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## Sweep bid falls short in heated series finale

Cordero, Hosmer homer for Padres after on-field fracas

By Owen Perkins Special to MLB.com

DENVER -- The biggest pitch of Wednesday's series finale with the Rockies may have come in the ninth inning Tuesday when Rockies reliever [Scott Oberg](#) hit [Manuel Margot](#) in the left rib cage with a pitch, sending him to the hospital and the disabled list with bruised ribs. There were two more hit batters in the first and second innings Wednesday, and when [Nolan Arenado](#) charged the mound after a [Luis Perdomo](#) pitch sailed behind him in the third, the game plan unraveled enough for the Padres to let in five runs that inning en route to a 6-4 loss.

"Our team is out there competing to win a baseball game," manager Andy Green said. "We came up a little short. After that incident, we didn't execute. We had probably half an inning before we got back into the flow of the baseball game, and that's what it took for us to lose a baseball game. That's what we've got to take from this - no matter what happens, no matter how a game goes, you lock back in and you show up to win a baseball game."

Perdomo hit Rockies shortstop [Trevor Story](#) in the first inning and Rockies starter [German Marquez](#) hit right fielder [Hunter Renfroe](#) in the second, building tension after Margot's injury the night before and some carryover from hit batters when the two teams met in San Diego a week ago.

"Nobody wants to get hit, that's the bottom line," Renfroe said of the escalating situation, despite maintaining that he doesn't think he was intentionally hit. "Everybody throws 95-100 [mph] now. Nobody wants to get hit. Balls are hard. You don't want to have a career-ending injury or anything like that. You want to play clean baseball. You want to play the way it's meant to be played. And it's also meant to be played hard. Go out there, continue to battle."

After Arenado charged the mound and Perdomo hurled his glove at him, both benches erupted in a prolonged fracas, with three distinct rounds of renewed scuffles with punches landing and five players getting ejected, including Perdomo, catcher [A.J. Ellis](#), Arenado, Marquez and Rockies outfielder [Gerardo Parra](#). The Rockies rallied for five runs against reliever [Buddy Baumann](#) in the bottom of the third while the Padres tried to find their footing again.

"It could have been them getting fired up," first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#) said of the Rockies' rally. "We came back and answered. Just fell short. I think maybe it fired them up a little bit. Maybe that led to it. Who knows?"

The Padres managed only an infield hit over the next two innings, then bounced back with a three-run sixth, sparked by a leadoff homer from [Franchy Cordero](#), who was reinstated Wednesday to take Margot's place on the roster. Hosmer doubled, advanced to third on [Jose Pirela](#)'s single, then scored on a force play, with Pirela scoring later on a passed ball.

The Padres had one more abbreviated rally when Hosmer launched his first homer as a Padre, a one-out solo shot in the eighth.

"It felt good," Hosmer said. "You always wait to get the first stuff out of the way. It felt good to get that one out of the way. Like Wil [Myers] said, I'm officially a Padre now."

The Padres won two-out-of-three in Colorado and finished the road trip 3-3.

#### MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Double indemnity: If there were any question about the Padres' composure after the third-inning scuffle, a pair of defensive errors put the question to rest. [Ian Desmond](#) pinch-hit to complete Arenado's at-bat after his ejection and reached on a fielding error from third baseman [Cory Spangenberg](#), scoring on a [Carlos Gonzalez](#) single to right. Two walks and a sacrifice later, [Tony Wolters](#) singled to center on a ball that got past Cordero and cleared the bases, leaving Wolters at third before he eventually scored.

"Franchy got a bad hop in the outfield and they scored some runs," Hosmer said. "I think if he catches that ball cleanly, one run scores and that's it. That makes a whole different ballgame, really. We got bad-hopped there and it got by him, and they scored three. That was the big point in the game. Not necessarily the fight."

Season debuts: Two Padres making their season debuts had a big impact on the game. Baumann was called up Monday for [Kirby Yates](#), and came in when Perdomo was ejected in the third, allowing five runs (two earned) on two hits and two walks in one-third of an inning. Cordero -- the Padres' [No. 10 prospect](#) -- made his season debut, playing a part with a third-inning error and atoning for it with his sixth-inning home run.

"He's got as much pop as anybody we have," Green said of Cordero before the game. "He's not a fun guy to stare at as the first batter of the game."

#### QUOTABLE

"I was getting ready for defense, and all of a sudden it was like a bull in a china closet. I had to kind of get going out there. I wasn't expecting it." -- Renfroe, on being surprised at how quickly Arenado charged the mound

#### SOUND SMART WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Pirela was 2-for-4 and had multi-hit games in all three games of the series. He is hitting .440 (11-for-25) with four doubles and three RBIs in seven career games at Coors Field.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

[Bryan Mitchell](#) toes the rubber at Petco Park as the Padres open a four-game set with the Giants at 7:10 p.m. PT. Mitchell pitched 5 2/3 innings of shutout baseball Saturday in Houston, allowing three hits and six walks while striking out one in a 1-0 loss. Mitchell's control was lacking, but he kept the Astros off balance and allowed nothing but weak contact on the three singles he allowed. Right-hander [Chris Stratton](#) makes the start for San Francisco.

## Benches clear after Arenado charges Perdomo

Five players ejected in finale of series with back-and-forth HBPs

Daniel Kramer MLB.com

DENVER -- Lingered tension from Tuesday night's Padres-Rockies game clearly carried over into Colorado's 6-4 win on Wednesday, as a behind-the-back pitch from Luis Perdomo to Nolan Arenado started a benches- and bullpen-clearing scuffle, led by Arenado charging the mound.

Arenado dodged an inside fastball on the first pitch of the bottom of the third, then ran to the mound swinging at Perdomo, who avoided the jabs and tossed his glove in defense. Both clubs then stormed the field, mostly attempting to break up the fracas.

"I didn't like it. They thought they had to do something, but I had to do something too. That's kind of why I went out there," Arenado said.

Many from both clubs indicated the fracas resulted from a sequence of three hit batsmen the past two games, including one to Manuel Margot that sent him to the disabled list with bruised ribs. Earlier in Wednesday's game, Rockies shortstop Trevor Story was hit by a two-seam fastball in a 1-1 count in the first, and Padres right fielder Hunter Renfroe was hit on the hand with an 0-1 two-seamer in the second. Both were with two outs.

"They're clearly pitching aggressively inside," Padres manager Andy Green said. "[Scott] Oberg has hit two of our guys. [German] Marquez drilled Hunter today, so they're pitching aggressively inside. We've seen that repetitively. Our guys at some point in time are going to take up for each other, and we're going to pitch inside as well."

After the inside pitch, Arenado burst from the batter's box and wielded his right fist at Perdomo, who narrowly avoided a clean punch to the face, instead getting clipped in the back of the head. Rockies left fielder Gerardo Parra landed a punch on Padres catcher A.J. Ellis, and Rockies starter Marquez was seen throwing his fists.

Arenado, Parra, Perdomo, Ellis and Marquez were the only players ejected.

