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Padres set to call up pitcher Jacob Nix

[Kevin Acee](#)

This is going quickly.

A fourth Padres starting pitcher will make his major league debut Wednesday night.

A fifth is scheduled to do so this weekend.

Jacob Nix, the right-hander who made his Triple-A debut just this past Saturday, has been informed he will be called up Friday.

Nix is expected to start Friday in the opener of a three-game series against the Phillies at Petco Park.

The Padres figure to go forward with a six-man rotation, at least through their current stretch without a day off until Aug. 20.

That still requires some machinations, since Nix will make seven pitchers ostensibly in the rotation.

Brett Kennedy will make his debut Wednesday against the Brewers.

[Robbie Erlin](#) will start here Thursday.

Rookie [Walker Lockett](#)'s turn would come Friday, though he could be the corresponding move to make room for Nix. Lockett allowed five runs on nine hits Saturday against the Cubs in his second major league start.

Rookie Joey Lucchesi's normal turn would come Saturday. Rookie Eric Lauer is eligible to come off the disabled list (forearm strain) Thursday, and his progress suggests his return is not far off.

The other pitcher is 34-year-old Clayton Richard, who on Tuesday allowed five runs on seven hits in five innings and has a 7.29 ERA over his past eight starts.

Nix, who was slowed out of camp each of the past two years by a groin injury, posted a 2.05 ERA and 0.91 WHIP in nine starts in Double-A this season. He scattered five hits over six scoreless innings in his only Triple-A start.

The Padres' [14th-ranked prospect](#), Nix started for the Padres when a team made up of their prospects played a team of [Texas Rangers](#) prospects this past September at Petco Park.

The Padres have gotten the third-most starts from rookie pitchers this season. The 37 starts by Lauer (18), Lucchesi (17) and Lockett (two) trails only the 49 starts made by six Marlins rookies and 43 starts made by seven [Rays](#) rookies.

Trey Wingenter on Tuesday became the sixth Padres reliever to make his major league debut this season, joining Colten Brewer, Jose Castillo, Adam Cimber, Kazuhisa Makita and Robert Stock.

Trey Wingenter's Padres debut quite the journey for parents, too

[Kevin Acee](#)

From their seats 20 rows up behind home plate, they kept looking down toward the visitors' bullpen beyond the right field wall at [Miller Park](#).

Fortunately, the reliever they were looking for cuts a distinctive figure.

“No, not tall enough.”

“Hair isn't long enough.”

Then, after the [Padres](#) scored two runs to push their lead over the [Brewers](#) to 11-5 in the top of the ninth inning, Trey Wingenter took the far mound in the bullpen and began to throw.

The four people in those seats — Wingenter's parents, girlfriend, Erin Williams, and uncle, Jim Towers — were about to have a great seat to the moment they'd all been waiting for.

Especially, Tony and Rhonda Wingenter.

Trey Wingenter said afterward he could hardly feel his legs and had to remind himself to breathe and “just trying to control it, keep (the ball) from going off the backstop.”

His parents were experiencing something similar.

“It's very hard to describe,” Tony Wingenter said. “It was, ‘I can't believe this is happening’ and ‘Good for him. He's worked for this his whole life.’ It was total joy.”

The Wingenters had made a decision as their son was coming up through the Padres system.

“If he got to the point where he was going to make it, we were going to make sure we weren’t going to miss this particular achievement,” Tony said Wednesday, a day after Trey pitched a perfect ninth in his major league debut. “It was really unbelievable.”

And so there was no need to ask whether their journey of the previous couple days had been worth it.

Tony and Rhonda were at a friend’s daughter’s college graduation on Saturday when Trey called to say he would be joining the Padres in Chicago the next day. They didn’t make the four-hour trip home but instead flew out the next morning from Birmingham, Ala.

After Trey didn’t pitch Sunday, Tony and Rhonda decided to fly back to Birmingham on Monday, drive home to Madison, Ala., and catch what was supposed to be a Tuesday morning flight to Milwaukee. The flight was delayed, and they didn’t get to Milwaukee until the early evening. With Trey being a reliever, they knew they had some time. So they checked into their hotel and got to Miller Park in the second inning.

They remain in Milwaukee to not only be here in case Trey pitches again but to watch the major league debut of Brett Kennedy, Trey’s roommate since last season.

They will head to San Diego after this series, having made reservations when they decided to go to Milwaukee — just in case he didn’t pitch against the Brewers. The parents of a reliever know how that goes.

