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Padres looking to learn how to win — and maybe even win

[Kevin Acee](#)

Avert your eyes the rest of the season if losing a lot — no matter the purpose — is too horrifying a scene to behold.

Just know that if you keep watching intently, you will see in many situations what the [Padres](#) are attempting to do in these final two months.

It has been evident much of the season in situations that, without context, made little sense.

Such as [Manuel Margot](#) having the green light on the base paths, standing at second with two outs or at first with a runner at third and the middle of the order due up.

The mistakes, missed signs and misinterpretation of situations by a number of players have been vexing to all involved. But it's seen as a necessary part of both finding out what players can do and allowing players to learn with the bright lights burning.

“They’re going to find out one way or another,” outfielder [Travis Jankowski](#) said of the team’s decision makers. “It’s that time. We’ve got prospects and more prospects. We’re rebuilding. ... It’s gut-check time. It’s time to figure out who can do it. Personally, I know that’s what it is. It’s time to prove yourself, or that’s probably it for you in this organization.”

[Eric Hosmer](#) has already been through the building process. He was one of the building blocks. He was actually one of the cornerstones in a [Kansas City Royals](#) project that went from subterranean to successive World Series appearances and the top of the mountain in 2015.

He recognizes what is being done with his new team.

“It’s at the point now where there is only one way you’re going to learn, and that’s going, being aggressive,” Hosmer said. “If at the beginning there are a couple times it doesn’t work out for you, you can still learn something from that.”

Margot, as an example, has spent several hours with first base coach [Skip Schumaker](#) working on his baserunning. After starting the season 6-for-13 in stolen base attempts, he has successfully swiped four of his past six attempts. That includes a well-executed attempt Thursday in which [Cubs](#) catcher Willson Contreras and second baseman Javier Baez executed slightly better.

The Padres’ commitment to the learning process has been evident so many times this season. And recognizing those instances serves to answer a good number of questions about how Andy Green manages in a season such as this.

It was obvious June 8 in Miami when rookie starter Eric Lauer allowed two runs in the fourth inning and another in the fifth on two singles and two walks. Yet, in a close game, clearly struggling with his command, he was allowed to work through it — or not.

“You want to see him get through five, at least, in that situation,” Green said afterward. “You want to give him the opportunity at that time to test him. ... That was one of those situations where you want to see him rise up and get through five innings.

“It’s constructive for him. There will be times based on game situations where we have opportunities to win games we wouldn’t push him that that hard. But in this context, getting that last out in the fifth inning was at least feeling like he had some closure to the outing.”

It was apparent Friday in Chicago when rookie reliever Jose Castillo loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh inning in a one-run game and was left on the mound to sink or swim. The move was subject to scrutiny and could have been seen as allowing the game to get away — but it was a risk viewed as necessary by those taking it.

That Castillo got a pop-up, strikeout and groundout to escape unscathed was a bonus — and confirmation the Padres have what they think they do in the left-hander who was making his 17th appearance.

“I leave him out there to grow through it,” Green said. “He’s a guy who isn’t afraid of anything. ... We’re very excited about his future and what’s ahead for him.”

And now, of course, there is the unfettered immersion in youth-infused experimentation in the season’s final two months, hastened by allowing pitchers [Jordan Lyles](#) and [Tyson Ross](#) to leave via waivers.

The veteran pair was replaced by reliever Trey Wingenter and starter Brett Kennedy, who will make their major league debuts in the coming days.

“Sometimes the priorities change as the record shifts,” Green said Sunday. “These guys are going to get growth opportunities now.”

It might lead to short-term losing. The idea is that it leads to different results in the not-distant future.

“At some point, you’re going to have to learn,” catcher Austin Hedges said. “Whether you have success in that situation or you failed, either way you’re going to learn. When you’re thrown in the fire against a good team in a big situation in a great environment, when we get to those moments it won’t be the first time we’re doing it. Having that experience is going to be huge for us going forward.”

And as the Padres showed in their just-completed split of a four-game series with the Cubs, the aim of gaining experience and winning doesn’t have to be mutually exclusive. Sometimes a bunch of guys playing for jobs is dangerous.

“The last two months, we’re still paying baseball,” Jankowski said. “We’re not going out there to lose. We’re out there competing. If we’re going to be the heart-breaker who beats a team and they don’t make it into the playoffs because we beat them two out of three, so be it. We’re treating every game from here on out as if we’re in the playoffs, so we might as well go out and win them.”