"I don't know how long -- hopefully it's not a long time -- but I expect something to be happening," Arenado said of the potential for a suspension.

The Padres had been pitching Arenado low and away the entire series, so when Perdomo threw toward Arenado's back, the Rockies' third baseman immediately charged.

Crew chief Brian Gorman said Perdomo was ejected for intentionally throwing at Arenado, though Perdomo declined any intention, saying the pitch "got away from me." Ellis was ejected for retaliating, per Gorman.

"Our job is to try and calm everything down, but you've got to eject the aggressors," Gorman said.

Added Ellis: "They just said I was part of instigating, but I think I was just out there doing what we were all doing. That's having each other's back and protecting each other."

Arenado was still steaming after the scuffle had subsided, with Rockies right fielder [Carlos Gonzalez](#) restraining him toward the dugout. Padres first baseman [Eric Hosmer](#), a teammate of Arenado's from last year's World Baseball Classic, also approached Arenado without aggression, as did Padres bench coach Mark McGwire.

"My one concern was trying to protect Nolan," Gonzalez said. "I grabbed him and tried to push him toward home plate. Then [McGwire] approached him. There were some back-and-forth words, and it was pretty much the game thing. He was like, 'You hit a couple of our guys, what do you expect?'"

Oberg texted Margot after Tuesday's game and said Margot -- who was in such pain he didn't even attempt to take first base -- had acknowledged his apology positively. Oberg also said Hosmer approached him after the scuffle died down indicating Oberg wasn't the direct cause of the retaliation, but that the incident on Tuesday played a part.

"I think it just shows we have each other's backs," Hosmer said. "I think that's the main thing. You want to fight with your guys, especially coming on the road to a division opponent. You want to stick together."

"They've been pitching aggressively, and we've had some guys that have been hit," Ellis said. "We had a guy sent to the hospital last night. Two guys get hit on their hands in the past week against these guys. But to react like that and go out there, especially when he didn't even get hit and the ball was behind him, you go out there and make sure everybody's safe and you take care of your teammates."

Gorman said warnings weren't issued until after the scuffle because there wasn't clear intention on the other hit batters.

Immediately after the fracas, the Rockies surged to a five-run frame to take a 5-0 lead en route to their sixth win in 13 games this year. These clubs have met seven times already this season, and have another three-game series at Coors Field in two weeks. Irritation was still high in the immediate aftermath, particularly given the competitive environment of two clubs who see each other 19 times within the National League West.

"You expect anything," Hosmer said. "Especially when you play guys in the division. We're all competitors and we're all trying to do everything we can to win ballgames and compete out there. There's a reason all these guys are at the top level, because of their competitiveness."

"We'll see," Arenado added. "I don't have the answers for that one."

## Hosmer hits first HR; 'I'm officially a Padre now'

First baseman has MLB-best 8 multi-hit games this season

By Owen Perkins Special to MLB.com

DENVER -- The highlights were few on San Diego's side Wednesday, but a new teammate hitting in the heart of the order gave the Padres cause for celebration. [Eric Hosmer](#) knocked his first home run as a Padre in the eighth inning, bringing the Padres within two before they dropped the series finale, 6-4, to the Rockies.

Hosmer turned on a 90.7-mph four-seamer from lefty [Jake McGee](#) and drove the 1-0 offering 439 feet out to center field, as projected by [Statcast™](#).

"It felt good," Hosmer said. "You always wait to get the first stuff out of the way. It felt good to get that one out of the way. Like Wil [Myers] said, I'm officially a Padre now."

Hosmer hit 25 homers in each of the past two seasons with the Royals before bringing his thump to San Diego as a free agent in the offseason. After going 2-for-4 with his seventh double, a homer, and two runs scored, Hosmer is now batting .333 (17-for-51), with all but one of his starts coming from the three-hole.

"He had some good swings," manager Andy Green said of Hosmer's day. "He crushed a double to left, and he hit the home run. You knew it was coming. I'm sure he would have loved for it to come in Game 1. He would have loved for it to come in a win."

The pair of extra-base hits gave Hosmer a best-in-MLB eight multi-hit games this season, with five of them coming in the past six games, when he hit .417 (10-for-24 with three doubles and a homer). He's now hitting .423 (11-for-24) over the course of his career at Coors Field, with two doubles and two homers.

The homer may have been overshadowed by the [third-inning scuffle](#) that erupted when [Nolan Arenado](#) charged the mound after [Luis Perdomo](#) sailed a pitch behind his back, but both events offered a "rite of passage" for Hosmer and his new teammates.

"It just shows we have each other's backs, that's the main thing," Hosmer said. "You want to fight with your guys, especially coming on the road, to a division opponent. You want to stick together. You want to be 25 guys playing together out



there. If anything, it just shows that we were playing together, and we've got each other's backs."

Despite the loss, the Padres won the series in Colorado, finishing a .500 road trip after starting the season 1-6.

"It was good to see our guys battle back," Green said of Hosmer's homer. "We walk away from here, and the mindset we have is we just won a series in a good club's home park."

## Margot placed on DL; Cordero activated

Padres hoping only 10-day stint for CF; No. 10 prospect joins lineup

By Owen Perkins Special to MLB.com

DENVER -- After taking a bruising pitch to his left rib cage in the ninth inning of Tuesday's 5-2 win over the Rockies, [Manuel Margot](#) landed on the disabled list Wednesday as the Padres reinstated [Franchy Cordero](#) to fill his shoes in center field and atop the order.

"He's got some bruised ribs," Padres manager Andy Green said before Wednesday's series finale. "Obviously it was very flush where he got hit yesterday. The hope is it's four or five days and he'll start feeling better, start getting some swings in, and he'll be ready to go. Tough blow yesterday, but I saw him last night. He was in good spirits. He was laughing, laughing wasn't hurting him. Smiling like he always does. He should be good to go in 10 days."

Margot returned to the top of the order for Tuesday's game after batting eighth in the series opener, and he gave the Padres a spark in the third when he legged out a double to center and scored on the next at-bat. He left the game hitting .159 (7-for-44) with a double, a homer, three RBIs and two stolen bases.

Cordero, the club's [No. 10 prospect](#) according to MLB Pipeline, had a great Spring Training and was competing for a starting job in the outfield until a groin injury put him on the DL 10 days before breaking camp. He hit .412 (7-for-17) in four rehab games with Triple-A El Paso, knocking a double, a homer and stealing two bases.

"I honestly took it as something that happens in baseball," Cordero said of the injury that delayed his appearance on the big league roster. "I know that those things happen. I just focused on my rehab, I focused on being healthy and making sure I was 100 percent before I came up."

Green said the Padres had previously planned on activating Cordero when they went home on Monday.

"He's just got to play baseball right now," Green said. "He's got [Rockies starter German] Marquez today. That's a live fastball, and Franchy can get on some fastballs. Should play nicely into what he does very well. If he stays selective in his zone, he should be successful. We just want to turn his athleticism loose on a baseball field. He's up there with probably the top five or 10 most athletic guys in the game of baseball. So he's a fun electric guy to have on the field."