“We have a bad habit of missing him by one day,” Tony said.

They weren’t going to this time.

Padres OF competition as intense as ever, with time of essence

[Kevin Acee](#)

It's slightly less congested with [Wil Myers](#) on the sideline another five days or so and [Franchy Cordero](#) out for the season.

But the [Padres'](#) outfield competition has reached a pivotal point where time is running short and performance seems to be ramping up.

[Manuel Margot](#), Myers and Cordero would seem to be locks to return in 2019 — as long as they are not part of a trade. (It's expected that few Padres players will be off-limits in what is expected to be an offseason full of dealing.)

That leaves [Travis Jankowski](#), [Hunter Renfroe](#) and Franmil Reyes being intensely evaluated for what might be one available spot. The competition has been ongoing most of the season, but perhaps never more fiercely than with less than two months remaining and all three demonstrating value.

Renfroe and Reyes have both homered in consecutive games and for the third straight game will start in left and right field, respectively, Wednesday against the Brewers.

Renfroe has started five straight games for the first time since June and is 7-for-21 in that span. Reyes is 5-for-6 with two homers and a double in the past two games and is batting .389/.500/.778 over his past 11 games (22 plate appearances).

Jankowski had hit in five straight games (7-for-15) before striking out in his only at-bat after entering Tuesday's game as a defensive replacement. His sprint to backhand a dying liner to end the seventh inning demonstrated a facet of his game neither of the others possess, just as he doesn't have their power.

“It’s fun,” manager Andy Green said. “You want to see guys rise up. Hunter has played really well as well. He’s had some big swings for us. ... Both those guys on the corner have a ton of power. Travis brings something unique, too. He makes that catch in left field look relatively easy, and my guess is there’s only a few left fielders in the game making that catch. He’s as good out there with a glove on his hand as anybody. To have that kind of weapon late in the game to run the base and fill that role. ...”

All three players have expressed their understanding of the situation, as the Padres assess which players they will keep for the next step in their building process.

“I have to give my 100 percent,” Reyes said Tuesday night. “I really want the opportunity to stay here. I want to make the space for myself.”

Over the weekend, Renfroe expressed the [need to finish strong](#), and Jankowski on Sunday acknowledged the [urgency of the situation](#). It wasn’t the first time either had said so. This has been their reality since [spring training](#), though Reyes is really a late serious entrant in the derby, essentially replacing Cordero as their competition.

While Cordero is out the rest of the season following surgery to remove bone spurs from his elbow, Myers appears on track to return early next week from the bone bruise in his foot.

Provided the Padres don’t make a trade involving one of the outfielders, Myers’ return will crowd the rotating door.

“You just want to see them go out and compete to win baseball games and have fun,” Green said. “It will figure itself out in time. But, obviously, they’re sitting there with an opportunity right now. You want to see them take advantage of it. ... We’ll find a way to work everybody into the mix. There’s probably not a game we’re winning that Travis Jankowski doesn’t play a role. They’re all going to get opportunities.”

Brett Kennedy roughed up in debut as Padres fall to Brewers

[Kevin Acee](#)

Nowhere Brett Kennedy pitched this year prepared him for what he faced Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

Not in the thin desert air of El Paso and Las Vegas. Not in the thin mountain air of Albuquerque and Reno and Salt Lake City.

In none of those [Pacific Coast League](#) locales where offensive numbers are often ridiculously inflated had Kennedy been bombarded the way the [Brewers](#) greeted him at the outset of his first major league game.

Kennedy became the first pitcher in major league history to allow three consecutive home runs in his first big-league inning, which got the [Padres](#) well on the way to an 8-4 defeat.

According to STATS, Inc., Kennedy is the third pitcher to allow homers to three straight batters in his debut, along with Bill Fulton in 1987 and Tyler Thornburg in 2012.

“That happened real quick,” Kennedy said afterward. “I didn’t even realize it was three in a row. You make a couple mistakes, things can add up quickly here.”

Kennedy, who turned 24 on Saturday, allowed another run in the second inning before getting through his final two innings surrendering just two more singles. He was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the top of the fifth having thrown 86 pitches (60 strikes) and allowing 11 hits in his four innings.

Solo home runs off [Phil Hughes](#) — by Orlando Arcia in the fifth and [Christian Yelich](#) in sixth — gave the Brewers their final two runs.

