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Padres unload on Cubs to earn series split

Reyes slugs Majors' fifth-longest HR of 2018; SD breaks out late after losing 4-run lead

By Matthew Martell

CHICAGO -- Before Sunday's game, the Padres made a pair of roster moves that underscored how the organization's future success is its biggest priority.

An impressive start from rookie [Joey Lucchesi](#) and a moonshot from rookie [Franmil Reyes](#) in Sunday's game highlighted just how bright that future could be. A go-ahead double from 27-year-old [Cory Spangenberg](#) -- a veteran compared to many of his teammates -- in the eighth and a four-run ninth gave the Padres the 10-6 win in the series finale vs. the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

"It's one of the most team-oriented wins we've had all year, where everybody did something positive for us," manager Andy Green said.

Lucchesi, whose start was pushed back a day due to a stomach bug, held the potent Chicago offense to three runs (two earned) on seven hits over 5 2/3 innings. He recorded nine strikeouts and walked none; 74 percent of his 86 pitches went for strikes.

Reyes annihilated a 3-0 fastball from [Jon Lester](#) to lead off the fourth inning for a [477-foot solo home run](#), as projected by [Statcast™](#). The right fielder's homer was his seventh of the season and came in his first game back in the Majors. He was recalled from Triple-A El Paso on Saturday when [Wil Myers](#) was placed on the 10-day disabled list.

"Man, he crushed that ball. I like the way he looked down for the green light, 3-0. You could tell he wanted to hit," Green said. "Just turn the big guy loose and let him hit."

The excitement was evident in the visiting clubhouse following Sunday's win. Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" blared on the speakers, and multiple times, a player went over and turned the volume all the way up as a teammate was getting interviewed.

It could seem a bit out of place for such a celebration for a 70-loss team in early August, but for a young team with a loaded farm system and a promising future, perhaps the fervor was warranted.

"They've had energy [all season]," Green said. "They've had fight. When you don't get hits, it doesn't feel that way. When they get hits, you can feel the infectious energy."

The Padres led off each of the first four innings with a hit -- a single, homer, single, homer pattern -- to touch the 34-year-old Lester up for five early runs. Shortstop [Freddy Galvis](#) started the second with a home run that carried thanks to the wind blowing out and just barely got over the left-center-field wall.

But as they are known to do, the Cubs started chipping away at the lead. They scored two in the fifth inning, on two hits and two Padres errors, and tied the game, 5-5, in the seventh.

[Travis Jankowski](#), who replaced Reyes in the seventh, drew a two-out walk, stole second and scored on Spangenberg's double. [Hunter Renfroe](#)'s two-run blast and a two-run single from Jankowski accounted for the Padres' final four runs of the game.

The win earned the Padres a series split with the first-place Cubs, an achievement for San Diego considering it's coming off a 5-20 record in July, which is the second-worst monthly mark in franchise history. Both games the Padres lost to Chicago in this series were decided by one run.

"Every game was competitive," first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#) said. "We were in every game till the last pitch. We realized we can play with these guys now. It's just the ability to have that confidence every series."

MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

The Padres were leading, 6-5, when Renfroe cracked a 409-foot, two-run shot to left-center field with one out in the ninth. The home run proved to be crucial when [Ben Zobrist](#) hit a solo homer in the home half for the Cubs' sixth run.

SOUND SMART

Reyes' home run was the second longest for a Padres hitter since Statcast™ started tracking in 2015, behind [Franchy Cordero](#), who ripped a 489-foot blast on April 20 vs. the D-backs at Chase Field. It was also the fifth longest in the Majors this season -- Cordero's in Arizona was the longest -- as well as the longest at Wrigley Field in 2018.

But where does it rank on balls he's ever hit? Asked if it was the furthest, the 6-foot-5, 275-pound Reyes said, sternly: "No."

Was it close?

"No."

MITEL REPLAY OF THE DAY

The Cubs had already scored two runs in the fifth when [Javier Baez](#) was called safe stealing third base. The Padres challenged, and the call was overturned as [Christian Villanueva](#)'s glove remained on Baez as his lead hand left the bag and before he could regain contact.

UP NEXT

The Padres will have Monday off before traveling 90 miles north to begin a three-game series vs. the Brewers in Milwaukee on Tuesday, with [Clayton Richard](#) starting on the mound. In his Opening Day start against the Brewers on March 29, Richard tossed seven innings of one-run ball. [Chase Anderson](#) gets the nod for Milwaukee, with first pitch set for 5:10 p.m. PT at Miller Park.

Lyles, Ross claimed off waivers by NL clubs

Wingenter called up; Green describes moves as 'one big step closer to the future for us'

By Matthew Martell

CHICAGO -- Two veteran Padres right-handers, [Tyson Ross](#) and [Jordan Lyles](#), were claimed off waivers on Sunday, making room on the roster for reliever Trey Wingenter, who was selected from Triple-A El Paso.

Hinting at more moves in the coming days and weeks, manager Andy Green called the Padres' moves prior to Sunday's series finale vs. the Cubs at Wrigley Field "one big step closer to the future for us."

"In both those situations it's an opportunity for us to look at our younger guys," Green said. "There is a sadness to the day, though, because those two guys are well-respected and were very much appreciated in our clubhouse."

Ross, an All-Star with San Diego in 2014, was claimed by the Cardinals and will join the team in Miami for its upcoming series. Lyles, who has enjoyed somewhat of a breakout year, was claimed by the Brewers and departed Sunday morning for Milwaukee. It won't be long before Lyles sees his former team again, as the Padres begin a three-game series vs. the Brewers on Tuesday.

"It's good to see him go have the opportunity to pitch in meaningful August and September baseball games," Green said of Ross. "I think the world of him."

"[Lyles] pitched himself into the situation where another team wanted him this time of year."

Following Sunday's [10-6 win](#), Green said the Padres will select right-hander Brett Kennedy on Tuesday from El Paso to fill the vacancy left by Lyles. Kennedy will make his Major League debut when he starts on Wednesday vs. the Brewers at Miller Park. The 24-year-old Kennedy is 10-0 with a 2.72 ERA in 16 starts in Triple-A.

Wingenter, a 6-foot-7 right-hander, was still seemingly in awe of what was happening as he spoke with reporters before Sunday's game. He said this is his first time in Chicago, arriving around 2 a.m. CT.

"It's something I'd always dream about, think about, but you never really fathom that feeling until you get told you're heading up here," Wingenter said about his initial reaction to getting the callup. "I don't even know if I had a real thought or words or anything."

The original plan was for Wingenter to make the Padres' roster out of Spring Training, but he struggled with some mechanical issues during camp. Wingenter naturally throws across his body a little bit, but he said he was doing it too much in the spring, which hindered his command.

Down in Triple-A, he was able to take his time and work on fixing what he called "directional stuff that got a little out of whack." His slider, he said, has improved a lot since then because he can better locate its sharp bite.

"Every single person that's been through there has been raving about the way the ball's been coming out of his hand, the way he's been pitching," Green said. "Trey's going to pitch here for a long time. He's going to pitch well here, no matter what kind of start he gets off to. He's got a bright future. We all know that."

Drafted out of Auburn in the 17th round of the 2015 MLB Draft, Wingenter said his parents were visiting the school for a friend's graduation when he called them with the good news. They didn't even go back to their home in Huntsville, Ala. Instead, they went straight to the Birmingham Airport and came to Wrigley for their son's potential Major League debut.

The Padres are going to be calling more players up from Triple-A soon, perhaps as early as this upcoming week.

"This move makes sense on so many levels for us and for them," Green said. "For us, if we're going to get to the future, we've got to start to embrace the younger guys, and that's what this really is."

"I think you'll start seeing some guys float through here, not just Trey today, but in short order, next week, we'll probably see some new guys in here having some rotation opportunities."

Who will still be with Padres in 2025?