Cordero made his debut and played 30 games for the Padres in 2017, hitting .228 (21-for-92) with a .276 on-base percentage, making 22 starts in center and one in left. He improved enough by spring to be arguably the Padres' best hitter in Cactus League play.

"He's an interesting bat," Green said of his ability to fill the leadoff role. "He can hit anywhere in the lineup. He can hit in the one-hole because he absolutely flies. The challenge for him mainly now is just get on base. But he's got as much pop as anybody we have. He's not a fun guy to stare at as the first batter of the game."

Green compared him favorably to [Charlie Blackmon](#), an MVP-caliber leadoff hitter for the Rockies who in 2017 hit 37 homers and drove in 104 runs while stealing 14 bases.

"Blackmon can fly all over the field, steal a base for you, he can hit the ball out of the ballpark," Green said. "Franchy is not Charlie Blackmon, he hasn't done anything along those lines, but he has those kinds of tools to do those types of things."

In other injury news, [Wil Myers](#), on the DL with right arm nerve irritation, took his first light swings Wednesday as part of his rehabilitation process.

## After skirmish, Rockies stave off sweep by Padres

Kevin Acee

The Padres fought, but they couldn't battle back to complete the sweep Wednesday in Denver.

After a benches-clearing brawl in the third inning resulted in both starting pitchers and three others being ejected, the Rockies scored five runs in that half-inning and held on for a 6-4 victory in the heated finale of the teams' three-game series at Coors Field.

The Padres (4-9) had won successive games for the first time this season leading up to Wednesday's game.

Padres center fielder Manuel Margot was placed on the disabled list before the game after he was hit in the ribs by a Scott Oberg fastball in the ninth inning Tuesday. In Wednesday's second inning, right fielder Hunter Renfroe went down hard but stayed in the game after being struck in the wrist by a pitch from Rockies starter German Marquez. (The Padres also recalled Oberg hit Christian Villanueva with a pitch last week after the Padres third baseman had homered twice.)

Padres starting pitcher Luis Perdomo, who had hit Rockies shortstop Trevor Story to load the bases with two outs in the first inning, threw his first pitch of the third inning behind Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado.

The Rockies star immediately went after Perdomo, and the brouhaha was on.

A good 10 minutes later — after Perdomo, Marquez, German, Colorado left fielder Gerardo Parra and Padres catcher A.J. Ellis had been ejected — the Rockies took advantage of two Padres errors to belt reliever Buddy Baumann for five runs (two earned).

A home run by Franchy Cordero, activated off the disabled list Wednesday morning to replace Margot, started a three-run sixth inning for the Padres. Cordero played in center, made an error and had the one hit in four at-bats.

After an out, [Eric Hosmer](#) doubled to left field, Jose Pirela beat out a soft grounder and Carlos Asuaje walked to loaded the bases. Hosmer scored on Hunter Renfroe's grounder, and Pirela raced home safely on a passed ball before [Cory Spangenberg](#) struck out to end the inning.

The Rockies went back up by three with a run in the bottom of the sixth.

Hosmer's first home run as a Padre, in the eighth inning, accounted for the final margin.

The Padres were scheduled to fly home after the game and they begin a seven-game homestand Thursday night with the first of four games against San Francisco. The Dodgers visit for three games next week.

## Padres needed to send message to Rockies — and did

Bryce Miller

When [Luis Perdomo](#) uncorked a pitch that sailed behind [Nolan Arenado](#) on Wednesday in Denver, the [Rockies](#) star contorted as if unexpectedly auditioning for “Dancing with the Stars.”

Arenado righted himself and raged, spiking his helmet into the Coors Field grass as he bee-lined toward the [Padres](#)’ starter. Perdomo fired his glove at the charging rhino with as much ill intent as a piece of leather will allow, then began backpedaling to Petco Park.

Benches cleared. Punches were thrown. Ejections followed. The whole thing lacked style points in Colorado’s 6-4 win, but scored high on messaging for a group of Padres still finding shape — and hunting a collective way.

Simply put: It needed to happen.

In a span of four innings late Tuesday and Wednesday, center fielder Manny Margot ended up on the disabled list after being plunked in the ribs while yet another outfielder, [Hunter Renfroe](#), got hit in the hands.

For those keeping score: Five Padres have been hit in seven games against the Rockies this season, newly acquired star [Eric Hosmer](#) had his tower buzzed in this series and Colorado pounded pitches inside with the reckless abandon of a college student clutching a credit card.

Only shortstop [Trevor Story](#) has been hit for the Rockies in those seven games and that came during a two-on, two-out situation in the first inning Wednesday — meaning it was as unintentional as they come.

This isn’t a debate about the difference in eras. The old-school, unwritten rules say retaliate and defend your guys. Baseball’s big offices are pushing for a kinder, gentler, faster game, so we see less of it these days.

This isn't about injuring players or defending that kind of warped thinking. Perdomo, for the record, missed Arenado completely on a pitch he said got away from him. The message came across, all the same.

What this is about: This is a young team clawing to find form with lots and lots of new faces. Some of them might be here a long time. It's moments like the third inning at Coors Field when many of them find out how the clubhouse they're working in operates.

"They keep drilling our guys repetitively, at some point in time you hope people do something about it," Padres manager Andy Green said.

You throw Arenado's direction because of what it says. To Renfroe. To Margot. To Hosmer. You also throw in a way that causes Arenado to samba because of what it says if you don't.

When the Padres decided against retaliating versus the Cubs last June after Anthony Rizzo veered from a clear path home to wipe out catcher Austin Hedges, you wondered how Hedges truly felt about it.

Hedges said all the right things, of course. What's he supposed to do? Call out his manager or teammates? Soon after, though, a former big-leaguer asked me why the Padres didn't make a statement. I said, "You're the former pro, you tell me." He countered, "Well, Hedges is the current pro."

That, though, amounted to one situation in one game. Utterly debatable. The series against the Rockies, though, has been a shooting gallery that sidelined a starting outfielder.

There's a competitive reason to act, too. The Rockies peppered the inside part of the plate throughout the series. At some point, especially with half the lineup sporting seam marks on various parts of their anatomy, you have to say, "It's our plate, too."

Bonding among Padres bloomed in all kinds of wild and wacky ways.

As the bench-evacuating chaos swirled, shortstop [Freddy Galvis](#) did his best re-enactment of Perdomo's glove throw. When catcher A.J. Ellis ran toward the fray in what he labeled an attempt at peace, he was clocked by [Gerardo Parra](#). "Apparently, I'm not Switzerland," Ellis said.

When the third-inning smoke cleared, Padres third-base coach Glenn Hoffman reassuringly patted shower-bound Perdomo on the rump.

Time routinely tells, but the Padres could gain more in this loss than some pedestrian wins. This early in the season — especially with a team full of fresh faces, aimed for bigger payoffs down the road — the construction of these relationships matters.

The Padres won their first series of the season. Hosmer homered for the first time as a Friar. Joey Lucchesi gained pitching steam in the series, along with a whole bunch of other arms around him.