Austin Hedges led off the fifth inning with his second single of the game and later scored on a [Cory Spangenberg](#) single. Hunter Renfroe's two-run homer in the sixth, his third straight game with a home run, made it 7-3. Manuel Margot doubled in Spangenberg in the seventh for the final margin.

Like virtually every pitcher making his major league debut, Kennedy spoke the day before of his goal to treat it like just another game.

Even before the homers, after he had retired Yelich on a grounder and given up a groundball single to [Lorenzo Cain](#) and a bloop single by [Mike Moustakas](#) that hit the left-field line, it was evident the young right-hander was not quite achieving that aim.

Where he generally throws 91-93 mph, he had by that point thrown four of his 15 pitches faster than 94 mph and even hit 96 mph with the pitch Cain slapped through the right side.

The issue was pretty simple for a pitcher whose ability to locate is paramount. He wasn't wild, but his pitches were sometimes jumping to parts unknown.

"I was amped up," he said. "The ball was coming out pretty good."

The slider Jesus Aguilar reached out to tag 367 feet the other way to right was actually a quality pitch — certainly one that few minor league hitters would put over the fence.

It perhaps precipitated the fastballs Travis Shaw hit 421 feet and [Eric Thames](#) hit 384 feet. Those were essentially dead over the middle of the plate — or at least as close as a pitch needs to be in order to invite substantial damage in the big leagues.

"I think I tried doing a little too much after that, the next two home runs," Kennedy said. "After that, I settled down and started making pitches."

The Padres, who on Friday will debut right-hander Jacob Nix, hope Kennedy's launch was akin to the April debut by left-hander Eric Lauer, who allowed seven runs (six earned) in three innings April 24 at Colorado.

Lauer has since at least been mostly competitive and has had a number of solid starts, including going 8 2/3 innings without allowing a run to the Dodgers last month.

Much like Coors Field and the [Rockies](#), [Miller Park](#) and the Brewers comprise a tough opening foe and venue combination.

The Brewers entered the game with the ninth-most home runs in the majors. Aguilar's was his 28th, Shaw's his 23rd and Thames' his 16th.

Many pitchers get a rude awakening when they make the jump from Triple-A to the majors.

What was somewhat curious is that Kennedy had earned his promotion by taming the notoriously hitter-friendly PCL in his first Triple-A season. He allowed a total of six home runs in his 16 starts for the El Paso Chihuahuas. His ERA in 89 1/3 innings was 2.72, which with one more inning would have ranked fourth among the PCL's qualifying pitchers.

"I see a guy who believes in himself," manager Andy Green said. "He's got confidence. I don't think he's going to let that waiver because of one inning. The next three innings were more indicative of who he is.

He's got a lot to draw on from 10-0 with a two-seven in the PCL. ... He's got a lot of thing to draw on and be positive and resilient about."

Minors Baseball America: Padres have top farm system

[Jeff Sanders](#)

The [Padres](#), according to Baseball America's updated rankings, have the top farm system in the game.

At this rate, that standing might not last all that long.

Or maybe it's deep enough that it will.

The Padres, up from No. 3 as a system, are promoting their third pitching prospect this week — **Jacob Nix** will start a game this weekend in San Diego, **Brett Kennedy** will start today in Milwaukee and **Trey Wingenter** just debuted out of the bullpen — and the cream of San Diego's crop is getting ever closer to the majors even with top prospect **Fernando Tatis Jr.**'s thumb injury ending his season.

Tatis headlines a baseball-best nine prospects in Baseball America's top-100. The next best teams, the [Rays](#) and Braves, each have seven.

Of that group, catcher **Francisco Mejia** (25) and second baseman **Luis Urias** (30) are at Triple-A El Paso and could join the big league team before the end of the season. Tatis (2), right-hander **Chris Paddack** (59), left-hander **Logan Allen** (70) and first baseman **Josh Naylor** (83) are at Double-A San Antonio; left-hander **Adrian Morejon** (24) and right-hander **Michel Baez** (73) are at high Single-A Lake Elsinore, and left-hander **MacKenzie Gore** (21) is at low Single-A Fort Wayne.

The state of the system, [according to Baseball America](#):

“It’s hard to find many weaknesses in a system loaded in pitching at nearly all levels, that has an elite shortstop prospect who played in Double-A this season as well as a smattering of talented hitters at nearly all levels of the minors. The Padres have the kind of prospect depth that should help them weather the attrition that always occurs when a loaded system switches from accumulating talent to producing big league wins. Beyond the eight prospects in the Top 100, there are another wave of prospects who could crack next year’s Top 100 ([Luis Patino](#), [Jacob Nix](#), [Anderson Espinoza](#), [Austin Allen](#), [Buddy Reed](#), [Xavier Edwards](#) and others). Now, Padres general manager A.J. Preller’s biggest task is sorting out which prospects are keepers and which ones should be traded to speed the big league club’s rebuild.”