By Will Leitch

How long is seven years in baseball? MLB's 2011 leaders in games played (Prince Fielder), at-bats (Ichiro Suzuki), Wins Above Replacement (Cliff Lee), hits (Adrian Gonzalez and Michael Young) and stolen bases (Michael Bourn) are all out of baseball. Your top home-run hitter was [Jose Bautista](#); your best position player by WAR (Baseball-Reference) was [Jacoby Ellsbury](#). It was a long time ago. Seven years is a lifetime.

MLB teams are always obsessed with team control over players, about having them wrapped up and secured on their club for as long as possible. But here's a fun factoid: Of the top 30 hitters by WAR (FanGraphs) in 2011, only eight are still with the same team now as they were then. (And two of those, [Matt Kemp](#) and [Jose Reyes](#), played for other teams in between then and now before returning to the Dodgers and Mets, respectively.) Among the top 30 pitchers, there are only four. Continuity is, in many ways, an illusion.

Thus, this week at The Thirty, we flash forward seven years, to 2025, and attempt to predict, for each MLB team, the player most likely to still be playing for their current team in that season. Some players are simply signed for that long; the Phillies signed [Scott Kingery](#) potentially through '26 before this season even though he hadn't made his MLB debut yet. Some players are rookies or prospects who are the foundation of everything their team is trying to do over the next decade. And some are just icons who will end up with a statue by the ballpark someday. Here's a look at the players you should expect to see in the same uniform for the next seven years.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Blue Jays

Vladimir Guerrero Jr., 3B, age 19

Level: Triple-A

The Blue Jays have a lot of questions about their future, but Vlad Jr. will be the foundation they build around.

Orioles

Yusniel Diaz, OF, age 21

Level: Double-A

You can breathe easy: [Chris Davis](#) is only signed through 2022.

Rays

Jesus Sanchez, OF, age 20

Level: Class A Advanced

We went with Sanchez over [Willy Adames](#) because he hasn't reached the Majors yet and thus has less service time. But they'll probably both be traded by 2025 anyway.

Red Sox

[Mookie Betts](#), RF, age 25

Level: MLB

Betts can be a free agent after 2020, but the Red Sox wouldn't let him get away ... would they?

Yankees

Giancarlo Stanton, RF, age 28

Level: MLB

It's difficult to imagine the Yankees letting **Aaron Judge** get away after 2022, but it's impossible to imagine anyone else taking on Stanton's contract, which runs through '27 (unless he opts out after '20, which is highly unlikely).

AL CENTRAL

Indians

Francisco Lindor, SS, age 24

Level: MLB

I feel a little shaky about this one, considering Lindor already **turned down a massive extension offer**. But if the Indians lose Lindor moving forward, who are they, exactly?

Royals

Brady Singer, RHP, age 22

Level: 2018 Draft pick

Singer is the one Royals **Top 10 Prospect** still a couple of years away from the Majors, which fits our timeline perfectly.

Tigers

Casey Mize, RHP, age 21

Level: Class A Advanced

Unless, of course, **Miguel Cabrera** finishes in the top 10 of AL MVP Award voting in 2023, in which case he'll be a Tiger through '25.

Twins

Jose Berrios, RHP, age 24

Level: MLB

It turns out that the answer here, alas, is probably not going to end up being **Byron Buxton**.

White Sox

Eloy Jimenez, OF, age 21

Level: Triple-A

Suffice it to say, the White Sox aren't minding watching **Jose Quintana**'s struggles on the North Side.

AL WEST

Angels

Mike Trout, CF, age 26 (turns 27 on Tuesday)

Level: MLB

Put it this way: If Trout is not, the Angels might as well raze the place.

Astros

Jose Altuve, 2B, age 28

Level: MLB

Altuve's contract runs through 2024. No way the Astros are ever letting him wear another uniform. (He'll be 35 in '25.)

Athletics

Matt Chapman, 3B, age 25

Level: MLB

Unless they **Josh Donaldson** him before then. Chapman looks like a perfect A's building block.

Mariners

Mitch Haniger, RF, age 27

Level: MLB

The Mariners are disturbingly old -- you boys better make the playoffs this year -- but Haniger looks like the sort of guy to extend at a discount before he hits arbitration.

Rangers

Joey Gallo, INF/OF, age 24

Level: MLB

Similarly, with the Rangers in a period of transition, betting on Gallo figuring it out and becoming a more complete hitter doesn't seem like the worst idea. He'll be the same age in 2025 as **Paul Goldschmidt** and **J.D. Martinez** are now. (And yes, I was tempted to say **Bartolo Colon**.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Braves

Ronald Acuna Jr., LF, age 20

Level: MLB

Will the Braves have to choose between Acuna and **Ozzie Albies** long term, or can they keep them both?

Marlins

Brian Anderson, 3B/RF, age 25

Level: MLB

Obviously, the right answer here is probably "nobody."

Mets

Peter Alonso, 1B, age 23

Level: Triple-A

Your guess is as good as mine, honestly.

Nationals

Juan Soto, LF, age 19

Level: MLB

Still 19, folks.

Phillies

Scott Kingery, SS/3B, age 24

Level: MLB

Unless Kingery is a total washout, the Phillies can extend his contract through 2026.

NL CENTRAL

Brewers

Christian Yelich, OF, age 26

Level: MLB

Yelich seems like such a perfect fit for the Brewers that you can be certain they'll be trying to figure out a way to extend him past 2022.

Cardinals

Paul DeJong, 2B/SS, age 25

Level: MLB

DeJong's Spring Training contract extension gives the Cardinals team options on him through 2025.

Cubs

Kris Bryant, 3B, age 26

Level: MLB

If Bryant -- the guy who fielded the ball that won the Cubs the World Series -- ever leaves Chicago, something has gone terribly wrong.

Pirates

Gregory Polanco, RF, age 26

Level: MLB

The Pirates have club options on Polanco through 2023 ... he's young enough that it's not crazy to think he sticks around a couple of more years after that.

Reds

Joey Votto, 1B, age 34

Level: MLB

Votto is signed through 2023, when he will be 40. What's two more years? He'll still be putting up a .400 OBP, I am certain.

NL WEST

D-backs

Paul Goldschmidt, 1B, age 30

Level: MLB

A pretty tough call, actually; Goldschmidt will be 38 in 2025. But who else on this team or in this system is a better bet?

Dodgers

Cody Bellinger, 1B/OF, age 23

Level: MLB

Bellinger will turn 30 two weeks before the 2025 non-waiver Trade Deadline.

Giants

Buster Posey, C/1B, age 31

Level: MLB

Posey can play until he's 38, can't he? He certainly won't be playing for someone *e/se*.

Padres

Fernando Tatis Jr., SS, age 19

Level: Double-A

Tatis Jr. just be a little bit older in 2025 than **Bryce Harper** is now.

Rockies

Nolan Arenado, 3B, age 27

Level: MLB

Only 34 in 2025. If the Rockies can re-sign Arenado, it'll be for much longer than that.

Padres beat Cubs, show they won't give up on lost season

[Kevin Acee](#)

On the day the [Padres](#) symbolically surrendered, their remaining players showed emphatically that they don't care to give up.

“We're still playing major league baseball,” [Eric Hosmer](#) said. “You don't lose sight of that.”

A 10-6 victory over the [Cubs](#) on Sunday earned the team with the [National League's](#) worst record a split of its four-game series against the team with the National League's best record.

And it salvaged a bit of pride for a group that was so beaten down when it arrived in Chicago – having lost seven straight and 22 of its previous 30 games – that players met for 20 minutes without coaches on Thursday to clear the air.

“We really stepped it up this series and came together,” catcher [Austin Hedges](#) said. “We had some conversations within that were really positive. We decided there comes a point we've got to play for each other and you've got to play for the future, too. If this group wants to be together for a while and grow together, you don't just take these last few months off and expect to start in 2019.”

The Padres won 6-1 on Thursday, dropped successive 5-4 decisions and then survived a wild one Sunday afternoon that followed a morning in which they lost two veteran teammates.