You rarely seek situations like the one that roiled Wednesday. Most times, they're thrust upon you — Band-Aids and all. When the ribs and wrists are battered too often, though, the dugout begins looking around for cues.

Perdomo provided the answer, whether he truly intended to or not.

And just in time.



## Padres plan to build off fight they showed in break-even, brawling road trip

Kevin Acee

The [Padres](#) felt they developed a fine camaraderie between a bunch of good young guys last season.

Didn't win much, those nice Padres.

They needed to learn how to do so.

And a part of that process, the team's architects surmised, in addition to amassing more and better talent, was developing a little of the, shall we say, red bottom.

"An edge," is one way manager Andy Green put it last month.

On the final day of the first series they won this season, a still-evolving young Padres team showed it is developing just that.

"It's not your intent (going) into the year to make sure you get into a brawl to prove how tough you are," catcher Austin Hedges said. "At the same time, I think it proves ... all the guys on this team have each other's back."

The Padres would be beaten 6-4 by the [Colorado Rockies](#) on Wednesday at Coors Field, but not before showing some fight they feel will be crucial going forward.

"That's what this team is going to do," catcher [A.J. Ellis](#) said. "We're always going to fight for each other. We're going to protect one another. Nobody's going to bully this team."

Ellis was one of five players ejected after a frenzied two-part melee preceded by Padres pitcher [Luis Perdomo](#) throwing behind Rockies star [Nolan Arenado](#) in the third inning.

The Rockies would score five runs in the half-inning following the brawl and stave off Padres rallies that included solo home runs by Franchy Cordero and Eric Hosmer.

It's a well-worn mantra for clubs involved a bench-clearing affair to envisage a bonding effect. Sometimes it happens, sometimes it doesn't.

What can be said about Wednesday's brawl is that the Padres (and Rockies) reacted quickly and with verve.

"We're going to help Perdomo out there — or help anybody," Hedges said. "It doesn't matter who it is. It doesn't matter the circumstances, we've got each other's back."

The Padres had noted in previous days the Rockies' penchant for pitching inside in the team's first six meetings this season.

"Absolutely," Hunter Renfroe said of tension that had been building. "Nobody wants to get hit, that's the bottom line. Everybody throws 95-100 (mph) now. Nobody wants to get hit. Balls are hard."

Padres center fielder Manuel Margot was placed on the disabled list before Wednesday's game as a result of being plunked in the ribs by a fastball from Scott Oberg the night before. The Padres also recalled Christian Villanueva being hit in the wrist by Oberg on April 3, after Villanueva had homered twice and before he would homer a third time in that game.

Then in Wednesday's second inning, Rockies starter German Marquez hit Renfroe in the hand. While not outright accusing the Rockies of intentionally hitting them, it was clear they were fed up.

"That's where we've been all season long, pitching aggressively inside at times," Green said. "They're clearly pitching aggressively inside. ... We've seen that repetitively. Our guys at some in time are going to take up for each other and we're going to pitch inside was well."

“They keep drilling our guys repetitively, at some point in time you hope people do something about it. ... There has to be an awareness how far inside and how far up you go. When you start getting into heads, hands, one was the ribs, that’s a big difference.”

Perdomo, who hit [Trevor Story](#) with a pitch to load the bases in the first inning, threw the first pitch of the third inning just behind the middle of Arenado’s back.

Arenado immediately charged toward the mound with Ellis in pursuit. Perdomo threw his glove at Arenado, missing high, and ducked out of the way of a haymaker from the Rockies third baseman. As Perdomo retreated toward third base, Arenado chased and missed with another swing.

The 37-year-old Ellis, in his catcher’s gear, remained hot after Arenado the entire time and caught up just as the grass flooded with players and coaches.

It happened quickly.

“I was getting ready for defense, and all of a sudden it was like a bull in a china closet,” Renfroe said of Arenado’s charging Perdomo being a surprise. “I had to kind of get going out there.”

This was no standing around, looking at each other with half-hearted shoves, as many baseball brouhahas amount to. A real scuffle ensued, with more punches thrown and multiple players grappling.

“It definitely got hairy there for a little bit,” Renfroe said.

The tensions had seemed to mostly subside, with first Hosmer and then Padres bench coach [Mark McGwire](#) attempting to restrain Arenado. (McGwire and Arenado seemed to get into a slight shouting match, as well. McGwire declined comment afterward.)

Then Marquez threw a towel into a collection of Padres, and the fight renewed.

“That was weird,” Hedges said.

At one point, Rockies left fielder [Gerardo Parra](#) blindsided Ellis with a punch to the face, and Ellis ended up on the ground.

Arenado, Ellis, Marquez, Parra and Perdomo were ejected. A number of others will likely be fined and possibly suspended after [MLB](#) reviews the incident.

Perdomo said he was merely trying to establish the inside part of the plate against one of the [National League](#)'s best hitters.

"It got away from me," he said. "I wasn't trying to hit him."

Umpire crew chief Brian Gorman said afterward Perdomo was ejected for throwing the pitch with intent and Ellis for being one of the aggressors.

"They just said I was part of instigating, but I think I was just out there doing what we were all doing," Ellis said. "That's having each other's back and protecting each other. ... There was some stuff going on where some of my teammates were being harassed. As I was trying to be a peacemaker and put that to an end, some of their players took offense to my attempt to create peace. Apparently, I'm not Switzerland."

Asked if Perdomo gained respect for his perceived retaliation on behalf of Padres hitters, Hosmer said: "Everybody was out there sticking up for guys. You want your guys to fight for each other and have your backs, and I'm not questioning anybody for not having anybody's back in this clubhouse."

Ellis and Hosmer are part of the veteran infusion the Padres brass intentionally brought in to help season a largely inexperienced collection of players.

Hosmer said there was a lesson in Wednesday's events.

"Just continue to fight with your team and have each other's backs," Hosmer said. "That's one of the things I've learned early in my career – you don't really ask questions when stuff like that goes down. You go out there, you have your team's back, and whether they're right or wrong, you figure that out after. At the end of the day, you gotta go out there and have each other's back."

While Wednesday was the series finale, the teams meet again for three games beginning April 23 back at Coors Field.

Asked if the feud was over, Arenado said, "We'll see. I don't have the answers for that one."

The Padres felt they, too, knew only one thing for sure about the events of Wednesday – and the just-completed six game road trip they split with the Rockies and defending World Series champion [Houston Astros](#).

"We'll go back home, build off the momentum," Ellis said. "We played really good baseball in Houston, and we played really good baseball here in Colorado. We've got a tough homestand – [Giants](#) and Dodgers coming in. We'll worry about the Giants tomorrow, and then when it's time to come back to Coors Field, I'm sure there will be a lot of conversations. But we'll do what we'll do, and we'll compete together.

"You take the positives out of the road trip, take the positives out of the series, take the positives out of today. There's galvanizing moments for a team throughout the course of a season. You kind of put down little mark posts throughout the course of a season. Hopefully, this can be one where we've got 25 guys coming together even closer than they already were, and the bonds that had been formed get even tighter as you go through the heat of the season."

