Padres would likely need a stopgap before Tatis' arrival. That's where Guerra could factor in.

In any case, Guerra's glove makes him a roster possibility regardless of how the Padres decide to play it this offseason.

"He's elite defensively at shortstop," said manager Andy Green. "... When you can defend that position, you tend to find some sort of role in the big leagues. For him, that's his primary asset, and his versatility -- we'll test that in time, too."

Guerra is going to get sporadic starts at shortstop -- meaning time on the bench for Galvis, who has started every game there this season. [Luis Urias](#), MLB Pipeline's top-ranked second-base prospect, is likely to start at shortstop, too.

Galvis is the owner of the Majors' longest consecutive games played streak at 309, and Green noted that he'd do everything in his power to get Galvis into those games. But it's clear the Padres have one eye on their future at the position.

At the plate, Guerra hasn't been stupendous this year, but his .774 second-half OPS was a jump of 172 points from the first half. The Padres don't need Guerra to set the world on fire offensively to be a valuable contributor. They'd just like him to hold his own.

"For him, it's just a progression of trusting himself, not thinking too much in the batter's box and cutting loose on the pitches he can hit," Green said. "We'll just try to keep it from being overly complicated."

Guerra struck out in two pinch-hit at-bats in May during a brief callup.

Kennedy's season likely finished

An MRI on the left knee of rookie righty [Brett Kennedy](#) revealed "serious tendinitis," according to Green, and it appears as though Kennedy's season could be over prematurely.

"We're still trying to work through what the best course of action is for him, but I'd say starting again this year is probably somewhat in jeopardy for him," Green said.

In six starts since his mid-August callup, Kennedy posted a 6.75 ERA. He picked up his first career victory with six shutout frames against the Rockies on Aug. 31. But he struggled in his next start Friday night in Cincinnati. Kennedy allowed four runs in 1 2/3 frames and had trouble with his landing leg -- prompting the Padres to take a look at his ailing left knee.

Worth noting

- When Wieck appears in a game, it'll mark the big league debut for the 26-year-old left-hander. He owns a 2.53 ERA in 46 1/3 innings between Double- and Triple-A this season, and he's found a groove lately, too. Wieck has pitched 11 innings since the start of August, and he's allowed just one run on six hits while striking out 22.

"It doesn't matter where I'm at or who I'm throwing against," Wieck said. "It's just about staying focused on what you're doing and your own gameplan and plan of attack."

- [Austin Hedges](#) and [Francisco Mejia](#) will split time behind the plate over the next three weeks, and the Padres view their trip to Seattle as a chance to get both bats in the lineup. Hedges made his second career start at designated hitter on Tuesday night.

"We're committed here to giving our DH at-bats to our catchers," Green said. "Those two guys right now are very intriguing bats. ... It's no secret we're splitting time back there behind the plate, so the opportunity to get those guys extra at-bats is good."

- Green acknowledged that Tuesday's moves most likely represent the last of the Padres' September callups. The roster currently sits at 33 players.

Padres get better of Edwin Diaz in 9th, beat Mariners 2-1

Associated Press

SEATTLE -- The Mariners' offensive woes have been the chief culprit for their fall from AL playoff contention. Those struggles showed up again Tuesday night, only furthering Seattle's fade from the wild-card race.

[Wil Myers](#) lined an RBI double off major league saves leader [Edwin Diaz](#) with one out in the ninth inning, lifting the [San Diego Padres](#) to a 2-1 win and dropping the Mariners 8 1/2 games back in the race for the second AL wild card.

The Mariners only have 18 games left after losing to the Padres for the third time in the past month. It was the 11th time since July 1 the Mariners scored one run or fewer. Not surprisingly, they dropped to 1-10 in those games.

"Story of tonight, just our lack of offensive production. We haven't done much at all swinging the bats against San Diego this year," Seattle manager Scott Servais.

While Seattle's hitters failed to come through with scoring chances, Myers got the better of the best closer in baseball this season. Myers lined an RBI double off Diaz to snap the 1-1 tie.

Diaz (0-4) struggled without having a chance at his 55th save and left pitches up. He gave up singles to [Hunter Renfroe](#) and [Eric Hosmer](#) leading off the inning. After a strikeout of [Franmil Reyes](#), Myers jumped on the first pitch and pulled it into the left field corner, letting pinch-runner [Travis Jankowski](#) score easily from second.

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"To be able to get something going off a guy like that is pretty tough," Myers said. "I think it's pretty cool that we can sit back and say we got to arguably the best closer in the game. You take some confidence in that."

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"In those situations, you've got to get your pitch to hit, and we didn't do anything with it," Servais said.

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STARTING OFF

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"I just started to throw across my body a little more so mechanically made a little adjustment and cleaned up some things that showed tonight," Gonzales said. "I thought I had some life on my pitches."

San Diego starter [Bryan Mitchell](#) was even better. Making his second start after missing four months due to an elbow injury, Mitchell allowed four hits over six innings. His lone mistake was the changeup he left up in the zone that Cano hit out to center field. Mitchell retired 10 of the final 11 batters he faced.

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#PadresOnDeck: San Antonio Drops Opener of Double–A Texas League Finals

By Bill Center

Tulsa scored a 3–2, walk-off win in the bottom of the 10th inning Tuesday night to defeat Padres affiliate San Antonio in the opening game of the best-of-five Texas League Championship Series.

Right-hander **Emmanuel Ramirez** will start for the Missions Wednesday night as the series continues in Tulsa before moving to San Antonio for the third, and if necessary, fourth and fifth games.

Third baseman **Hudson Potts**, 19, the [Padres' No.23 prospect](#) according to the MLB Pipeline, was 2-for-4 with a solo home run. Left fielder **Josh Naylor**, 21, the [Padres' No.15 prospect](#), was 2-for-5 with a stolen base and a run scored. Catcher **Austin Allen**, 24, the [Padres' No.25 prospect](#), was 0-for-4 with a RBI.

First baseman **Kyle Overstreet** was 2-for-4. Second baseman **Peter Van Gansen** had a double in three at-bats with a walk.

Shortstop **Owen Miller**, the [Padres' No.30 prospect](#), was 1-for-5. Center fielder **Buddy Reed**, the [Padres' No.13 prospect](#), was 0-for-4 with a walk.

Six-foot-8, right-hander **Michel Baez**, the [Padres' No.7 prospect](#), allowed two runs on only one hit in 5 2/3 innings. But he also issued four walks and hit two batters with four wild pitches. He struck out seven. Right-hander **Ronald Bolaños** struck out the only Drillers hitter he faced to end the sixth.

Right-hander **Jason Jester** struck out two in a perfect seventh. Right-hander **David Bednar** struck out one in a perfect inning. Right-hander **Eric Yardley** allowed a hit with two of the Missions' 12 strikeouts in a perfect inning.

Left-hander **Travis Radke** took the loss, allowing the decisive run on three hits while retiring only one hitter in the 10th.

This Day in Padres History, 9/12

By Bill Center

Sept. 12, 1970—Left-hander **Danny Coombs** allows two runs (one earned) on six hits and two walks with four strikeouts in a complete game as the Padres win 4–2, handing division-leading Cincinnati a second straight loss at San Diego Stadium.

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AP

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