The Padres allowed [Tyson Ross](#) and [Jordan Lyles](#) to depart after they were claimed off waivers, a [move calculated to create roster space for an influx of minor leaguers](#) who will be showing what they have over the season's final two months.

Hedges grimaced at the mention of the moves. But he was otherwise grinning after a game in which he earned every bit of his satisfaction.

Hedges took a swing to the forearm on [Javier Baez](#)'s home run follow-through in the third inning and a batter later took a hack to the back of his helmet on [David Bote](#)'s strikeout follow-through. He also threw out a runner trying to steal third base to end the fifth inning and picked off another runner at second base to end the sixth.

“It was a grind, and it was hot out there,” said Hedges, who doubled and scored in a four-run ninth inning. “That made it that much cooler to win. When you fight for a win and the boys are excited and we’re getting big hits and guys are making big pitches in big situations and you’re getting a little beat up back there, it makes it that much sweeter.”

After the Cubs tied the game 5-5 in the seventh, a two-out walk and stolen base by [Travis Jankowski](#) was followed by [Cory Spangenberg](#)'s RBI double in the eighth.

Four runs in the ninth — on [Hunter Renfroe](#)'s two-run homer and a bases-loaded single by Jankowski — provided cushion that was needed.

Kirby Yates was touched for a lead-off home run by Ben Zobrist and issued a one-out walk to Jason Heyward before striking out Baez and [Anthony Rizzo](#) to end the game.

Reliever Craig Stammen (5-1) allowed the tying run to score in the seventh before pitching a perfect eighth to get the win.

“We did a lot today,” manager Andy Green said. “You get up 5-1. They come back. ... To have the fight to get back ahead was huge for us.”

Solo home runs by [Freddy Galvis](#) and Franmil Reyes, a two-run triple from Hosmer and Renfroe's sacrifice fly against Cubs starter Jon Lester gave the Padres a 5-1 lead entering the bottom of the fifth.

Baez's 24th home run of the season had accounted for the Cubs' only run to that point, as Padres starter Joey Lucchesi effectively limited the damage done by the NL's

best-hitting team on a warm afternoon with the famous winds of Wrigley whipping out to the ivy-covered walls.

The Cubs' two-run fifth inning was ignited when [Tommy La Stella](#) reached on a catcher's interference when his swing hit Hedges' glove. After Lucchesi recorded his second strikeout of the inning (and eighth of his nine in the game), [Albert Almora Jr.](#) lofted a single to shallow left field that Renfroe grabbed on a bounce, turned and fired into the Cubs dugout. That sent La Stella home. Baez followed with a double to score Almora, prompting the crowd to chant "MVP, MVP" in appreciation of the 25 year-old infielder.

Two pitches later, Baez took off for third, barely beat Hedges' throw but momentarily slid past the bag as third baseman Christian Villanueva's tag remained applied to his mid-section. Initially ruled safe, Baez was called out on a replay challenge.

In the sixth inning, after Jose Castillo had come in to replace Lucchesi with two out and runners on first and second, Hedges picked off David Bote at second to end the sixth.

Baez was again at the plate with a runner in scoring position in the seventh inning, after the Cubs had chased Castillo by scoring a run on three consecutive singles.

Stammen replaced Castillo and struck out Baez. That brought Rizzo to the plate for the first time in the game. The All-Star first baseman, who was getting an off day after going 6-for-12 with two homers in the series' first three games, watched a strike go by before swatting a bloop single down the left-field line to tie the game.

With runners at first and third, Addison Russell hit a sharp liner up the middle that Galvis laid out to spear and then flipped the ball to second base while still on the ground for the inning-ending force out.

"That saved us," Jankowski said of Galvis' play. "A lot of guys in the dugout after that play said, 'We're winning the game today because of that play.'"

After two quick outs in the eighth, Jankowski fell behind 0-2 to Carl Edwards Jr. before taking four straight balls to reach base in his first plate appearance of the day.

He stole second two pitches later and scored easily when Spangenberg sliced a line drive into center field.

“This was the best team win of the year,” Green said. “There were just so many different contributions.”

Padres notes: Franmil's blast, Wingenter's improvement; Villa's haunting

[Kevin Acee](#)

Before he sent a 3-0 fastball from [Cubs](#) pitcher [Jon Lester](#) farther than all but four other major leaguers have this season, Franmil Reyes looked for permission.

“You could tell he wanted to hit,” manager Andy Green said after the [Padres](#)’ 10-6 victory over the Cubs on Sunday. “We turned him loose, and he turned it loose. It was impressive.”

Indeed, Reyes’ first home run in 50 at-bats left the plate at more than 111 mph and clanged off the roof of the second level of suites inside the batters’ eye at [Wrigley Field](#). It traveled an estimated 477 feet, the fifth-longest homer in the majors in 2018, according to [Statcast](#).

(The longest was Padres outfielder [Franchy Cordero](#)’s 489-foot blast on April 21 in Arizona. Cordero, on the disabled list following surgery to remove bone chips in his elbow last month, paid homage via Twitter to his teammate and longtime friend from the Dominican Republic.)

“In Triple-A, I had a lot of green lights on 3-0,” said Reyes, who has 16 home runs in 210 at-bats in Triple-A this season. “So I was trying to put a good swing on the baseball and take advantage, because I know 3-0, the pitcher is always going to throw something close to the zone.”

It was Reyes’ seventh home run of the season but first since June 5, a span interrupted by two options to Triple-A.

Reyes, who made his major league debut on May 14, was called up for his third major league stint on Saturday when [Wil Myers](#) (foot) was placed on the disabled list. Myers

could return when eligible on Aug. 13, but Reyes figures to be worked into a four-man outfield rotation at least until Myers is back.

“He’s going to play,” Green said. “He’s going to get a lot of opportunities over the next couple weeks.”

Trey magnificent

Trey Wingenter briefly had the Padres thinking the 6-foot-7 right-hander with the fastball in the high-90s would break camp with them in the spring. Then he ran into some control issues that lingered into the Triple-A season, largely the result of a mechanical flaw that had him throwing too far across his body.

Fixing those issues and getting back to throwing strikes, including with a burgeoning slider, earned him his first major league call-up on Saturday.

“I struggled a little bit in camp and a little bit in April,” the 24-year-old Wingenter said before Sunday’s game, which did not require his services. “That’s helped me – bouncing back from adversity. I’ve had to clean up some things mechanically and mentally, and I think I’m in a lot better place right now.”

In 16 appearances since the middle of June, Wingenter has a 1.06 ERA, 1.00 WHIP and has struck out 21 in 17 innings.

Haunting Cubs

Christian Villanueva was signed by the [Rangers](#) out of Mexico in 2008, traded to the Cubs in 2012 and released on Dec. 2, 2016.

The Padres signed him 10 days later, and he is now a rookie third baseman. It has been an up and down season. After being named [National League](#) Rookie of the Month in April, he hit .183/.227/.348 in 238 plate appearances from May 1 to July 31.

He went 2-for-3 Sunday and 6-for-13 in the four-game series against the Cubs. In seven games against them this season, he was 10-for-23 with two doubles and two homers.

Extra bases

- The Padres' starting pitchers in Milwaukee will be Clayton Richard on Tuesday, [Brett Kennedy making his major league debut Wednesday](#) and Robbie Erlin on Thursday.
- [Eric Hosmer](#) was 3-for-5 with a triple on Sunday. He has reached base in 12 straight games, batting .333 with a .412 on-base percentage in that span.
- Travis Jankowski entered Sunday's game as a defensive replacement in the seventh inning. He walked, stole second and scored in the eighth inning and then drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the ninth. He has hit safely in five straight games.
- Manuel Margot was 2-for-5 Sunday and is batting .436 (10-for-23) in his past nine games.
- [Freddy Galvis'](#) second-inning fly ball rode the Wrigley wind to the first row of the left field bleachers, just above the ivy. It was certainly aided by the breeze, but that and a walk continued a productive 2½ weeks for the shortstop in which he has raised his batting average nine points to .237 and his on-base percentage five points to .294.