## Buddy Baumann's adventure; Eric Hosmer's maiden Padres homer

Kevin Acee

Buddy Baumann ran in from the bullpen, ran around, did some yelling and some jostling and getting jostled.

When the benches-clearing fracas between the [Padres](#) and [Colorado Rockies](#) was over, Baumann walked back to the visitors' bullpen at Coors Field.

The phone rang.

Baumann then made his way back across the outfield grass and through the infield and onto the pitcher's mound to warm up and pitch as the game resumed.

"I was definitely not cold," Baumann said. "... I knew it was going to be me. I just had a feeling. I had the most rest. I got back there sat down and collected myself. Nothing carried over. I just made some bad pitches."

Baumann actually got the first batter to hit a grounder to third base, but the runner reach on an error. A stolen base and single through the middle scored the run. Baumann issued a walk, got what would have been the second out and then walked another batter before another single was compounded by center fielder Franchy Cordero overrunning the ball and it rolling past him and allowing an extra run to score and put a runner on third.

That's when Baumann's day was done. He was charged with five runs (two earned).

"It's your job as relief pitcher to come in there and close any door," he said. "I just didn't do my job. There's no excuse."

[Hosmer](#) homer

In his 51<sup>st</sup> at-bat with his new team, Eric Hosmer hit his first home run.

“Like Wil (Myers) said, I’m officially a Padre now,” said Hosmer, whose 439-foot blast to left-center field came in the eighth inning.

“It felt good,” said Hosmer, who has hit 25 homers each of the past two seasons. “You always wait to get the first stuff out of the way. It felt good to get that one out of the way.”

It was the longest he had gone to start a season without a homer since 2014.

Earlier in Wednesday’s game, Hosmer moved into a tie for the major-league lead with his seventh double. Wednesday was also his [MLB](#)-high eighth multi-hit game.

Hosmer hit .417/.481/.667 in 24 at-bats on the six-game road trip to Houston and Colorado.

#### Extra bases

- Freddy Galvis did not reach base for the first time in 13 games this season.
- After the Padres bullpen allowed just two of 19 inherited runners to score in the first 12 games, Phil Maton and Adam Cimber both allowed an inherited runner to score Wednesday. Cimber did pitch a perfect fourth and fifth. Maton was perfect in getting through the seventh and eighth.
- Jose Pirela went 2-for-was 8-for-14 in the three-game series.

## Padres' Luis Urias starting strong in El Paso

Jeff Sanders

To date, Luis Urias' climb up the [Padres](#) system has been without much resistance. The Pacific Coast League isn't providing much, either.

Luis Urias homered in a three-hit day, [leading Triple-A El Paso to a 4-3 victory on Wednesday](#) at home over Salt Lake.

The 20-year-old Urias also doubled in reaching base for the sixth straight time to open the season. He is hitting .381/.536/.571 with more walks (six) than strikeouts (four).

The home run was the first for Urias, who is [ranked No. 31 in Baseball America's updated top-100 prospects list](#) after finishing 2016 as the California League MVP and 2017 as a Texas League All-Star.

Shortstop [Javy Guerra](#) (.391) drove in two runs on his third homer and designated hitter [Allen Craig](#) (.263) homered in the eighth inning to provide the go-ahead run.

Left-hander Kyle McGrath (1-1, 3.00) earned the win with a run allowed in two innings after right-hander Walker Lockett (4.50) struck out five while allowing two runs in six innings in the start.

Right-hander Michael Mariot stranded a hit in the ninth for his first save for El Paso (5-2).

### HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (2-5)

- [Visalia 4, Storm 1](#): RHP Lake Bachar (1-1, 0.00) allowed four unearned runs on three hits and three walks in five innings in the start. He struck out four. Right-hander Trevor Megill (5.79) followed with four more strikeouts over three hitless innings. 3B Hudson Potts (.320) provided the Storm's lone run



on his second homer of the season. CF Edward Olivares (.292) and LF Nate Easley (.316) each had two hits.

#### LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (1-6)

- [TinCaps 9, Lansing 4](#): 1B Carlos Belen (.227) hit a seventh-inning grand slam – his first homer – to help Fort Wayne win its first game of the season. LF Jack Suwinski (.235) hit his second homer and CF Jeisson Rosario (.269) went 1-for-4 with a walk, two rBIs and a run scored. LHP Nick Margevicius struck out six and allowed two runs on eight hits in 5 2/3 innings in the start and LHP Fred Schlichtholz allowed one run in 2 1/3 innings to earn the win.

## Tired of plunkings, the Padres wanted the Rockies to feel their pain

Dennis Lin, The Athletic

DENVER — Mark McGwire strode up to Nolan Arenado, one very large man entering the airspace of another. The Padres bench coach clutched the Colorado third baseman's jersey with his left hand. With his right, he unfurled three fingers, each representing a specific grievance. Arenado was incensed. McGwire was adamant.

"He was explaining something. I was trying to explain something," Arenado said later. "I have respect for Mark. He said, 'Three of our guys.' He was in my face. I could hear everything."

Rockies outfielder Carlos González stood beside his teammate during the exchange, attempting to broker an uneasy peace.

"There were some words," González recalled. "[McGwire] said we hit a couple guys, and he was like, 'What do you expect? Of course, we're going to send a message.'"

That message arrived in the bottom of the third inning Wednesday at Coors Field. Padres starter Luis Perdomo stood atop the mound, aware that the Rockies had plunked a number of his teammates. Certain cases stood out.

— In the top of the second, outfielder Hunter Renfroe took a 93-mph fastball from Rockies starting pitcher German Márquez off his left hand.

— The previous night, a Scott Oberg heater sent outfielder Manuel Margot to the hospital with bruised ribs.

— A week earlier, Oberg pegged Christian Villanueva at Petco Park amid a three-homer night for the Padres third baseman.

With the above in mind, Perdomo fired his first pitch in Arenado's direction. Arenado turned to avoid a 96-mph fastball. The ball sailed behind his back and ricocheted off the backstop. The Rockies had contended there was no intent to prior plunkings, even as the Padres' irritation had grown. In this instance, Arenado perceived no ambiguity.

The Rockies star discarded his bat, tore off his helmet and charged the mound. Padres catcher A.J. Ellis gave chase as a pleasant afternoon descended into chaos.

Perdomo flung his glove at Arenado. The mitt flew over the third baseman's head. The pitcher backpedaled in the face of an oncoming opponent. Arenado also whiffed, failing to connect with a series of wild punches. Both benches and bullpens cleared.

"I was getting ready for defense," Renfroe said, "and all of a sudden it was like a bull in a china closet."

The subsequent brawl was more physical than most baseball dustups. A gang of Padres attempted to corral Arenado, who continued to pursue Perdomo. San Diego shortstop Freddy Galvis hurled his glove at Arenado. San Diego pitcher Clayton Richard wrapped both arms around Arenado and restrained him. Arenado broke free and concentrated his ire on Ellis, who screamed at Arenado as Colorado veteran Ian Desmond held back the catcher. McGwire confronted Arenado behind home plate. For a moment, the excitement seemed to be winding down.