Minors Cal Quantrill pitches quality win in El Paso debut

[Jeff Sanders](#)

Cal Quantrill's first [Pacific Coast League](#) start went much better than the last few months in the Texas League.

The [Padres](#) 2016 first-rounder turned in his first quality start in nearly a month only on his second since mid-June with six innings of two-run ball in [Triple-A El Paso's 10-3 win](#) over visiting Round Rock, the Chihuahuas' sixth win in a row.

Quantrill (1-0) struck out four and scattered seven hits and no walks in his first start since a promotion from Double-A San Antonio, where he'd posted a 5.93 ERA over his last 16 starts.

Quantrill was 6-5 with a 5.15 ERA in 22 starts in his second tour with the Missions, the chief reason he dropped from No. 4 in MLB.com's assessment of the Padres' top prospects to No. 10.

Luis Urias (.275) hit his eighth homer, doubled, drove in two runs and scored twice and **Raffy Lopez (.282)**, **Brett Nicholas (.305)** and **Auston Bousfield (.253)** each drove in two runs.

Javy Guerra (.214) went 3-for-5 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored.

El Paso is 64-49 and has a 3 ½-game division lead.

LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19-24, 51-61)

- [Lansing 5, TinCaps 4 \(7\)](#): RHP **Luis Patino (2.43)** matched a career-high with eight strikeouts and allowed two runs – one earned – on three hits and a walk in 5 1/3 innings. Patino started the game with 10 straight outs. **RHP Jose Quezada(4.7)** allowed two unearned runs in two-thirds of an inning and

RHP **Dylan Coleman** (1-1, 0.84) allowed an unearned run in the seventh in a rain-shortened loss. SS **Gabriel Arias** (.231) went 2-for-3 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES 1 (7-2, 17-20)

- [D-backs 11, Padres 6](#): RHP **Luarbert Arias** (2-4, 4.02) allowed six runs in 2 1/3 innings. DH **Nick Gatewood** (.290) hit his five homer and drove in two runs on two hits and 1B **Lee Solomon** (.321) went 3-for-5 with two doubles, an RBI, three runs and his sixth steal.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (5-4, 20-17)

- [Padres 14, Athletics 9](#): RHP **Michell Miliano** (11.09) allowed three runs on five hits and a walk in 1 1/3 innings. RHP **Felix Minjarez** (4-0, 2.29) allowed an unearned run in two innings for the win. 1B Jason Pineda (.240) hit his second homer, walked twice and drove in four urns and RF **Yordi Francisco** (.282) hit his first homer. **2B Tucupita Marcano** (.393) went 2-for-3 with a double, three walks, four runs scored and his 10th steal.

ROOKIE DSL PADRES (29-26)

- [Padres 6, Orioles 5](#): LHP **Manuel Partida** (2.55) started the game with four shutout innings of one-hit ball. CF **Junior Perez** (.166) went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a walk, his ninth steal and two runs and 1B **Brandon Valenzuela** (.259) went 2-for-4 with his first homer and his second steal.

Inbox: When will top prospects arrive?

Beat reporter AJ Cassavell answers Padres fans' questions

By AJ Cassavell

It looks like the Padres have turned their focus toward the future. Which prospects are expected to debut this season?

-- Peter

[Tyson Ross](#) and [Jordan Lyles](#) are off to the National League Central as [waiver claims](#). There's never been a clearer message that the Padres are turning toward the future and ready to give some of the talent in the their [top-ranked farm system](#) a chance.

For now, that means Brett Kennedy and Trey Wingenter get their callups. It also portends further moves in the not-so-distant future. Barring injury, Luis Urias and [Francisco Mejia](#) will almost certainly join the Padres over the next two months. (It's technically not a big league debut for Mejia, who had 18 plate appearances with Cleveland).

After Mejia and Urias (ranked third and fourth in the Padres system, respectively), Jacob Nix could earn the call as well. He'll need to be placed on the 40-man roster ahead of December anyway, or risk being exposed to the [Rule 5 Draft](#). For that same reason, the Padres might be hesitant to promote right-hander Cal Quantrill or left-hander [Logan Allen](#). With sparse room available on the 40-man, neither needs to be added until after next season.

How would [Austin Hedges](#) and Mejia coexist on a Major League roster? Who would get the most playing time?

-- Terry, Costa Mesa, Calif.

All along, the Padres insisted the Mejia trade wasn't a knock on Hedges' talent. They merely had the chance to land the game's top catching prospect, and they weren't about to pass up that opportunity.