Kennedy hit hard early, falls in MLB debut

By AJ Cassavell

MILWAUKEE -- Prior to his promotion this week, [Brett Kennedy](#) had made 16 starts for Triple-A El Paso this season. He hadn't lost any of them. And so, the 24-year-old right-hander entered his big league debut against the Brewers undefeated in 2018.

Major League Baseball -- as it has done so often through the years -- offered yet another humbling lesson to a wide-eyed rookie.

The Brewers greeted Kennedy rudely in their 8-4 victory on Wednesday night at Miller Park, scoring five runs in the first inning. All five came on back-to-back-to-back homers from [Jesus Aguilar](#), [Travis Shaw](#) and [Eric Thames](#), earning Kennedy a place in history that he wants no part of.

Kennedy became the first pitcher to allow three consecutive homers in the first inning of his debut. He's the third to do it at any point during his first game, joining Bill Fulton in 1987 and [Tyler Thornburg](#) in 2012.

"It's definitely a surreal experience, a first Major League start," Kennedy said. "It didn't go the way I wanted. I got the team in a hole, would've liked to ... give the team a chance to win. But I got the first one out of the way."

To Kennedy's credit, he settled down and allowed one run over the next three frames before he was removed for a pinch-hitter in the fifth. The right-hander allowed six runs on 11 hits and struck out three.

"We saw who he was in those last couple innings," Padres manager Andy Green said. "We saw a guy settled in, dialed in, locating his fastball very well, pitching effectively. He's going to be fine."

The Padres tried chipping away against Brewers starter [Jhoulys Chacin](#). In the top of the sixth, [Hunter Renfroe](#) hit his third homer in as many games, cutting the deficit to 7-3. But Padres reliever [Phil Hughes](#) gave up solo homers to [Orlando Arcia](#) and [Christian Yelich](#) in the fifth and sixth innings, respectively.

Renfroe and [Austin Hedges](#) finished with two hits apiece, but Kennedy's rough first inning was too much to overcome.

This isn't the first time Kennedy has faced adversity. He was an 11th-round pick in 2015 as a senior out of Fordham University. He worked his way through the Padres' system, despite lack of recognition in prospect rankings. In his 16 starts for El Paso this season, he went 10-0 with a 2.72 ERA.

Kennedy earned his way to the Majors. His next task: earning his right to stay.

"I see a guy who believes in himself," Green said. "He's got confidence. I don't think he's going to waver in that belief just because of one inning."

RENFROE RAKES

Clearly, Renfroe is determined to make the most of his starting opportunity in the outfield. Last Thursday, [Wil Myers](#) fouled a ball off his left foot and landed on the disabled list with a bone bruise. Since then, Renfroe is 8-for-21 (.381) with four extra-base hits and eight RBIs.

"People get hot, people get cold," Renfroe said. "I feel good right now. ... With Wil going down, somebody's got to step up."

Renfroe's sixth-inning homer marked the first time in three big league seasons that he's gone deep in three straight games. It's also the second straight game in which he's homered against a right-hander. Generally, righties have been tough on the right-handed-hitting Renfroe, but he's reduced his splits noticeably this season.

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Kennedy became the second pitcher in as many nights to debut and notch a first career strikeout against Yelich. On Tuesday, [Trey Wingenter](#) blew a 98 mph fastball past Yelich for a strikeout. A day later, Kennedy finished his first frame by getting Yelich to whiff on a slider.

Wingenter pitched again Wednesday, and he retired the Brewers in order. He struck out [Jonathan Schoop](#) and Yelich before getting [Lorenzo Cain](#) to fly to center in the eighth. The hard-throwing right-hander has faced six hitters, and he's retired all six.

HE SAID IT

"I made a decent pitch to Aguilar. He put a great swing on it. After that, I tried doing a little bit too much. Things can bite you quick when you make mistakes here." -- *Kennedy, on the three-run home run he gave up to Aguilar*

UP NEXT

The Padres and Brewers play the rubber match of the three-game series at 11:10 a.m. PT on Thursday. Left-hander [Robbie Erlin](#) gets the ball for San Diego, opposite Milwaukee righty [Junior Guerra](#). Erlin will be looking to solidify his rotation place, having spent most of the season in the bullpen. In his third start of the year last time out, Erlin allowed one run in five innings against the Cubs.