Abruptly, standing inside a scrum, Márquez wielded a towel in whip-like fashion. Another scrap ensued. Colorado outfielder Gerardo Parra blindsided Ellis with a left fist to the face before order was restored. Ellis, Arenado, Perdomo, Márquez and Parra were ejected. Fines and at least one suspension are forthcoming.

"There was some stuff going on where some of my teammates were being harassed," Ellis said. "As I was trying to be a peacemaker and put that to an end, some of their players took offense to my attempt to create peace. Apparently, I'm not Switzerland."

In the end, Ellis got the worst of a melee that did not turn injurious. The 37-year-old stood in the visiting clubhouse after a 6-4 loss and expressed confusion at his ejection. He insisted, however, that he was fine. His words, and those of his teammates, suggested that the Padres had emerged with fresh perspective.

Thirteen games into the new season, they are 4-9. Their record is not wholly unexpected. Meanwhile, Wednesday's extracurriculars supplied fresher insight.

"I think it just shows we have each other's backs," said first baseman Eric Hosmer, who, after the game's resumption, launched his first home run in a San Diego uniform. "You want to fight with your guys especially coming on the road [against] a division opponent. You want to stick together. You want to be 25 guys playing together out there. I think, if anything, it just shows that we were playing together and we've got each other's backs."

"Whatever happens, good or bad, we stick together," Richard said. "There's no division within our team, top to bottom."

Perdomo maintained that he had been trying to attack inside — “I wasn’t trying to hit him,” he said through an interpreter — though he hinted at annoyance over the Rockies’ brushback pitches. McGwire declined an interview request.

“They keep drilling our guys repetitively, at some point in time you hope people do something about it,” manager Andy Green said. “It’s been a situation where we’ve been hit a few times early in the season by the Rockies.

“Certain pitchers have to pitch inside to be successful. There has to be an awareness how far inside and how far up you go.”

Green’s tone differed from last June, when he defended a decision not to retaliate. The Padres had suffered a blow when Chicago Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo barreled into Austin Hedges, violating baseball’s home-plate collision rule and bruising the catcher’s thigh. Green asked the next day’s starter, Jhoulys Chacín, not to throw at Rizzo. Though reluctant, Chacín complied.

The commissioner’s office was appeased. The fan base was not.

On Wednesday, the Padres were compelled into action.

“It’s different circumstances,” Hedges said following Wednesday’s game. “I think the team stood up for me in a different way [in June]. Obviously, this one was a more public way. But I know my teammates got my back, just like I’ve got every one of their backs, too.”

The Padres concluded a road trip that took them from Houston to Colorado with three wins and as many losses. They may already be five games under .500, but the rest of the month promises to be interesting. They have suffered key injuries — Margot landed on the disabled list, joining Dinelson Lamet and Wil Myers — but the team has stayed close in most contests. Franchy Cordero, who was activated after a rehab assignment, homered in place of Margot on Wednesday afternoon.

And on April 23, less than two weeks from now, the Padres will return to Coors Field for another three-game series.

“There’s galvanizing moments for a team throughout the course of a season,” Ellis said. “Hopefully, this can be one where we’ve got 25 guys coming together even closer than they already were.

“We’re always going to fight for each other, we’re going to protect one another. Nobody’s going to bully this team.”

## Padres' flagship station rebrands after DJ's controversial tweet

BY [FOX 5 DIGITAL TEAM](#)

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Padres will stick with 97.3 FM as their flagship radio station despite recent controversy surrounding a tweet by a host – a decision that came on the same day the station announced it will rebrand as an all-sports station.

Entercom Communications announced 97.3 The Machine, which broadcasts Padres games, will be rebranded as 97.3 The Fan, a decision prompted by backlash from a promotional tweet by Kevin Klein, who was slated to be a morning show host but never ended up on the air.

Last month, Klein tweeted a photo of the San Diego-Coronado bridge overlaid with text urging listeners to “JUMP... to a new morning show.” The tweet, which was deleted the next day, was considered insensitive by many.

“After a recent off-air tweet, we took the opportunity to step back, listen to the important feedback from the community and our partners, the Padres, and reevaluate the path forward,” Bob Bolinger, market manager of Entercom San Diego, said in a statement Wednesday. “The station was always going to be largely about sports and we determined the right thing to do was go 100 percent all in.”

Klein will not be on the station, [the Union-Tribune reported](#).

In a statement also released Wednesday, Padres Executive Chairman Ron Fowler said, “We have had numerous discussions over the last two weeks with Entercom’s local and national management about our expectations for the radio

home of the San Diego Padres. They have assured us that the challenges we faced with 97.3 FM at the beginning of this season have been addressed and that steps have been taken to make sure they are not repeated.

“We believe that their new format better reflects the values of the Padres and the San Diego community as a whole, and we appreciate Entercom’s willingness to listen to our concerns and adjust their content.”

## Thursday Preview: Padres look to continue success against Giants

FOX Sports

Stats

SAN DIEGO — The [San Francisco Giants](#) owned the [San Diego Padres](#) through the first half of the 2016 season. San Francisco beat the Padres nine straight times before the All-Star break.

Since then, however, the tables have turned. The Padres are 20-9 against San Francisco over the last 1 1/2 seasons. Their 12-7 advantage over the Giants in 2017 was a major reason why the Padres finished fourth in the National League West standings with San Francisco coming in last.

On Thursday night at Petco Park, the teams play the first of their 19 meetings this season as the Padres open a seven-game homestand against their California rivals. After four games with San Francisco, the Padres host the Los Angeles Dodgers for three.

The opener of the Giants series matches a pair of right-handers with little experience against the other team.

In fact, Padres starter [Bryan Mitchell](#) (0-1, 4.22 ERA) will be facing San Francisco for the first time. Giants starter [Chris Stratton](#) (0-1, 4.35) will be making his third appearance and second start against the Padres.

Mitchell, who turns 27 on April 19, will be making his third start for San Diego. Mitchell was the pitcher the Padres wanted last Dec. 12 when they agreed to a trade that included taking on third baseman [Chase Headley](#)'s \$13 million contract from the New York Yankees.

After a rough spring and a poor first start, Mitchell found his stride last Saturday against the world champion Astros in Houston. He allowed no runs, three hits and six walks with one strikeout over 5 2/3 innings. In his first start for the Padres, Mitchell allowed five runs on eight hits and three walks in five innings against the Colorado Rockies in his Petco Park debut.

Mitchell has issued nine walks while striking out only one in 10 2/3 innings.

“Mitchell’s strikeouts are down, yes,” said San Diego manager Andy Green after Mitchell’s second start. “I’d like to see the walks down. I was very pleased with his last outing because he was driving fastballs down in the zone and he was getting weak contact against a very good lineup (Houston).

“The strikeouts are going to come back for him. He has too good stuff not to punch guys out at times, but as long as he’s driving that fastball down in the zone he’s going to have some success.”

Stratton, 27, was the Giants’ first-round pick (20th overall) in the 2012 draft out of Mississippi State.