Now, it leaves them with something of a long-term conundrum behind the plate. The Indians toyed with moving Mejia to the outfield. The Padres have no such plans in the immediate future. But ultimately, don't be surprised if Mejia gets some work in the outfield next spring.

If Hedges and Mejia are the team's two catchers next season, it's a safe bet Hedges' playing time will decrease. The Padres aren't going to put Mejia into a strict backup role. But Hedges will remain their No. 1 catcher, playing at a pace of something like 110 games. In theory, Mejia could catch the rest, while playing some outfield as well.

Who is the odd man out in the outfield going forward?

-- Justin, San Diego

That's what the rest of the season -- and possibly next season -- is for. The Padres are almost certainly going to add to their rotation, their bullpen and probably their infield. But it's hard to envision them signing an outfielder, given the logjam we're already seeing there.

Wil Myers is the left fielder (though it's possible he adds third base to his repertoire). **Manuel Margot** is the center fielder. After that, it's going to be a battle for playing time, and the Padres are fine with that. **Hunter Renfroe**, **Travis Jankowski**, **Franmil Reyes** and **Franchy Cordero** (who should return from a bone spur in his elbow for the start of next season) are all candidates.

The Padres have no problem moving forward with multiple options for one spot -- especially given the left-right platoon splits of all four hitters. It's probably better that they don't need to rely on one guy. But over the next couple months, I'd guess we see Renfroe playing regularly. It's his early chance to stake a claim for the starting job in right field next season.

Will Cory Spangenberg play shortstop this year? What is the plan for him?

-- Mike, San Diego

The Padres aren't going to make Spangenberg their shortstop of the future. Put simply: He isn't a shortstop. But there's inherent value if Spangenberg can play the position adequately as a backup. The Padres don't have a true backup shortstop on their roster. And it's unlikely they attack next season the same way they attacked this one -- with one player (**Freddy Galvis**) starting every game.

Spangenberg has been taking grounders at shortstop regularly during batting practice. There aren't any imminent plans to move him there, but here's why it makes sense to give him a shot either late this season or next spring: Utility pieces are much more valuable when they have "shortstop" on their resume.

Spangenberg has already proven he can play the outfield, along with his regular time at third and second base. He brings speed off the bench and a decent bat against right-handed pitching. If Spangenberg can add shortstop, that makes him immensely more appealing as a long-term roster option. I suspect we'll find out whether he can handle that position in the very near future.

Monday's top prospect performers

By Mike Rosenbaum

Here's [MLB Pipeline's](#) roundup of the top prospect performances in the Minor Leagues on Monday.

No stage has been too big for Royce Lewis in his first full season.

The [Twins' No. 1](#) prospect ([No. 10 overall](#)) put together one of the finest games as a pro as he homered off 2018 No. 1 overall pick Casey Mize en route to matching career highs with two home runs and five RBIs to help power Class A Advanced Fort Myers over Lakeland, 13-0.

Lewis, the top pick in the 2017 Draft, took Mize ([Tigers' No. 1](#), No. 20 overall) deep in the third inning, hitting a two-run shot that put the Miracle on the board. He would add a pair of singles and also reach once via a walk to finish 4-for-6 with three runs -- also career-high-tying totals.

The four-hit performance was Lewis' fifth in his last 10 games, during which he's hitting .390 (16-for-41) with 15 runs scored. In 21 games with the Miracle, he's produced a .329/.418/.506 line with three homers and 17 RBIs and nearly as many walks (13) as strikeouts (15).

Between Fort Myers and Class A Cedar Rapids, the 19-year-old shortstop has posted a combined slash line of .318/.380/.489 while totaling 12 homers, 29 doubles and 70 RBIs in 96 games. He's also scored 74 runs and swiped 26 bags in 32 attempts.

- No. 8 overall prospect Kyle Tucker ([Astros' No. 2](#)) and Yordan Alvarez (Astros' No. 3, No. 41 overall) both hit a home run and combined for five RBIs in Triple-A Fresno's 12-3 win over Memphis. They both went deep in the third inning, with Tucker connecting on a two-run shot and Alvarez adding a three-run blast later in the frame. Tucker later notched a second hit to finish 2-for-5 with three runs scored. On the year, Tucker and Alvarez have hit 15 and 18 home runs, respectively.