Galvis impressing Padres in bid for Gold Glove

By AJ Cassavell

MILWAUKEE -- If the Padres' clubhouse got to vote, it'd be unanimous: [Freddy Galvis](#) would win the National League Gold Glove Award at shortstop.

"He's definitely the best shortstop I've ever had play behind me," reliever [Craig Stammen](#) said.

"His internal clock is better than anyone's I've ever seen," added [Wil Myers](#).

"It doesn't even surprise me anymore when he does something ridiculous," outfielder [Travis Jankowski](#) said.

"His baseball IQ is off the charts," closer [Kirby Yates](#) said.

"Nobody's as automatic as him on the routine play," manager Andy Green said.

Indeed, Galvis does everything defensively. And he does everything well. But it might be an uphill climb in the NL, where shortstops like Arizona's [Nick Ahmed](#), San Francisco's [Brandon Crawford](#) and Chicago's [Addison Russell](#) garner plenty of acclaim.

Galvis currently ranks behind all three with nine [Defensive Runs Saved](#). But he's closing the gap. With plays like the one he made on Tuesday night against the Brewers, it's easy to see why.

A day later, the visiting clubhouse at Miller Park was still abuzz. Galvis ranged to his right and made an excellent sliding stop. Then, he made a perfect throw from his knees to first base, nailing [Lorenzo Cain](#), one of the game's faster runners.

"I'm appreciative," said Stammen, who was on the mound for Galvis' gem. "He's made so many nice plays for me that he's a big contributor to my success."

Stammen isn't the only one. Consider these defensive gems Galvis has made in the past month:

- On Sunday in Chicago, Galvis prevented the go-ahead run from scoring in the seventh with a brilliant diving play and sidearm flip for an inning-ending forceout at second base.
- Earlier in that series, Galvis made an incredible sliding catch with his back to home plate, robbing [Albert Almora Jr.](#) of a hit.
- Late last month, Galvis made an excellent backhanded pick of a sharp [Nick Hundley](#) one-hopper. Then, he had the presence of mind to make an off-balance throw to third base, catching [Chase d'Arnaud](#) in a rundown.

- The consensus best play from Galvis came before the All-Star break against the Dodgers, when [Justin Turner](#) hit a slow chopper up the middle. In one motion, Galvis made a diving stop, then spun from his knees while blindly throwing to first for the out.

Galvis has never won a Gold Glove Award, with [Andrelton Simmons](#) and Crawford combining to win the last five in the NL. But Galvis has been a finalist each of the past two years, and he could be headed for a third straight nomination.

"Everybody, if you play any position every day, you want to win a Gold Glove," said Galvis, who has started at shortstop for the Padres every game this season. "I ain't going to lie to you -- I want to win one. I'm just going to keep working and see what happens."

Myers on the mend

Myers resumed running during the team's pregame warmups, marking the first time he's done so since he sustained a bone bruise in his left foot last Thursday in Chicago.

Myers -- who is hitting .273/.317/.517 this season but has been limited to 44 games because of a handful of injuries -- remains optimistic he'll return on Monday, when his 10-day stint on the disabled list is over.

Weekend rotation set

The Padres set their rotation for this weekend's series against Philadelphia. Jacob Nix, the team's [No. 14 prospect](#) per MLB Pipeline, will debut Friday night. [Walker Lockett](#) is expected to start Saturday, with [Joey Lucchesi](#) going Sunday.

That gives the Padres a six-man rotation, at least temporarily. It's unclear how long they'll run with that plan. Both Lockett and Thursday's starter, [Robbie Erlin](#), have spent time as long men in the bullpen this season.

Padres plan to promote Nix to start Friday

The club's No. 14 prospect has 1.84 ERA in Minors this season

By AJ Cassavell

MILWAUKEE -- The Padres' second-half youth movement is in full-swing, and it appears right-hander Jacob Nix will be the next to move up to the big leagues.

San Diego is expected to promote Nix later this week, and the 22-year-old is slated to start Friday's series opener against Philadelphia at Petco Park, which will be his MLB debut. Nix posted a 1.84 ERA between Double-A San Antonio and Triple-A El Paso this season.

Nix is the Padres' [No. 14 prospect](#) per MLB Pipeline. Given the club's [top-ranked farm system](#), evaluators are confident Nix would fall in the top 10 on most other clubs.