Padres move on without Ross, Lyles after pitchers claimed on waivers

[Kevin Acee](#)

The [Padres](#) moved into full discovery mode Sunday, allowing starting pitcher [Tyson Ross](#) to go to the [Cardinals](#) and fellow right-hander [Jordan Lyles](#) to go to the [Brewers](#) after both were claimed off trade waivers.

“It’s one big step closer to the future for us,” manager Andy Green said before Sunday’s game against the [Cubs](#) at [Wrigley Field](#). “We need to get there. I’ve been wanting to get there in some ways for a while. I understand the timing of this. This is perfect for us in many ways.”

The Padres, who beat the Cubs 10-6 Sunday afternoon, have the worst record (44-70) in the [National League](#) and have been set on seeing minor league pitchers perform in the majors, and they needed to create space for that to happen.

Neither Ross nor Lyles was part of their long-term plans.

Still, Green said, “There’s a sadness to the day.”

Virtually every player is placed on waivers in August. If they are claimed, a team has 48 hours to make a trade, pull the player back or let the player go. If the player is pulled back, he cannot be traded the remainder of the season.

In this instance, the sides could not reach deals and the Padres decided it was best to move on.

“It was always fairly obvious, if we weren’t in contention, this would be the time of the year to start introducing some guys to the major leagues for us,” Green said. “... It’s

where we are in the process. There are a lot of guys we want to look at over the next few weeks.”

The Brewers and Cardinals are responsible for the remainder of the pitchers’ contracts (the season is about 70 percent complete). Ross is making \$1,750,000, with a \$200,000 bonus for every start he makes between 20 and 29 for the season (he’s made 22). Lyles is making \$750,000 with a \$1-million option or \$250,000 buyout for 2019.

The Padres recalled reliever Trey Wingenter from Triple-A El Paso on Sunday, and he takes one of the 40-man roster spots vacated by Ross and Lyles. They still have two spots available on the 40-man roster and also a spot on the 25-man roster, which they will fill in the next couple days.

The Padres will call up right-hander Brett Kennedy to start Wednesday in Milwaukee. Ross’ spot would have come up Thursday. Kennedy last pitched Wednesday.

Not only is Kennedy 10-0 with a 2.72 ERA for El Paso, he and Wingenter are among the player who will be eligible for the Rule 5 draft in December. That is when teams can select certain minor leaguers (based on the age they were signed and how long they have been playing professionally) not on another organization’s 40-man roster.

The Padres need to evaluate whether those players merit protecting.

Also eligible is second baseman Luis Urias, the organization’s No.4-ranked prospect, pitcher Chris Paddack (fifth), pitcher Anderson Espinoza (11th), catcher Austin Allen (25th) and pitcher Pedro Avila (29th). Among those, only Urias will be called up this season.

It is also likely the Padres see right-hander Jacob Nix soon. The organization’s 14th-ranked prospect, was promoted from Double-A and threw six shutout innings in his first Triple-A start Saturday.

Depending on how the next few weeks go, the team could also decide to bring up right-hander Cal Quantrill (their 10th-ranked prospect) and left-hander Logan Allen (eighth). Allen is in Double-A, and Quantrill was promoted to Triple-A on Sunday.

“This makes so much sense on so many levels — for us and for them,” Green said. “For us, if we’re going to get to the future we have to start embracing the younger guy. That’s what this really is. As great as Tyson has been for us over the course of the year, that opportunity cost of having him in the rotation keeps somebody else out of the major leagues, and that somebody else needs opportunity right now.”

In his second stint with the Padres, the 31-year-old Ross was 6-9 with a 4.45 ERA. He was 5-5 with a 3.32 ERA through June but in his last six outings went 1-4 with an 8.26 ERA, allowing 26 runs and 34 hits (including six homers) in 28 1/3 innings.

Lyles, 27, was signed as a free agent by the Padres last August after his release by Colorado. He had a 9.39 ERA in five starts but fared better this season, especially out of the bullpen, where he had a 3.33 ERA in 24 1/3 innings. But he continued to struggle as a starter, with a 2-4 record and 4.79 ERA in eight outings. His combined ERA this season is 4.29.

“It’s tough when you’ve invested in guys, you believe in guys, you love guys,” Green said. “It’s tough watching them walk out that door and go to other places. But both of them — they’re going to good opportunities.”

The Brewers, who play the Padres in a three-game series beginning Tuesday, trail the Cubs by 1½ games in the [National League Central](#) and hold the top wild card spot. The Cardinals are 7½ out in the Central and four games behind the [Braves](#) for the second wild card spot.

Minors Jacob Nix pitches El Paso to win

[Jeff Sanders](#)

Jacob Nix's first Triple-A start of the season went off without a hitch.

The 22-year-old right-hander struck out three and scattered five hits over six shutout innings, leading El Paso to a [5-3 win](#) over visiting Round Rock.

Nix (1-0) didn't walk a batter and threw 63 of his 94 pitches for strikes.

Eligible for the Rule 5 draft after the season, Nix was 2-3 with a 2.05 ERA, 41 strikeouts and a 0.91 WHIP in 52 2/3 innings to start the season at Double-A San Antonio.

The start of his season was delayed due to a groin injury and later interrupted by a trip to the DL because of a non-physical ailment.

Nix – who allowed only one run in 6 2/3 innings in last year's PCL playoffs – is ranked No. 14 in the [Padres](#) farm system by MLB.com.

Relievers **Jonathan Aro** (3.48), **Brad Wieck** (4.73) and **Rowan Wick** (2.51) all pitched scoreless frames after right-hander **Seth Simmons** (4.50) allowed three runs without recording an out in the seventh.

Designated hitter **Raffy Lopez** (.282) went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored and second baseman **Luis Urias** (.272) and catcher **Francisco Mejia** (.333) each had three hits.

The win was the fourth in a row for El Paso (62-49).

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

(Through Friday; min. 300 plate appearances, 80 innings)

- **Batting average:** .304 – C Brett Nicholas (AAA)
- **On-base percentage:** .391 – 1B Josh Naylor (AA)
- **Homers:** 19 – C Austin Allen (AA)
- **Total bases:** 200 – 3B Hudson Potts (A+)
- **RBI:** 73 – Nicholas
- **Steals:** 44 – OF Buddy Reed (A+, AA)
- **Wins:** 10 – LHP Logan Allen (AA), RHP Brett Kennedy (AAA), LHP Jerry Keel (AA/AAA)
- **ERA:** 1.91 – RHP Chris Paddack (A+/AA)
- **WHIP:** 0.76 – Paddack
- **Saves:** 14 – LHP Travis Radke (A)
- **Strikeouts:** 122 – Allen
- **SO/W:** 15.7 – Paddack

SATURDAY'S GAMES

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (22-20, 64-48)

- **Missions 9, Midland 6 (10):** 3B **Ty France** (.260) doubled and hit a grand slam for his 17th homer and the go-ahead runs in extra innings. CF **Buddy Reed** (.182) 1B **Josh Naylor** (.303), 1B **Kyle Overstreet** (.274), RF **Nick Schulz** (.167) and DH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.290) each had two hits. RHP **T.J. Weir** (3-1, 1.71) struck out two over two scoreless innings in relief for the win.

HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (21-22, 55-58)

- **Storm 5, San Jose 3:** RHP **Michel Baez** (4-7, 2.91) struck out eight and allowed two runs on two hits and two walks in six innings in the win and RHP **David Bednar** (3.02) struck out four over two scoreless innings. CF **Edward Olivares** (.271) and 1B **Brad Zunica** (.247) both hit two homers. Olivares has nine on the season and Zunica has 15.

LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19-22, 51-59)

- **Lansing 5, TinCaps 3:** LHP **Aaron Leasher** (3.32) struck out seven and allowed two runs – one earned – on three hits and three walks in six innings. RHP **Reiss Knehr** (0-1, 27.00) allowed three runs in the seventh. CF **Robbie Podorsky**(.368) went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

SHORT-SEASON TRI CITY (5-7, 23-27)

- **Salem-Keizer 15, Dust Devils 3:** RHP Adrian Martinez (2-4, 7.32) allowed seven runs – five earned – in 4 1/3 innings. CF **Tre Carter** (.241) tripled in two runs and LF **Michael Curry** (.235) and 2B **Luke Becker** (.240) each had two hits.

ROOKIE AL PADRES 1 (16-19)

- **Reds 8, Padres 7:** DH **Nick Gatewood** (.320) went 4-for-5 with two homers (4) and four RBIs, C **Michael Cantu** (.235) drove in three runs on three hits and CF **Jawuan Harris** (.206) went 3-for-5 with a triple and a run scored. RHP **Efrain Contreras** (3.60) struck out 10 and allowed five runs on eight hits and two walks in seven innings.
- **Padres 4, Reds 3 (7):** SS **Xavier Edwards** (.381) went 1-for-2 with a double, two RBIs, a walk and a run scored and 3B **Carlos Luis** (.273) drove in two runs. 1B **Lee Solomon** (.293) went 2-for-3 with a double and a run. RHP **Nick Thwaites**(1.50) struck out five and allowed two runs on four hits and two walks in three innings in the start.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (18-17)

- **Padres 6, D-backs 0:** LHP **Joey Cantillo** (2-1, 2.23) struck out five over five shutout innings of one-hit ball after RHP **Manny Guzman** (4.29) started the game with four no-hit innings. LF **Mason House** (.29) drove in three runs on two homers (2).

ROOKIE DSL PADRES (28-26)

- **Padres 9, Reds 6:** RHP **Carlos Guarate** (1-0, 3.00) struck out four and allowed a run on three hits and no walks in four innings in relief in the win. CF **Junior Perez** (.156) went 3-for-4 with his first homer, three RBIs and two runs scored.

Transactions

- RHP **Trey Wingenter** will be recalled by the Padres on Sunday. OF **Franmil Reyes** was recalled from El Paso on Saturday.
- RHP **Emmanuel Ramirez** was transferred from Lake Elsinore to El Paso
- RHP **Eric Yardley** was transferred from San Antonio to El Paso.
- RHP **Erik Johnson** was placed on El Paso's seven-day disabled list.
- LHP **Travis Radke** was transferred from Fort Wayne to San Antonio.
- RHP **Trevor Megill** was activated from San Antonio's DL and transferred to Lake Elsinore.
- RHP **Reiss Knehr** was transferred from the Arizona League to Fort Wayne.

Minors Cal Quantrill pushed to El Paso

[Jeff Sanders](#)

The [Padres](#)' third and seventh picks from the 2016 draft are in the majors, with **Eric Lauer** and **Joey Lucchesi** arriving this spring as the first pitchers from that class to arrive.

The team's first pick from that draft is one step below the majors now.

Right-hander **Cal Quantrill**, the No. 8 pick from the 2016 class, was promoted Sunday from Double-A San Antonio to Triple-A El Paso despite a rocky stay in the Texas League.

The 23-year-old right-hander had allowed five runs over his last 10 innings but was 6-5 with a 5.15 ERA, 101 strikeouts and a 1.48 WHIP in 22 starts (117 innings) in his second full year in the system.

The summer months had been especially rough on Quantrill. He posted a 3.16 ERA in April before that number jumped to 5.85 in May and 8.51 in July.

Nevertheless, Quantrill followed up last year's selection to the California League All-Star team with a selection to the Texas League All-Star team.

Quantrill's 117 innings is third in the system behind left-handers **Jerry Keel** (126) and **Logan Allen** (121).

Quantrill was also an [All-Star Futures Game](#) selection last year and is ranked 10th in the system by MLB.com, down from fourth before the season.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (63-49)

- **Chihuahuas 4, Round Rock 1:** RHP **Emmanuel Ramirez** (2.25) allowed a run in four innings in his Pacific Coast League debut after RHP **Kyle Lloyd** (6.55) started the game with three shutout innings. RHP **Kazuhisa Makita** (2.04) turned in a scoreless eighth and LHP **Kyle McGrath** (4-2, 3.46) earned the win with a scoreless ninth. DH **Francisco Mejia** (.382) went 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored and 3B **Dusty Coleman** (.181) hit a walk-off, three-run homer. The Chihuahuas have won five in a row and have a 2 1/2-game lead in the division.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (22-21, 64-49)

- **Midland 10, Missions 2:** LHP Logan Allen (10-6, 2.75) allowed three runs in four innings in the start. C Austin Allen (.303) and DH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.296) each had two hits. The Missions have lost seven of 10 to fall into third place in the second-half race.

HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (22-22, 56-58)

- **Storm 6, San Jose 4:** LHP **Adrian Morejon** (3.30) exited after one-plus inning due to an apparent injury. Morejon allowed one hit, walked two and struck out a batter. RHP **Pedro Avila** (7-6, 3.82) struck out 10 and allowed four runs – three earned – in five innings and RHP **Carter Capps** struck out a batter and hit one in a scoreless ninth for his first save. LF **Nate Easley** (.267) drove in three runs on his third homer.

LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19-23, 51-60)

- **Lansing 5, Tincaps 4:** LHP **Ben Sheckler** (3.49) allowed three runs in six innings in the start and RHP **Austin Smith** (1-1, 2.96) allowed a run in the seventh to take the loss. 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (.253) drove in two runs on his 11th homer and RF **Jack Suwinski** (.218) drove in two runs on two doubles and his seventh homer.

SHORT-SEASON TRI-CITY (5-8, 23-28)

- [Salem-Keizer 5, Dust Devils 1](#): RHP **Cole Bellinger** (1-5, 6.87) allowed four runs – three earned – on eight hits and a walk in 4 1/3 innings. SS **Owen Miller** (.335) went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a walk. Tri-City has lost four in a row.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES 1 (7-1, 17-19)

- [Padres 18, Angels 3](#): RHP **Edwain Bencomo** (3.54) struck out five over four scoreless innings for his first save. 1B **Lee Solomon** (.308) hit his fifth homer and drove in five runs and DH **Nick Gatewood** (.286) drove in five runs on two hits. SS **Xavier Edwards** (.403) went 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI, two walks, four runs scored and his 12th steal.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES 2 (4-4, 19-17)

- [Padres 5, White Sox 2](#): LHP **Ryan Weathers** (2.08) struck out four and allowed an unearned run on two hits and no walks in four innings in his second official appearance. 2B **Jordy Barley** (.198) went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

Transaction

- LHP **Danny Sexton** was transferred from the Arizona League to San Antonio. Sexton was 2-0 with a 1.00 ERA and 13 strikeouts in 18 innings before allowing six runs in 1 1/3 innings in his Texas League debut Sunday.

Padres ready to look at Trey Wingenter, Brett Kennedy and a lot of other guys

[By Dennis Lin](#)

CHICAGO — Potential pieces of the Padres' future have trickled in from the farm system throughout a season filled with both losses and debuts. Joey Lucchesi introduced his unique delivery to San Diego on March 30, in the second game of the year. Several other players have ascended to the majors since, from Eric Lauer and Franmil Reyes to José Castillo and Robert Stock.

With less than two months left, the Padres are pacing toward their worst record in a decade, and the faucet is turning. The trickle should soon become something closer to a stream.

Before Sunday's 10-6 victory over the Cubs — a game in which Lucchesi struck out nine batters and Reyes pummeled a 477-foot home run — Tyson Ross and Jordan Lyles departed Wrigley Field in street clothes. The Padres had relinquished both veteran pitchers as trade waiver claims, with Ross headed to the Cardinals and Lyles, selected by the Brewers, traveling ahead of his now-former team to Milwaukee.