- No. 12 overall prospect Jesus Luzardo ([A's No. 1](#)) was impressive as he earned the win in his Triple-A Nashville debut. Luzardo worked five scoreless frames as he scattered eight hits and struck out six. Of his 76 pitches, 52 were strikes. The 20-year-old left-hander has been sensational while pitching at three levels in his first full season, as his latest gem gives him a 2.01 ERA with 117 strikeouts in 98 1/3 innings. Over his past 10 starts, meanwhile, Luzardo owns a 0.53 ERA in 51 innings.

- No. 22 overall prospect Luis Urias ([Padres' No. 4](#)) smashed a two-run homer in his first at-bat and added a double in his next trip to the plate before finishing 2-for-3 in Triple-A El Paso's win over Round Rock. The homer gives the 21-year-old Urias a career-high eight home runs on the season, and he's now tallied an extra-base hit in four of his last five games. Cal Quantrill (Padres' No. 10) paced El Paso on the mound by tossing six innings of two-run ball in his Triple-A debut. He scattered seven hits and struck out four.

- No. 69 overall prospect Jon Duplantier ([D-backs' No. 1](#)) faced the minimum over five perfect innings in a no-decision for Double-A Jackson. He struck out three and recorded another seven outs via ground balls, throwing 43 of 69 pitches for strikes. The 24-year-old right-hander has

been sharp since returning from the disabled list, allowing just one earned run on five hits in 12 innings spanning three starts. Overall, Duplantier owns a 2.21 ERA, 0.98 WHIP and .199 BAA over 40 2/3 innings (eight starts) at the Double-A level.

- No. 95 overall prospect Shane Baz ([Pirates' No. 4](#)) worked 4 2/3 scoreless innings in a strong start for Rookie-level Bristol. The 2017 first-rounder scattered four hits, issued three walks and struck out six in his first scoreless outing since his debut on June 20. In nine starts this season, Baz, 19, has compiled a 4.46 ERA with 48 strikeouts and an outstanding ground-ball rate over 40 1/3 innings.
- Making his full-season debut, [Indians No. 10](#) prospect Luis Oviedo tossed five scoreless innings to help lead Class A Lake County past Great Lakes, 4-2, and earn the win. The 19-year-old righty allowed two hits while posting four walks and four strikeouts while throwing 46 of 77 pitches for strikes. Oviedo was promoted to the Midwest League after he posted a 1.88 ERA, 0.92 WHIP and a 61-to-10 strikeout-to-walk ratio over 48 innings (nine starts) with Class A Short Season Mahoning Valley.
- Indians No. 19 prospect Tyler Freeman hit a first-inning double to extend his hitting streak to 18 games for Class A Short Season Mahoning Valley. The 19-year-old old shortstop also recorded a 13-game hitting streak earlier in the season and has hit safely in 39 of 46 games overall in the New York-Penn League. He's hitting .382 with 23 extra-base hits on the season.
- Padres No. 12 prospect Luis Patino took a no-hit bid into the fifth inning as he received a no-decision in Class A Fort Wayne's rain-shortened loss against Lansing. The electric 18-year-old righty allowed two runs (one earned) on two hits and one walk in 5 1/3 innings, striking out eight. Through 14 starts in his first full season, Patino sports a 2.43 ERA with 77 strikeouts and 18 walks in 66 2/3 frames.
- [Yankees No. 12](#) prospect Deivi Garcia combined with reliever Christian Morris to [throw a no-hitter](#) in Class A Advanced Tampa's 1-0 extra-inning loss against Clearwater in Game 2 of a doubleheader. He racked up 12 strikeouts, tying his career high, over seven perfect innings in his longest pro start. The live-armed 19-year-old right-hander has compiled 82 strikeouts against 13 walks in 52 1/3 innings this season across two levels. He's pitched to a 3.10 ERA in that span, while holding hitters to a sub-.200 average.

Eric Hosmer's first Padres season is a bad mix of more groundballs and more strikeouts

[By Dustin Palmateer](#)

If there are two results to be avoided by hitters these days, they're strikeouts and groundballs. Come to think of it, neither of the two has *ever* been particularly well regarded on the offensive side, though a case could be made for the efficacy of the grounder in the Deadball Era or the AstroTurf-covered 1980s.

Today, though, with well-positioned defenses (and more reliable gloves) and a flighty baseball, groundballs qualify as an undisputed triumph for the pitching side. Even when they squeak through the infield for base hits, they almost always go for relatively harmless singles. Thus, hitters are slashing just .242/.242/.266 on groundballs in 2018. While that paltry .508 OPS is actually *up* 12 points from [half a decade ago](#), the bigger problem with hitting a grounder now is the opportunity cost. Given the homer-happy environment of today's game, fly balls — and their always-reliable cousin, the line drive — are the ticket to a batting breakthrough.