Nix was a third-round pick in the 2015 Draft. On Saturday, he pitched six scoreless innings in his only start for El Paso this season. He posted a 2.05 ERA in nine outings for San Antonio.

The move isn't particularly surprising. When the Padres allowed [Tyson Ross](#) and [Jordan Lyles](#) to be claimed off waivers over the weekend, they made it clear that they'd be turning to their young pitchers. Right-hander Brett Kennedy had his contract selected on Tuesday and will make his big league debut on Wednesday against Milwaukee.

"These guys have a chance in front of them to be a part of what we do to change the culture, flip it and help create an expectation of winning," Padres manager Andy Green said. "I know there's other people that are higher up on prospect lists, but these guys have performed. There's something to be said about performance. They deserve the opportunity."

Nix was one of several prospects who needed to be added to the 40-man roster by December or risk being taken in the Rule 5 Draft. The Padres figured they should get an early look at the right-hander.

It's unclear how long Nix's first big league opportunity will last, with [Eric Lauer](#) working his way back from left forearm tightness. Nix's performance could affect that decision.

Friars' next position changes will come at 2B, OF

Notes on Major League debuts, Margot, Reyes, Renfroe, etc.

By Bill Center | San Diego Padres

Bill Center, longtime sportswriter for U-T San Diego, is an employee of the Padres.

While right-hander Brett Kennedy tonight becomes the fourth starting pitcher to make his Major League debut with the Padres - and more are on the way - the youth movement hasn't been quite as noticeable among position players.

Right fielder [Franmil Reyes](#) is the only position player who has made his Major League debut with the Padres this season.

But the final eight weeks of the season could be interesting.

Will we see Luis Urias? And when? Plus, if we do how will the already log-jammed situation at second work its way out?

Speaking of logjams, how many of the current Padres outfielders - including the injured [Franchy Cordero](#) and [Alex Dickerson](#) - will be with the Padres moving forward?

The Padres have three second basemen - [Carlos Asuaje](#), [Jose Pirela](#) and [Cory Spangenberg](#) - on the 25-man roster. And while all three are versatile, none can play shortstop ... a key to being a utility infielder if the 21-year-old takes over as the varsity second baseman next season as anticipated.

After a slower than expected first half of the season, Urías has come on recently with Triple-A El Paso, where he has gone 10-for-26 (.385) over his last seven games with three doubles, a triple, a home run, five runs scored and three RBIs with three walks for a .448 on-base percentage and a .692 slugging percentage for a 1.141 OPS.

When Urías arrives, unless it's not until rosters are expanded on Sept. 1, he will get the majority of playing time at second as an audition. Plus, he can play shortstop if [Freddy Galvis](#) needs a late-season day off.

Where does that leave the other second basemen?

Pirela's other position is left field ... and the Padres already have an over-crowded picture in the outfield. Like Urías, Pirela is a right-handed hitter. And his playing time has been reduced recently with only six starts in the last 15 games while going 3-for-26 (including a 0-for-7 with a walk as a pinch-hitter).

Asuaje returned to the minors this season to learn the refinements of playing third. But he has made only two starts and three relief appearances at third over the past 70 games. And it doesn't help that he's in a 0-for-29 drought since July 22.

Spangenberg is the most adept of the three at playing both second and third. He is also on a bit of a run with the bat, going 5-for-12 with a walk, two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored on the present trip to Chicago and Milwaukee.

In the outfield, the Padres currently have five useable pieces on their major league roster - [Manuel Margot](#), [Hunter Renfroe](#), Franmil Reyes, [Travis Jankowski](#) and [Wil Myers](#) plus Cordero. It's unlikely the Padres will open the 2019 season with six outfielders on their 25-man roster.

Meanwhile, they have two promising catchers in [Austin Hedges](#) and Francisco Mejía while they will be looking to upgrade at third.