General manager A.J. Preller, who has balked at adding marginal prospects to baseball's deepest array of minor-league talent, did not receive anything in return for either arm. By jettisoning Ross and Lyles, however, the Padres created fresh opportunities on their active roster.

“It was a way to get some other guys up that we'd like to see here in the last two months of the season,” Preller said. “It's also giving [Ross and Lyles] an opportunity to go elsewhere and pitch in pennant races and more competitive situations. From our standpoint, it's an eye toward next year and turning the page right now to give us a head start at looking at some guys we think could be in the bigs with us next year.”

One of the vacated roster spots went to a flamethrowing relief prospect. Trey Wingenter, a 6-foot-7 right-hander, settled into the visiting clubhouse Sunday morning. He had never been to Chicago. Upon learning of his promotion the previous day, his parents had gotten on one of the first available flights from Alabama.

“It’s a dream come true,” Wingenter said. “Still trying to take it all in and a little overwhelmed, but I think that’s expected.”

Wingenter overcame a rough start to his season. He had logged a 2.10 ERA for Triple-A El Paso since the end of April. With a fastball that will touch 100 mph, a cross-fire delivery and an improving slider, he profiles as a late-innings weapon.

“It’s a live arm,” Padres manager Andy Green said.

The other roster opening will be filled by another 2015 draft pick. Starter Brett Kennedy will make his Padres debut Wednesday at Miller Park. The right-hander’s fastball velocity sits in the low 90s, several ticks below Wingenter’s average, but he has earned a look by consistently performing in hitter-friendly environments. In 16 starts with El Paso, Kennedy went 10-0 with a 2.72 ERA.

“Not being on the roster, you really have to fight your way on to receive that opportunity,” Green said. “He’s definitely put himself into this spot. He’s earned it.”

Green described the corresponding departures and arrivals as “bittersweet.” Ross had been uneven of late, but after his career was derailed by thoracic outlet syndrome, he has remade himself into a viable big-league starter. Lyles, meanwhile, has gone from a failed project in Houston and Colorado to an effective swing man. Both pitchers flirted with no-hitters this season.

“You have respect for the way [Ross and Lyles] worked, respect for the way they pitched and respect for who they are as people, so that’s always tough,” Green said. “This one makes total sense on so many levels, for us and for them. For us, if we’re going get to the future, we’ve got to start to embrace the younger guy, and that’s what this really is.

“It’s one big step closer to the future for us, and we need to get there. I’ve been wanting to get there in some ways for a while now. ... Where we are in the process — and it doesn’t mean every guy in the minor leagues has a chance to be called up right now — there’s a lot of guys we’re going to look at over the next few weeks.”

Like Wingenter and Kennedy, most of the top candidates for call-ups would be eligible for the Rule 5 draft if left off the 40-man roster before December. Owing to a recent increase in depth at his position, catcher Austin Allen is one prospect who poses a dilemma: Allen must be added to the 40-man roster this

year, but he does not have a clear path to playing time in San Diego. Team sources say he will be a topic of considerable discussion as the season winds down.

Certain other prospects, such as starting pitchers Logan Allen and Cal Quantrill, do not need to be added to the roster until next year, a fact that will be weighed in the face of an [imminent roster crunch](#). “It’s a never-say-never scenario,” one official said, “but it will factor in for us.”

With Wingenter and Kennedy scheduled to debut this week, here are six other prospects who could surface before the end of the season:

Jacob Nix, RHP, El Paso

Nix, the Padres’ fifth-round draft selection in 2014, recorded a 2.05 ERA in nine starts this season for Double-A San Antonio. He immediately impressed in his first Triple-A start of the year, throwing six shutout innings Saturday. Aside from Kennedy, he is the organization’s readiest starting-pitching prospect.

Luis Urías, 2B, El Paso

Urías has not performed as well as hoped in his first full season in the Pacific Coast League, but he is expected to reach Petco Park by mid-September. Despite some struggles adjusting to more advanced pitching, he entered Sunday with a .383 on-base percentage, the very department in which the Padres need the most help. Only 21, Urías remains one of the minors’ best offensive prospects.

Francisco Mejía, C, El Paso

Mejía, the heralded return in last month’s trade of Brad Hand and Adam Cimber, is already on the 40-man roster and another player who will see San Diego before 2018 is over. Where he’ll appear on the field is the most interesting question. Most rival scouts doubt he has a long-term future as a major-league catcher. For evaluation purposes, the Padres intend to give him another dozen Triple-A starts or so at his primary position. The bat, according to impartial observers, should be good enough to play anywhere, though Mejía would provide optimal value if he can stick behind the plate. The Padres would not be opposed to a future scenario in which Mejía spells starting catcher Austin Hedges while contributing at other spots.

Brad Wieck, LHP, El Paso

Also already on the 40-man roster, Wieck is a 6-foot-9 lefty whose combination of size and stuff will warrant a look. The 26-year-old reliever posted a 4.73 ERA through his first 13 appearances in Triple A this season. Before that, he owned a 1.93 ERA across 27 Double-A games.

Rowan Wick, RHP, El Paso

Wick, a converted outfielder, was claimed off waivers from the Cardinals in February. He has pitched increasingly well as the season has gone on, with a 2.96 ERA between the Double-A and Triple-A levels. He is among many intriguing bullpen options in the system, but since he is 25, his chance could come sooner rather than later.

Miguel Díaz, RHP, San Antonio

To little surprise, Díaz struggled as a Rule 5 pick on the big-league club last season. But his potential remains significant. In a two-inning cameo with the Padres last month, he struck out five of the eight batters he faced. He should re-emerge in the San Diego bullpen before long.

Lester hit hard again as Cubs lose 10-6 to Padres

Associated Press

CHICAGO -- [Jon Lester](#) offered no clues. When it comes to his mid-summer swoon, there's only one thing for the veteran left-hander to do.

"Figure it out. A little rut right now," he said. "Keep grinding."

Lester was hit hard again and the [San Diego Padres](#) also battered Chicago's bullpen on their way to a 10-6 victory over the Cubs on Sunday.

[Cory Spangenberg](#) put San Diego ahead to stay with a tiebreaking double off [Carl Edwards Jr.](#) (3-2) with two outs in the eighth inning. [Hunter Renfroe](#) hit a two-run homer and [Travis Jankowski](#) added a two-run single in the Padres' four-run ninth against [Randy Rosario](#).

Renfroe finished with three RBI, helping the last-place Padres salvage a split of the four-game series after they blew a 5-1 lead in the finale.

"It was one of our most team-oriented wins we've had all year where everybody did something positive for us," manager Andy Green said.

Spangenberg and Jankowski were inserted into the game as defensive replacements in the seventh inning. [Craig Stammen](#) (5-1) got the win despite allowing pinch-hitter [Anthony Rizzo](#)'s tying single.

Lester was tagged for five runs and eight hits in five innings. The All-Star left-hander was 10-2 with a 2.18 ERA after beating the Dodgers on June 26, but has a 6.81 ERA in seven starts since that win in Los Angeles.

"I can't tell you from the view behind the plate or from center field, but stuff kept getting better in the game," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "That's what I saw."

One of the biggest problems for Lester has been the long ball, and it hurt him again on Sunday. [Freddy Galvis](#) golfed a leadoff drive just over the wall in left in the second, and [Franmil Reyes](#) opened the fourth with a massive shot to center that traveled an estimated 477 feet for baseball's fifth-longest homer this season, according to Statcast.

The 34-year-old Lester has allowed at least one homer in each of his last seven starts. Getting him back on track could be the biggest key for Chicago as it tries to hold off Milwaukee in the NL Central.

"Just got to be better," Lester said.

Asked about his health at this point in the season compared to past years, Lester said: "Every year is different. I'm here. I'll take the ball in five days."