Strikeouts, on the other hand, have always been linked to positive offensive outcomes like home runs and walks, but they suffer from the same downfall of the modern-day groundball. With the value of good contact being so high, too many strikeouts put a cap on the opportunities for on-contact success. By avoiding grounders *and* strikeouts, players like Mookie Betts and José Ramírez have taken their games to uncharted levels this season.

Then there's Eric Hosmer. The Padres' \$144 million man has gone in the opposite direction from Betts and Ramírez, grounding out even more often than he did as a Kansas City Royal while whiffing more than he ever has.

On the batted-ball side, Hosmer has continued his dogged pursuit of Ian Desmond for the league's lead in worm-burning this season. Among hitters with at least 300 plate appearances, Hosmer's 62 percent grounder rate at this point is [second only to Desmond](#) and three percentage points ahead of Jon Jay in a distant third place. While Hosmer has long been known for his groundball-first approach, it's never quite gotten to this extreme.

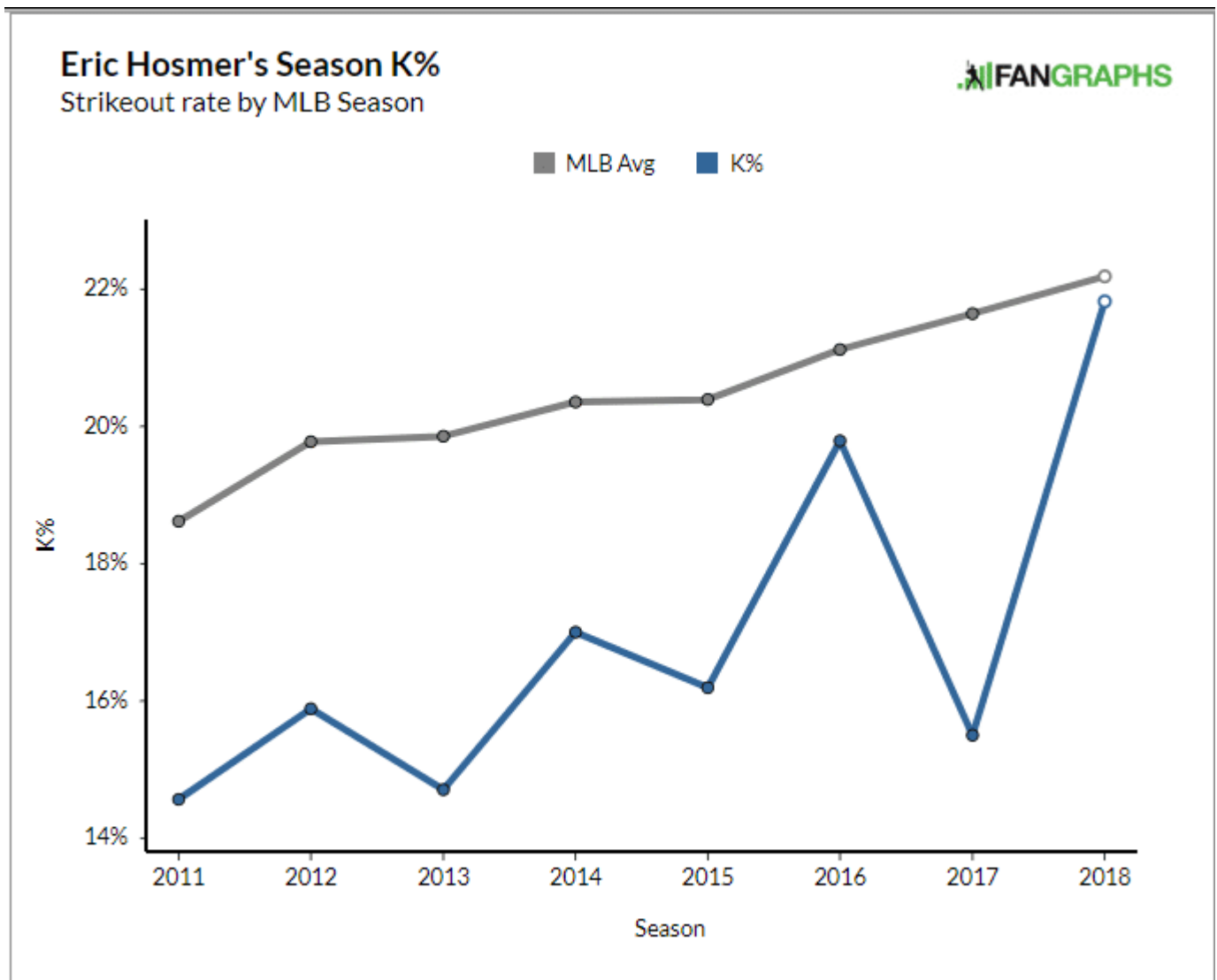
Year	GB%	Rank
2011	49.7	22
2012	53.6	13
2013	52.7	13
2014	51.2	18
2015	52.0	24