NOTEBOOK:

- RHP Trey Wingenter became the 11th Padre to make his Major League debut this season on Tuesday night in Milwaukee. He was also the sixth relief pitcher, joining [Colten Brewer](#), José Castillo, [Adam Cimber](#), [Kazuhisa Makita](#) and [Robert Stock](#).
- RF Franmil Reyes had single-game, career highs in hits (three), RBIs and hits (three) Tuesday night. His eighth homer of the season ties him with Wil Myers and [Christian Villanueva](#) for the team lead since Reyes hit his first homer on May 21. He has homered in consecutive games for the third time this season and had back-to-back, multi-hit games for the second time this year.
- CF Manuel Margot recorded a career-high five RBIs Tuesday night. He is the first Padres leadoff hitter with five or more RBIs in a game since Damian Jackson on Aug. 22, 2000 and the fourth overall (Jackson twice and Bobby Tolan in 1974). He hit safely in 15 of his last 17 games since July 13, batting .338 (24-for-71).
- OF Hunter Renfroe has hit safely in all five games he's played this month, going 7-for-21 with a double, two homers and six RBIs. He hit his 10th home run of the season Tuesday night. He has homered in consecutive games for the seventh time in his career and the second time this season.
- All three Padres starting outfielders homered Tuesday night, marking the first time since July 14, 2013 (Carlos Quentin, Will Venable and [Chris Denorfia](#)), that it had happened.
- The Padres scored in each of the last seven innings in Tuesday night's 11-5 win, marking the first time they scored in seven straight innings since they scored in eight straight innings at Cincinnati on June 24, 2016. They also scored 10 or more runs in back-to-back games since June 1-2, 2016.

Three HRs in first lift Brewers past Padres

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE -- Welcome to the big leagues, [Brett Kennedy](#).

[Jesus Aguilar](#), [Travis Shaw](#) and [Eric Thames](#) hit consecutive first-inning homers to spoil Kennedy's San Diego debut and propel the [Milwaukee Brewers](#) to an 8-4 victory over the Padres on Wednesday night.

Kennedy, who was 10-0 in 16 starts at Triple-A El Paso before being called up Monday, was tagged for six runs on 11 hits in four innings.

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"We got the early lead and then he put up a bunch of zeroes, which just takes a little wind out of the sails of the opponent, obviously, and we tacked on a couple more runs as well," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "He pitched a good game. It was kind of what we've seen from Jhoulys all year."

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Padres manager Andy Green said he was encouraged by the way Kennedy responded after the first inning.

"He was probably a little amped up and a little less command than he's had than he's had over the course of the season," Green said. "He's been so pinpoint for most of the season. I actually thought the pitch to Aguilar was a tip-your-cap swings a guy just makes from time to time. Then missed over the middle to some good left-handed hitters. But we saw who he was over the last couple innings. We saw a guy settled in, dialed in, locating his fastball very well. He pitched effectively."

KENNEDY'S HOMERS: Kennedy became the third pitcher to allow three straight home runs in his debut, according to STATS, Inc., joining the Yankees Bill Fulton (Sept. 12, 1987 at Toronto) and the Brewers [Tyler Thornburg](#) (June 19, 2012 vs. Toronto). Kennedy is the only one to do so in the first inning of his debut.

BREWERS BOMBS: Five homers by five different players tied a franchise record. It was the first time the Brewers hit three consecutive homers since May 9, 2015 at Detroit ([Ryan Braun](#), Adam Lind, Aramis Ramirez). According to Stats, Inc, it was the first time the Brewers had three consecutive home runs at home.

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Lawson, who turned 21 on Aug. 2, is ranked the [Padres' No. 21 prospect by MLB Pipeline](#). He worked in relief of **Brian Mitchell** Tuesday, who is with the Storm on a rehab assignment. Lawson lowered his ERA to 4.74.

Left fielder **Josh Naylor**, 21, the [Padres' No. 15 prospect](#), was 3-for-4 with two doubles and a walk to raise his batting average with Double-A San Antonio to .306.

Short-Season Single-A Tri-City shortstop **Owen Miller** was 1-for-4 with a sacrifice fly and two RBIs in the Northwest-Pioneer Leagues All-Star Game in Grand Junction, Colo. Second baseman **Olivier Basabe** was 0-for-3 with a RBI. Right-hander **Henry Henry** started the game for the Northwest League and allowed two runs on four hits with three strikeouts in an inning. Right-hander **Jordan Guerrero** allowed a run on a walk with a strikeout in a hitless inning. The Pioneer League won 13–10.