San Diego also got a two-run triple from [Eric Hosmer](#) with two outs in the second. [Joey Lucchesi](#) struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings after his start was pushed back a day due to a bout with food poisoning.

"The main thing we can't lose focus on is understanding how hard the process is," Hosmer said. "We're going to learn from failure. As long as we're gaining ground and moving forward, we'll be all right. And we definitely did that in this series."

[Javier Baez](#) hit his career-best 24th homer and an RBI double for Chicago, which won five of seven in the season series against San Diego. [Ben Zobrist](#) added two hits after beginning the game on the bench, including his eighth homer.

Rizzo came up again with a runner on first in the ninth and struck out looking on a pitch that appeared to be outside, ending the game. Rizzo then had a long conversation with plate umpire Angel Hernandez before leaving the field.

"I feel like I have a great working relationship with pretty much the whole league," Rizzo said. "But with that being said, that call was unacceptable. Angel told me to look at it, I looked at it, and he was wrong. ... Things like that can't happen, and it happened all game."

COMING AND GOING

San Diego lost right-handers [Tyson Ross](#) and [Jordan Lyles](#) on waiver claims. Ross was picked up by St. Louis, and Lyles was claimed by Milwaukee.

Right-hander Trey Wingenter was promoted from Triple-A El Paso. Green said right-hander Brett Kennedy will come up from the minors to start Wednesday against the Brewers in his major league debut.

The 24-year-old Kennedy is 10-0 with a 2.72 ERA in 16 starts for El Paso.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs: Maddon said RHP [Yu Darvish](#) (triceps and elbow injuries) felt good after throwing 55 pitches in a bullpen session Saturday. "We're in the process of talking about what we're going to do with him in Kansas City," Maddon said.

UP NEXT

Padres: Following an off day, LHP [Clayton Richard](#) (7-10, 4.99 ERA) faces Brewers RHP [Chase Anderson](#) (7-7, 3.65 ERA) in the opener of a three-game set at Milwaukee. Richard is 0-4 with a 7.05 ERA in his last seven starts.

Cubs: LHP [Cole Hamels](#) (6-9, 4.53 ERA) starts the opener of a three-game series at Kansas City on Monday night. It will be Hamels' second start since he was acquired in a July 27 trade with Texas. RHP [Jakob Junis](#) (6-11, 5.12 ERA) pitches for the Royals.

#PadresOnDeck: Nix All Zeroes in AAA–El Paso Debut

4 two–homer games; shared 1–hitter in Arizona Rookie League

By Bill Center

Right-hander **Jacob Nix**, 22, allowed five hits with no walks and three strikeouts over six scoreless innings Saturday night in his 2018 debut with Triple-A El Paso.

Nix, the [Padres' N^o14-ranked prospect](#) by MLB Pipeline, turned in one of three strong starts by pitchers with full-season Padres' affiliates while **Manny Guzman** and **Joey Cantillo** combined on a one-hit shutout in the Arizona Rookie League.

Meanwhile, four two-homer games paced the top offensive performances.

Right-hander **Michel Baez**, 22, the [Padres' N^o7 prospect](#), allowed two runs on two hits and two walks in eight strikeouts over six innings for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore, where he is 4–7 with a 2.91 earned run average.

Left-hander **Aaron Leasher** (3.32 ERA) allowed two runs (one earned) on three hits and three walks with seven strikeouts over six innings for Single-A Fort Wayne.

Right-hander Guzman opened the one-hitter in the ARL, allowing no hits and one walk with two strikeouts over four innings to lower his ERA

to 4.29. Left-hander Cantillo, 18, followed, allowing a hit and a walk with five strikeouts to earn the win (2–1) while lowering his ERA to 2.23.

Center fielder **Edward Olivares**, 22, the [Padres' No.28 prospect](#), hit two solo homers in three at-bats with a walk for Lake Elsinore, where he is hitting .271 with nine homers on the season. First baseman **Brad Zunica** (.247) also hit two homers for the Storm. Zunica was 2-for-4 with three RBIs on his 14th and 15th homers.

Left fielder **Mason House** (.292) was 2-for-3 with two homers and a walk in the ARL. Designated hitter **Nick Gatewood** (.281) also had a two-homer game in the ARL as part of a 4-for-8 doubleheader with four RBIs.

Other notable hitting performances by top Padres' prospects.

— Second baseman **Luis Urías**, the [Padres' No.4 prospect](#), was 2-for-3 with a walk and a run scored for El Paso. Urías, 21, has reached base eight times in the last four games and is hitting .272.

— Catcher **Francisco Mejía**, the [Padres' No.3 prospect](#), was 2-for-4 with a RBI for the Chihuahuas and also threw out a would-be base stealer. He is hitting .333.

— Center fielder **Buddy Reed**, 23, the [Padres' No.13 prospect](#), was 2-for-5 with a walk, a stolen base, two runs scored and a RBI for Double-A San Antonio, where he is off to a .182 start.

— Left fielder **Josh Naylor**, 21, the [Padres' No.15 prospect](#), was also 2-for-5 with a walk, two runs scored and a RBI for San Antonio, where he is hitting .303.

There were a series of moves in the Padres' system Saturday.

Right-handed starter **Emmanuel Ramirez** was promoted from Lake Elsinore to El Paso and right-handed reliever **Eric Yardley** was promoted from San Antonio to El Paso. Right-handed reliever **Erik Johnson** was placed on the seven-day disabled list at El Paso. Right-handed reliever **Reiss Knehr** was promoted from the ARL to Fort Wayne.

Around the Farm:

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (62–49): CHIHUAHUAS 5, Round Rock 3— DH **Raffy Lopez** (.282) backed Urías and Mejía, going 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. LF **Shane Peterson** (.271) was 1-for-3 with a walk and a RBI. 1B **Allen Craig** (.299) was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. RF **Forrestt Allday** (.293) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. 3B **Diego Goris** (.265) was 0-for-2 with two walks and a RBI. RHP **Seth Simmons** (4.50) followed Nix and allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits and a walk without recording an out. RHP **Jonathan Aro** (3.48) pitched a perfect inning. LHP **Brad Wieck**(4.73) allowed a hit and a walk with three strikeouts in a scoreless inning. RHP **Rowan Wick** (2.51) allowed a hit with two strikeouts in a scoreless ninth to get his third save.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (22–20, 64–48): Missions 9, MIDLAND 6— 3B **Ty France** (.260) backed Reed and Naylor, going 2-for-5 with a double, his 17th homer, four RBIs and two runs scored. 1B **Kyle Overstreet** (.274) was 2-for-4 with a walk and a RBI. RF **Nick Schulz** (.167) was 2-for-5 with a double and a run scored. DH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.290) was 2-for-5 with two runs scored. SS **River Stevens** (.265) was 1-for-5 with two RBIs. C **Webster Rivas** (.285) and 2B **Matthew Batten** (.270) were each 1-for-5. RHP **Miguel Diaz** (2.44 ERA) allowed three runs on three hits and two walks with five strikeouts in 3 1/3 innings. **Gerardo Reyes** (3.21) allowed a run on two hits and a walk in 1 2/3 innings. LHP **Travis Radke** allowed a run on three hits with two strikeouts in three innings in his Double-A debut. RHP **T.J. Weir** (3–1, 1.71) allowed an unearned run on four hits and two strikeouts in two innings to get the win.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (21–22, 55–58): Storm 5, SAN JOSE 3—RHP **Trevor Megill** (3.38 ERA) came off the disabled list to follow Baez, allowing a run on a hit with two strikeouts in an inning. RHP **David Bednar**(3.02) allowed three hits with four strikeouts in two scoreless innings to get his eighth save. SS **Allen Córdoba** (.205) backed Olivares and Zunica, going 1-for-3. RF **Jorge Oña** (.247) was 0-for-2 with two walks and a run scored.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19–22, 51–59): Lansing 5, TIN CAPS 3—Knehr made his Leasher in his Fort Wayne debut and allowed three runs on two hits and two walks with two strikeouts in an inning to take the loss. RHP **Caleb Boushley** (2.67 ERA) struck out three in two perfect innings. CF **Robbie Podorsky** (.368) was 2-for-4 with a RBI. 2B **Esteury Ruiz** (.253) was 1-for-4 with a RBI. RF **Aldemar Burgos** (.207) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. LF **Jack Suwinski** (.211), shortstop **Gabriel Arias** (.227), 1B **Jalen Washington**(.241) and 3B **Luis Almanzar** (.175) were all 1-for-4.