2016	58.9	2
2017	55.6	4
2018	62.0	2

Through the first five years of his career, Hosmer annually posted groundball rates hovering around 52 percent, good for anywhere from the 13th through 24th in the league. While Hosmer was air-averse then, he left the top of the grounder leaderboard to speed-first players like Everth Cabrera, Ben Revere and Dee Gordon. Over the past three seasons, however, Hosmer's grounder rate has jumped to 58.4 percent, second-highest in baseball, just 0.3 percentage points behind his low-flying nemesis, Desmond.

Hosmer has had success with a high-grounder game, of course; his finest offensive season came in 2017, when he put up a 55.6 percent figure. But he might be pushing his luck with a number north of 60 percent, leaving any hope of sustainable batting goodness to the whims of the BABiP gods. To that point, Hosmer's average on balls in play has sunk to .313 this season, down from .351 a year ago, helping to explain some of that unusually low .254 batting average.

Worse, Hosmer is suddenly striking out at a much higher rate.



The difference between Hosmer's strikeout rate and the league's peaked last season, at 6.1 percentage points, but Hosmer used a lower-than-average strikeout rate as a weapon throughout the first seven years of his career. So far this season, Hosmer's strikeout rate has ballooned to nearly the league average; at 21.8 percent, it's up 5.5 ticks from his career number entering 2018.

According to *Baseball Prospectus'* [plate discipline stats](#), Hosmer is seeing the same amount of strikes that he always has while swinging at roughly the same clip. He's simply swinging and missing more often.

Time frame	Contact Rate	Z Contact Rate	O Contact Rate
2018	72.9	83.5	55.5
2017	78.3	87.8	60.7
Career	78.2	86.1	65.6

The difference in the numbers from last season to this one might not seem particularly stark, but note that Hosmer has notched career worsts in overall contact rate and out-of-zone contact rate in 2018 (his zone contact rate is second-worst only to his rookie season). Hosmer's 78.3 percent contact rate from a year ago ranked 90th out of 223 hitters with a minimum of 1,500 pitches seen; his 72.9 percent mark from this season is all the way [down to 164th](#) (among the 232 to face 1,000 pitches).

Add everything up, and Hosmer's having his worst offensive season since 2012, his sophomore campaign. A first baseman who's hitting more like a middle infielder, Hosmer can't keep up with his position's many sluggers. His 94 wRC+ [ranks 26th](#) of 30 first basemen with at least 300 plate appearances, just one spot ahead of — you guessed it — Ian Desmond. Overall, Hosmer's wRC+ is 13 points off the league average for first sackers, and his defense and base running haven't cut into the margin any.

By just about any metric, Hosmer has been a replacement-level player this season. *FanGraphs'* WAR has him at -0.5, a half run *below* replacement level, while *BP's* WARP rates him similarly (-0.6). *Baseball Reference's* WAR, on the other hand, has him at 0.3 to the good.

If there's hope for Hosmer, it's that he has been here before. Since the start of his career, Hosmer has traded good seasons with bad ones with uncanny consistency. Using *FanGraphs'* WAR model, he's been worth -1.9 wins in four even-numbered years and 11.7 wins in four odd-numbered years. If his historical pattern tells us anything, the 2019 season could shape up to be another turnaround. Further, Hosmer is OPS'ing .874 over his last 10 games and, more encouragingly, has struck out only three times in 43 plate appearances over that period. It's too small of a sample to tell us much, but it's at least a step in the right direction for someone who wore four golden sombreros in a 13-game stretch from July 5 to July 22.

So far, though, Hosmer's first season in San Diego has been a bust. A rebound over the final 48 games and into next season is more than reasonable, but it's possible that one of these times Hosmer doesn't respond to a bad season with a good one, particularly as he edges closer to 30. If the higher strikeout rate sticks and the launch angle remains flat, the Padres' new first baseman could struggle to live up to a contract that pays him \$21 million annually for the next four seasons. Then again, it's only Year One; there's plenty of time for another about-face.