Around the Farm:

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (65–49): CHIHUAHUAS 7, Round Rock 6–1B **Brett Nicholas** (.307) hit a two-run, walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth in his only at-bat as the Chihuahuas completed a perfect

homestand with a seventh straight win. SS **Javy Guerra** (.218) was 2-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored. DH **Raffy Lopez** (.291) had two doubles in three at-bats with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. 1B-LF **Allen Craig** (.303) was 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and two RBIs. RF **Forrestt Allday** (.291) was 1-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. 3B **Dusty Coleman** (.188) had a double in three at-bats with a walk and two runs scored. LF-RF **Shane Peterson** (.266) was 1-for-4. LHP **Jerry Keel** (3.60 ERA) started and allowed three runs on six hits with four strikeouts in five innings. RHP **Kazuhisa Makita** (3.26) allowed three runs on two hits and a walk in an inning. RHP **Rowan Wick** (2.30) allowed two hits in 1 1/3 scoreless innings. LHP **Brad Wieck** (2-0, 4.40) issued two walks with two strikeouts in a hitless, scoreless inning to get the win.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (22-22, 64-50): Springfield 5, MISSIONS 4—SS **Peter Van Gansen** (.263) backed Naylor, going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. 3B **Ty France** (.263) and 1B **Kyle Overstreet** (.273) were each 2-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored. CF **Buddy Reed** (.179) was 1-for-3 with a walk, a stolen base, a sacrifice bunt and two runs scored. PH **Taylor Kohlwey** (.301) singled in his only at-bat. RF **Michael Gettys** (.242) was 1-for-4. Starting RHP **Lake Bachar** (2-6, 5.91 ERA) allowed five runs (three earned) on six hits and three walks with five strikeouts in five innings to take the loss. RHP **Jason Jester** (3.91) allowed a hit with two strikeouts in two scoreless innings. RHP **Gerardo Reyes** (3.10) issued a walk with two strikeouts in an otherwise perfect inning. RHP **Andres Munoz** (1.50) allowed a hit and a walk with a strikeout in a scoreless inning.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (22-23, 56-59): Visalia 4, STORM 2—RHP Mitchell (0-2, 5.40 ERA) allowed three runs (two earned) on four hits and three walks with three strikeouts in four innings. RF **Jorge Oña** (.251) was 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored. LF **Nate Easley** (.272) had two doubles in three at-bats with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. SS **Allen Córdoba** (.215) was 2-for-3 with a RBI. CF **Edward Olivares** (.272) was 1-for-3 with a hit-by-pitcher. 1B **Brad Zunica** (.247) was 1-for-4.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (19–24, 51–61): The TinCaps were off Tuesday.

SHORT-SEASON SINGLE-A TRI-CITY (5–8, 23–28): The Dust Devils were off the Northwest League All-Star Game break.

DOMINICAN SUMMER LEAGUE PADRES (30–26): PADRES 4, Orioles 1—RF **Junior Perez** (.170) was 1-for-2 with two walks and a RBI. 1B **Emmanuel Guerra** (.233) was 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Starting RHP **Eudi Asencio** (4.09 ERA) allowed a run on two hits and four walks with five strikeouts in three innings. RHP **Sergio Carrizoza** (3–1, 2.43) allowed two hits and a walk with five strikeouts in four scoreless innings to get the win. LHP **Jose Garcia** (1.85) allowed a hit with a strikeout over two scoreless innings to get his third save.

ARIZONA ROOKIE PADRES:

PADRES-1 (8–3, 18–21): PADRES 6–0, Giants 2–9—1B **Lee Solomon** (.327) was 2-for-4 with a double and a RBI. C-1B **Michael Cantu** (.262) had two doubles in seven at-bats with a RBI and a run scored. DH **Nick Gatewood** (.289) had two doubles in seven at-bats. 2B **Reinaldo Ilarraza** (.208) was 2-for-5 with a stolen base and a RBI. 3B **Luis Guzman** (.319) was 2-for-5 with a double, a stolen base and a run scored. 2B **Jarryd Dale** (.207) was 1-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. RF **Greg Lambert** (.215) was 1-for-4 with a RBI. LF **Tyler Benson** (.217) had a double in three at-bats with a run scored. RF **Agustin Ruiz** (.264) was 1-for-6 with a walk and a run scored. LF **Jacquez Williams** (.226) was 1-for-2. RHP **Dalton Erb** started the win and allowed an unearned run on a hit and three walks with three strikeouts in four innings. LHP **Omar Fernandez** (1–0, 3.86 ERA) allowed an unearned run on two hits with a strikeout in two innings to get the win. RHP **Tom Colletti** (0.81) struck out one in a perfect inning. RHP **Jeferson Garcia** (3–2, 5.40) started the second game and allowed eight runs (five earned) on seven hits and two walks with three strikeouts in four innings to take the loss. RHP **Carlos Belen** (2.53) allowed two hits and a walk with a strikeout in a scoreless inning.

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