Stratton has made two starts this season and his second start was moved twice. He was originally scheduled to face the Dodgers last Saturday. That was pushed back to Sunday, then returned to Saturday.

In that game, Stratton gave up three runs (two earned) and four hits while striking out three and walking four. He did not get a decision in the Giants’ 7-5 victory.

The 6-foot-2, 211-pound Stratton has a 1-1 record career record against San Diego with a 6.43 ERA in two games (one start). The Padres have scored seven runs off Stratton on 11 hits and three walks with seven strikeouts in 11 innings. Thursday will be his first career appearance at Petco Park.



## Rockies' Nolan Arenado sparks brawl by charging Padres' Luis Perdomo

ESPN

DENVER -- Colorado Rockies standout Nolan Arenado charged the mound after a fastball from San Diego Padres starter Luis Perdomo sailed behind him, setting off a wild brawl that resulted in five ejections Wednesday during a testy series at Coors Field.

Perdomo tossed his glove at a furious Arenado, and the big-hitting third baseman started throwing punches at the pitcher in the third inning. The benches cleared and relievers ran in from the bullpen. Arenado yelled at Padres catcher A.J. Ellis near the San Diego dugout and had to be held back, with Padres bench coach Mark McGwire helping keep them separated.

"They thought they had to do something," said Arenado, who expects to be suspended. "I thought I had to do something, too. That's kind of why I went out there."

Just when the melee seemed to be winding down, Rockies starter German Marquez appeared to toss a towel toward the Padres, and Rockies outfielder Gerardo Parra appeared to throw a punch. That briefly heated things back up.

Once order was finally restored, the umpires met for several minutes before ejecting Perdomo, Ellis, Arenado, Marquez and Parra.

"Our job is to try and calm everything down, but you've got to eject the aggressors," crew chief Brian Gorman said.

Ellis struggled to understand the situation.

"To react like that and go out there, especially when he didn't even get hit -- the ball was behind him," Ellis said. "Nolan goes out and at that point it's about having each other's back. You take care of your brothers and teammates."

The night before, Rockies reliever Scott Oberg hit San Diego center fielder Manuel Margot in the ribs. Margot was placed on the 10-day disabled list on Wednesday. Before the game, Rockies manager Bud Black said Oberg had reached out to Margot to explain his side.

Padres manager Andy Green wasn't impressed.

"Our guys are out there competing, trying to win baseball games, and it's been kind of where we've been all season long, pitching aggressively inside at times and they're clearly pitching aggressively inside," Green said. "I think Oberg has hit two of our guys. Marquez drilled Hunter today, so they're pitching aggressively inside. We've seen that repetitively and our guys at some point in time are going to stick up for each other and we're going to pitch inside as well."

The feud carried over to the series finale, when Rockies shortstop [Trevor Story](#) was hit in the first inning by Perdomo and Padres right fielder [Hunter Renfroe](#) was plunked by Marquez in the second.

On the first pitch in the third, Arenado leaned out of the way to avoid the ball hitting him in the back and immediately took off for the mound. Perdomo tried to ward off Arenado by tossing his glove, but it sailed over the Gold Glove third baseman's head.

"We've tried to come in more on Nolan knowing he's one of the absolute best players in the National League, and we've come in aggressively at times," Green said.

He later added: "I mean, if they keep drilling our guys repetitively, at some point in time you hope people do something about it. But it's definitely been a situation where we've been hit a few times here early in the season by the Rockies."

The fight seemed to fire up the Rockies, who scored five runs in the inning to take a 5-0 lead and went on to win 6-4. The Rockies have been struggling on offense this season.

"We won today and that's all that mattered," Arenado said.

This might not be the end of this feud, either. The two teams play again in Denver starting on April 23.

"I don't have the answer to that one," Arenado said. "We'll see."

## Fallout From Radio Stunt Leads to Station Format Change

Padres new radio home becoming San Diego's only FM all-sports station

By [Derek Togerson](#)

A misguided publicity stunt. A massive public backlash. A debut that never happened. Now a San Diego-based radio station that made national news for all the wrong reasons is undergoing big changes after the Padres held their feet to the proverbial fire.

In March, Entercom announced the launch of 97.3 The Machine. It branded itself as “Talk That Rocks” with what they hoped was edgier content as well as San Diego Padres baseball broadcasts. Part of that lineup was a new morning show called “Kevin Klein Live” but that program never saw the airwaves after it tried to promote itself through a social media campaign with the words “[Jump ... to a new morning show](#)” written over the Coronado Bridge.

That post and the subsequent attempts at defending it prompted the Padres, led by Executive Chairman Ron Fowler, to take action and make sure they were not associated with that kind of product.

The franchise talked to Entercom (the broadcasting company that owns 97.3) and Klein’s program will never hit San Diego airwaves. Instead, The Machine is going to rebrand once again, this time calling itself 97.3 THE FAN and become a full sports-talk radio station.

"We have had numerous discussions over the last two weeks with Entercom's local and national management about our expectations for the radio home of the San Diego Padres," said Fowler in a statement. "They have assured us that the challenges we faced with 97.3 FM at the beginning of this season have been addressed and that steps have been taken to make sure they are not repeated."

The new weekday lineup will move “The Dan Sileo Show” to mornings (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.), followed by the return to San Diego of the Jim Rome Show from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Noon to 3:00 p.m. will feature a national show hosted by

Doug Gottlieb and afternoon drive will be hosted by Chris Ello and Tony Gwynn Jr. from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The new format will officially launch on Thursday, April 12. Padres game broadcasts will remain on the station for at least the remainder of the 2018 season.

## Basebrawl: Arenado charges mound, Rockies beat Padres 6-4

AP

DENVER -- [Nolan Arenado](#) nearly connected for a couple of huge hits. Furious with a fastball that buzzed behind his back, the Colorado slugger immediately charged the mound. And he came out wildly swinging at pitcher [Luis Perdomo](#).

Arenado's rush set off a heated fracas in the third inning that led to five ejections during a testy game in which the Rockies beat the [San Diego Padres](#) 6-4 on Wednesday.

"They thought they had to do something," Arenado said. "I thought I had to do something, too. That's kind of why I went out there."

Perdomo flung his glove at the bolting Arenado and missed. Arenado then threw a couple of big punches at the backpedaling Perdomo, but didn't land anything squarely.

The All-Star third baseman's reaction certainly woke up the slumbering Colorado bats, with the Rockies scoring five times in the inning to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

"We won today and that's all that mattered," Arenado said.

The tension between these two NL West teams started boiling a night earlier at Coors Field when Padres outfielder [Manuel Margot](#) got hit in the ribs by a pitch, putting him on the disabled list. The problems festered early on in the series finale, with Colorado's [Trevor Story](#) being plunked in the first and San Diego's [Hunter Renfroe](#) in the second.

That set the stage for Arenado, who didn't take kindly to Perdomo's pitch, as the benches cleared and the relievers sprinted in from the bullpen.

"I had a feeling they could do it to someone," said Arenado, who expects to be suspended. "I didn't think it would be me."