#PadresOnDeck: Top Pick Ryan Weathers Turns in Sharp Performance

SS draft picks Owen Miller and Xavier Edwards each have three hits

By Bill Center

Ryan Weathers, the Padres' first pick in June's draft, allowed two hits and one unearned run with four strikeouts over four innings Sunday night in the Arizona Rookie League.

The left-handed Weathers, who was the seventh overall pick in the draft and is already listed as the [Padres' No.9 prospect by MLB Pipeline](#), was one of five players at the lower echelons of the Padres' system having big games Sunday.

— Shortstop **Owen Miller**, the Padres' third-round pick in June who is the [Padres' No.30 prospect](#), was 3-for-3 with a walk and a RBI to raise his batting average to .335 for Short-Season Single-A Tri-City.

— Shortstop **Xavier Edwards**, who was the 38th overall pick in the draft and is ranked the [Padres' No.18 prospect](#), was 3-for-4 in the Arizona Rookie League with a double, two walks, a stolen base, a RBI and four runs scored. Sunday's performance pushed his batting average to .403.

— Corner infielder **Lee Solomon**, the 25th-round pick in the June draft, was 3-for-5 with a triple, a home run, five RBIs and two runs scored in the ARL, where he is hitting .308.

— Designated hitter **Nick Gatewood**, the Padres' 11th-round pick in June, was 2-for-5 with a double, a triple, five RBIs and two runs scored. He is hitting .286.

The results of two Top-30 catching prospects Sunday:

— **Francisco Mejía**, the [Padres' N^o3 prospect](#), was 3-for-5 with a double and a run scored for Triple-A El Paso, where he is off to a .382 start.

— **Austin Allen**, the [Padres' N^o25 prospect](#), was 2-for-4 for Double-A San Antonio to climb back above .300 (.303).

There was one major move Sunday. When the Padres promoted right-handed reliever **Trey Wingenter** to the Major Leagues from El Paso, they also promoted right-handed starter **Cal Quantrill** from San Antonio to Triple-A. Left-handed reliever **Danny Sexton** went from the Arizona Rookie League to San Antonio.

Around the Farm:

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (63–49): CHIHUAHUAS 4, Round Rock 1—3B **Dusty Coleman** hit a three-run walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth to give El Paso a fifth straight win (and ninth in 10 games) to open a 2 1/2-game lead in the Pacific Coast League's Pacific Southern Division. Coleman (.181) was 1-for-4. C **Raffy Lopez** (.281) backed Mejía and Coleman, going 1-for-4 with a RBI. 1B **Brett Nicholas** (.306) was 2-for-4 with a run scored. CF **Auston Bousfield** (.252) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. 2B **Luis Urías** had a double in four at-bats. LF **Shane Peterson** (.271) was 1-for-4. Starting RHP **Kyle Lloyd** (6.55 ERA) came off the disabled list and allowed a hit and two walks with two strikeouts in three shutout innings. RHP **Emmanuel Ramirez** allowed a run on three hits and two walks with five strikeouts over four innings in his Triple-A debut. RHP **Kazuhisa Makita** (2.04) allowed a hit with a strikeout in a scoreless inning. LHP **Kyle McGrath** (4–2, 3.46) issued a walk in an otherwise perfect inning to get the win.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (22–21, 64–49): MIDLAND 10, Missions 2—Starting LHP **Logan Allen** (10–6, 2.75 ERA) allowed three runs on six hits and two walks with three strikeouts in four innings to suffer the loss. RHP **Chris Huffman** (3.97) allowed two hits and a walk with a strikeout in two scoreless innings. Sexton allowed six runs on five hits and two walks with two strikeouts in 1 1/3 innings in his Double-A debut. RHP **Colby Blueberg** (6.55) allowed a run on two hits and a walk with a strikeout in two-thirds of an inning. DH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.296) backed Logan Allen, going 2-for-4 with a double. RF **Nick Schulz** (.165) was 0-for-1 with three walks and a run scored. LF **Josh Naylor** (.301) was 1-for-5. 3B **Ty France** (.261) was 1-for-3 with a hit-by-pitcher.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (22–22, 56–58): Storm 6, SAN JOSE 4—Starting LHP **Adrian Morejon** (3.30 ERA) left after the first inning after allowing a hit and two walks with a strikeout in an inning. RHP **Blake Rogers**(3.88) issued a walk with two strikeouts in two otherwise perfect innings. RHP **Pedro Avila** (7–6, 3.82) allowed four runs (three earned) on five hits and no walks with 10 strikeouts in five innings to get the win. RHP **Carter Capps** (6.41) struck out one in a perfect ninth to earn his first save. LF **Nate Easley** (.267) had a homer and a sacrifice fly in four at-bats for three RBIs. CF **Rod Boykin** (.197) had a double in four at-bats with a RBI and two runs scored. C **A.J. Kennedy** (.375) was 1-for-2 with two walks. DH **Luis Torrens**(.288) was 1-for-3 with a sacrifice fly and a run scored. SS **Chris Baker** (.228) had a triple and a run scored in four at-bats. RF **Jorge Oña** (.248) was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk and a RBI. 2B **Eguy Rosario** (.245) was 1-for-5 with a run scored. 1B **Brad Zunica** (.247) was 1-for-4. 3B **Hudson Potts** (.284) had his 35th double in four at-bats.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19–23, 51–60): Lansing 5, TIN CAPS 4—RF **Jack Suwinski** (.218) was 3-for-4 with two doubles, a homer and two RBIs. SS **Gabriel Arias** (.228) had a double in three at-bats with a walk and a run scored. 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (.253) hit a two-run homer in four at-bats. LF **Robbie Podorsky** (.366) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. DH **Luis Almanzar**(.176) was 1-for-4. Starting LHP **Ben Sheckler** (3.49 ERA) allowed three runs on four hits and two walks