SHORT-SEASON SINGLE-A TRI-CITY (5–7, 23–27): Salem-Keizer 15, DUST DEVILS 3—LF **Michael Curry** (.235) was 2-for-4 with a run scored. 2B **Luke Becker** (.240) was 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored. CF **Tre Carter**(.241) had a triple in four at-bats with a sacrifice fly, two RBIs and a run scored. SS **Olivier Basabe** (.322) was 1-for-3 with a double, a walk and a RBI. SS **Owen Miller** (.324) was 1-for-3 with a walk. C **Blake Hunt** (.248) was 1-for-4. Starting RHP **Adrian Martinez** (2–4, 7.32 ERA) allowed seven runs (five earned) on nine hits and a walk with five strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings. RHP **Jonathan Guzman** (4.29) allowed four runs (three earned) on five hits with a strikeout in two-thirds of an inning. RHP **Spencer Kulman** (5.11) allowed a run on a hit and two walks with a strikeout in an inning. LHP **Cody Tyler** (9.00) gave up three runs on three hits with a strikeout in an inning. RHPs **Wen-Hua Sung** (8.03) and **Joe Galindo** (2.12) each struck out one in a perfect inning.

DOMINICAN SUMMER LEAGUE PADRES (28–26): Padres 9, REDS 6—CF **Junior Perez** (.156) was 3-for-4 with a home run, three RBIs and two runs scored. RHP **Mauricio Rodriguez** (3.09 ERA) allowed

five runs on five hits and two walks with four strikeouts in four innings. RHP **Carlos Guarate** (1–0, 3.00) allowed a run on three hits and no walks with four strikeouts over four innings to earn the win.

ARIZONA ROOKIE PADRES:

PADRES-1 (16–19): PADRES 4–7, Reds 3–8 — C **Michael Cantu** backed Gatewood, going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. 1B-3B **Carlos Luis** (.273) was 3-for-7 with two RBIs and a run scored. 1B-3B Lee Solomon (.293) was 3-for-8 with a double and two runs scored. CF **Jawuan Harris** (.191) was 3-for-8 with a triple and a run scored. SS **Xavier Edwards** (.381) was 1-for-2 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. LF **Jaquez Williams** was 2-for-5 with a run scored. 2B **Reinaldo Ibarra** (.201) was 1-for-2 with a stolen base and a run scored. Starting RHP **Nick Thwait** (1.50 ERA) allowed two runs on three hits and two walks with five strikeouts in three innings in the game the Padres won. RHP **Frank Lopez** (1–3, 5.40) issued a walk with a strikeout in a hitless, scoreless inning to get the win. RHP **Martin Carrasco** (1.93) allowed a run on three hits in an inning. RHP **Carlos Belen** (2.53) allowed a hit in a scoreless inning. RHP **Tom Colletti** (0.84) struck out the side in a perfect ninth to earn his third save. Starting RHP **Efrain Contreras** (3.60) allowed five runs on eight hits with two walks and 10 strikeouts in seven innings. RHP **Dalton Erb** (3.21) allowed two runs (one earned) on two hits with two strikeouts in an inning. LHP **Jose Cabrera** (0–1, 2.70) allowed a run on a hit with a strikeout in one-third of an inning to take the loss.

PADRES-2 (18–17): Padres 6, DIAMONDBACKS 0 — CF **Angel Solarte** (.256) backed House, going 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored.

Home runs lead Padres to 10-6 win over Cubs

AP

CHICAGO (AP) — [Cubs](#) ace [Jon Lester](#) was hit hard again and the [San Diego Padres](#) also battered [Chicago](#)'s bullpen on their way to a 10-6 victory Sunday.

[Cory Spangenberg](#) put San Diego ahead to stay with a tiebreaking double off [Carl Edwards Jr.](#) (3-2) with two outs in the eighth inning. [Hunter Renfroe](#) hit a two-run homer and [Travis Jankowski](#) added a two-run single in the Padres' four-run ninth against [Randy Rosario](#).

Renfroe finished with three RBIs, helping the last-place Padres salvage a split of the four-game series after they blew a four-run lead in the finale.

Spangenberg and Jankowski were inserted into the game as defensive replacements in the seventh inning. [Craig Stammen](#) (5-1) got the win despite allowing pinch-hitter [Anthony Rizzo](#)'s tying single.

Lester was tagged for five runs and eight hits in five innings. The All-Star left-hander was 10-2 with a 2.18 ERA after beating the Dodgers on June 26, but has a 6.81 ERA in seven starts since that win in Los Angeles.

One of the biggest problems for Lester has been the long ball, and it hurt him again on Sunday. [Freddy Galvis](#) golfed a leadoff drive just over the wall in left in the second, and [Franmil Reyes](#) opened the fourth with a massive shot to center that traveled an estimated 477 feet.

The 34-year-old Lester has allowed at least one homer in each of his last seven starts. Getting him back on track could be the biggest key for Chicago as it tries to hold off Milwaukee in the competitive NL Central.

San Diego also got a two-run triple from [Eric Hosmer](#) with two outs in the second. [Joey Lucchesi](#) struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings after his start was pushed back a day due to an illness.

[Javier Baez](#) hit his career-best 24th homer and an RBI double for Chicago, which won five of seven in the season series against San Diego. [Ben Zobrist](#) added two hits after beginning the game on the bench, including his eighth homer in the ninth.

The Cubs trailed 5-1 before pushing across two runs in the fifth and seventh. [Albert Almora Jr.](#) singled in Zobrist in the seventh. After Baez struck out, Rizzo drove in Ian Happ with a perfectly placed bloop into left field.

COMING AND GOING

San Diego lost right-handers [Tyson Ross](#) and [Jordan Lyles](#) on waiver claims. Ross was picked up by St. Louis, and Lyles was claimed by Milwaukee.

“When you’ve invested into guys, you believe in guys,” Padres manager Andy Green said. “It’s tough watching them walking out that door and go to other places. But both of them are going to good opportunities.”

Right-hander Trey Wingenter was promoted from Triple-A El Paso. The Padres said they will fill Lyles’ roster spot before their series opener against the Brewers on Tuesday night.

Wingenter is looking to make his major league debut. He said he arrived in Chicago around 2 a.m., and his parents also made the trip from Huntsville, Alabama.

“It’s a dream come true,” he said. “Still trying to take it all in and, you know, a little overwhelmed. But that’s to be expected.”

TRAINER’S ROOM

Cubs: [Yu Darvish](#) (triceps and elbow injuries) could be headed for a simulated game after throwing 55 pitches in a bullpen session Saturday. But manager Joe Maddon said he wanted to check on how Darvish was feeling after the bullpen session before finalizing the next move for the right-hander.

UP NEXT

Padres: Following an off day, LHP [Clayton Richard](#) (7-10, 4.99 ERA) faces Brewers RHP Chase Anderson (7-7, 3.65 ERA) in the opener of a three-game set at Milwaukee. Richard is 0-4 with a 7.05 ERA in his last seven starts.

Cubs: LHP [Cole Hamels](#) (6-9, 4.53 ERA) starts the opener of a three-game series at Kansas City on Monday night. It’s Hamels’ second start since he was acquired in a July 27 trade with Texas. RHP Jakob Junis (6-11, 5.12 ERA) pitches for the Royals.