An incensed Arenado began screaming at Padres catcher [A.J. Ellis](#), leading to San Diego bench coach Mark McGwire holding the All-Star third baseman back. Rockies starter [German Marquez](#) got involved by throwing a towel and Colorado outfielder [Gerardo Parra](#) looked as if he threw a punch.

Once order was finally restored, the umpires met for several minutes before ejecting Perdomo, Ellis, Arenado, Marquez and Parra.

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Rockies outfielder [Carlos Gonzalez](#) said he followed Arenado onto the field. "We don't show up to the ballpark to create that kind of atmosphere," Gonzalez said. "We understand there are a lot of kids watching us play. There are a lot of kids who love No. 28. That's the last thing they want to see."

Sometimes, emotions spill over.

"When somebody charges the mound, the whole team is going to come out and defend each other," Padres manager Andy Green said.

Colorado erupted soon after the melee, sending nine hitters to the plate with most of the damage off reliever [Buddy Baumann](#) (0-1) when he took over for Perdomo. The big play was [Tony Wolters'](#) bases-loaded, two-run single that center fielder [Franchy Cordero](#) misplayed to allow another run to score. Cordero atoned with a solo homer as part of San Diego's three-run the sixth. [Eric Hosmer](#) hit his first homer as a member of the Padres in the eighth. [Antonio Senzatela](#) (1-1) struggled over three innings while filling in for Marquez. [Wade Davis](#) pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save as the Rockies finished the homestand 2-4.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: Green said the hope is that Margot's ribs feel better in four or five days and he can take some swings. ... Cordero (groin) was reinstated Wednesday from DL after a rehab assignment at Triple-A El Paso.

Rockies: OF [Charlie Blackmon](#) was out of the lineup for a second straight game with tightness in his right quad.

OH, BROTHER

The younger brother of Arenado hit a grand slam Tuesday night to lead Double-A Richmond over Colorado's affiliate, the Hartford Yard Goats. It was the first homer at the Double-A level for Jonah Arenado, a 16th-round pick by San Francisco in 2013.

UP NEXT

Padres: Open a four-game series against San Francisco. RHP [Bryan Mitchell](#) (0-1, 4.22 ERA) goes for San Diego.

Rockies: Travel to Washington for a four-game set against Washington, with RHP [Chad Bettis](#) (1-0, 2.53) starting the opening game.

## **This Day in Padres History—April 12**

By Bill Center

April 12, 1980—Right fielder Dave Winfield drives in all four runs with a two-run homer and a two-run single as the Padres defeat the Giants 4–2 at San Diego Stadium.

April 12, 1986—Left-handed starting pitcher Dave Dravecky shuts out Cincinnati on four hits and a walk over 7 2/3 innings at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, although the Reds score three in the ninth against the Padres bullpen for a 3–2 win. Dravecky will go on to post a 0.75 earned run average for five starts in the season's first month—still the lowest ERA by a Padres starter for a month (minimum three starts).

April 12, 1988—John Kruk hits a grand slam homer and scores after doubling to have a hand in all five runs as the Padres defeat the Dodgers 5–3 at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.

April 12, 1992—Third baseman Gary Sheffield goes 3-for-4 with a homer and drives in all five runs as the Padres defeat the Dodgers 5–4 at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.

April 12, 2006—First baseman Adrian Gonzalez is 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored as the Padres score a 7–2 victory at Miami.

April 12, 2009—Catcher Nick Hundley is 4-for-4 with a homer and a RBI to lead the Padres to a 6–1 over the Giants at Petco Park.

April 12, 2010—Kyle Blanks is 3-for-6 with a double, a homer, five RBIs and three runs scored and Will Venable is 3-for-5 with a homer, two RBIs and four runs scored as the Padres rout Atlanta 17–2 at Petco Park.

April 12, 2015—A crowd of 40,184 see the Padres defeat the Giants 6–1 at Petco Park. The Padres win three of four while the Padres draw a record 168,171 fans to Petco Park for a four-game series.



## #PadresOnDeck: №3 Prospect Urías Has Three Hits, HR in AAA-EI Paso Win

By Bill Center

Luis Urías, the Padres' third-ranked prospect by the MLB Pipeline, was 3-for-5 Wednesday for Triple-A El Paso with a double and a home run.

Ranked the [36th-best prospect in all of the minor leagues](#) as well as the №2 second baseman, Urías is off to a .381 start with the Chihuahuas. The native of Mexico is 8-for-21 with six walks. After the first week, Urías has a .536 on-base percentage and a .571 slugging percentage for a 1.107 OPS.

Two other top-30 prospects homered in the Padres system Wednesday.

— Third baseman Hudson Potts, 19, hit his second homer for Advanced Single-A Lake Elsinore. The [Padres' №17 prospect](#) was 1-for-4 and is hitting .320.

— Tijuana native Tirso Ornelas, 18, hit a three-run homer for Single-A Fort Wayne. Ornelas, the [Padres' 15th-ranked prospect](#), is hitting .261. He also drew a walk Wednesday.

Around the Farm:

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (5–2): CHIHUAHUAS 4, Salt Lake 3—Urías was one of three Chihuahuas to homer. SS Javy Guerra (.391) was 1-for-3 with a homer, a walk and two RBIs. LF Shane Peterson (.250) had a double and a game-winning solo homer in four at-bats. DH Allen Craig (.263) was 1-for-4 with a run scored. Starting RHP Walker Lockett (4.50 earned run average) allowed two runs on five hits and a walk with five strikeouts in six innings. LHP Kyle McGrath (3.00 ERA) allowed a run on two hits with a strikeout in two innings to earn the win. RHP Michael Mariot (15.00) allowed a hit in an inning to earn the save.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (4–2): The Missions had Wednesday off.

ADVANCED SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (2–5): VISALIA 4, Storm 1—Potts' homer was the only Lake Elsinore run. CF Edward Olivares (.292) was 2-for-3 and was hit by a pitch. LF Nate Easley (.316) was 2-for-3 with a double. RHP Lake Bachar (1–1, 0.00 ERA) allowed four unearned runs on three hits and three walks

with four strikeouts in five innings. RHP Trevor Megill (5.79) issued a walk with four strikeouts in three otherwise perfect innings.

SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (1–6): TIN CAPS 9, Lansing 4—Ornelas hit one of three Fort Wayne homers. 1B Carlos Belen (.227) was 1-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs. LF Jack Suwinski (.235) was 1-for-3 with a homer, a walk and two runs scored. CF Jeisson Rosario (.269) was 1-for-4 with a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. 2B Esteury Ruiz (.174) was 1-for-3 with a walk, a RBI and a run scored. C Jalen Washington (.231) was 1-for-2 with two walks and a run scored. 3B Reinaldo Ilarraza (.118) was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Starting LHP Nick Margevicius (1.59 ERA) allowed two runs on eight hits and no walks with six strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. LHP Fred Schlichtholz(1–1, 11.25) allowed a run on three hits and a walk in 2 1/3 innings to get the win. RHP Jordan Guerrero allowed a run on a walk with a strikeout in an inning.