with four strikeouts in six innings. RHP **Alex Smith** (1–1, 2.96) allowed a run on two hits and a walk with a strikeout in an inning to take the loss. LHP **Fred Schlichtholz** (3.93) allowed a run on two hits with two strikeouts in two innings.

SHORT-SEASON SINGLE-A TRI-CITY (5–8, 23–28): Salem-Keizer 5, DUST DEVILS 1—Starting RHP **Cole Bellinger** (1–5, 6.87 ERA) allowed four runs (three earned) on eight hits and a walk with three strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings to take the loss. RHP **Nick Kuzia** (4.18) allowed a hit with a strikeout in two-thirds of a scoreless inning. RHP **Ramon Perez** (3.38) allowed a run on three hits with six strikeouts in two innings. LHP **Dan Dallas** (1.78) and RHP **Jordan Guerrero** (0.00) each stuck out two in a perfect inning.

DOMINICAN SUMMER LEAGUE PADRES (28–26): The Dominican Summer League doesn't play on Sundays.

ARIZONA ROOKIE PADRES:

PADRES-1 (7–1, 17–19): PADRES 18, Angels 3–3B **Carlos Luis** (.283) backed Edwards, Solomon and Gatewood, going 2-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored. C-1B **Michael Cantu** (.229) was 2-for-4 with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. LF **Jaquez Williams** (.229) had a two-run double in five at-bats. 2B **Reinaldo Ibarra** (.200) was 0-for-1 with two walks, a hit-by-pitcher, a RBI and three runs scored. RF-CF **Agustin Ruiz** (.254) was 1-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored. CF **Jawuan Harris** (.188) was 0-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Starting RHP **Alexuan Vega** (14.73 ERA) allowed three runs on four hits and a walk with five strikeouts in three innings. Rehabbing RHP **Jean Cosme** (1–1, 3.86) allowed a hit with a strikeout in two scoreless innings. RHP **Edwain Bencomo** (3.54) allowed three hits with five strikeouts in four scoreless innings to earn his first save.

PADRES-2 (4–4, 19–17): Padres 5, WHITE SOX 2—LHP **Hazael Quijada** (2.81 ERA) followed Weathers and issued a walk with two strikeouts in an otherwise perfect inning. LHP **Tyler Mortensen** (1–1, 9.24) allowed a run on a hit and two walks with three strikeouts in 2 1/3

innings to earn the win. RHP **Mason Fox** (4.85) allowed a hit with a strikeout in 1 2/3 scoreless innings to earn his first save. 2B **Jordy Barley** (.198) was 2-for-4 with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. DH **Blinger Perez** (.250) hit a two-run homer in four at-bats. RF **Yordi Francisco** (.278) had a double in three at-bats with a RBI and a run scored. LF **Mason House** (.286) had a double in four at-bats with a run scored. 3B **Sean Guilbe** (.265) was 0-for-2 with three walks.