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# Hosmer's homer helps Padres outlast Reds

[Kevin Acee](#)

[Eric Hosmer](#) ended a long week — or maybe it really was just four soggy, slogging days — in southern Ohio for the [Padres](#) with a solo home run in the ninth inning Sunday that stood as the difference in a 7-6 victory over the [Reds](#).

“It seemed like it was about a week long,” a beaming Hosmer said after the Padres salvaged a split of the four-game series. “And it seemed like we were in this clubhouse the whole entire time.”

A half-inning after the Padres emerged from the visitors’ clubhouse at Great American Ball Park following a rain delay of one hour, 32 minutes, Hosmer hastened their departure by hitting a home run in a third straight game for the first time in his career.

“Just trying to get the ball in the air more,” Hosmer said.

Thankfully, for the shot by Hosmer that just cleared the 12-foot wall in left field, the Padres got in the air to Seattle before another day passed.

They arrived here early Wednesday morning, and their flight took off an hour before it became Monday.

Including the 1:13 delay before Saturday’s game was officially called in the top of the seventh inning, there were five hours and 22 minutes of delays in the final three games of the series.

“It seemed like a long time,” said [Craig Stammen](#), who pitched a scoreless bottom of the eighth inning right after the delay.

The teams agreed to reschedule Sunday's first pitch for three hours later than the 1:10 ET start in an effort to avoid the weather that had already delayed one game and shortened another.

The start of Friday's game was delayed more than 2½ hours, and the Reds won 12-6 thanks to a four-run inning and a five-run inning.

Saturday's game began three hours earlier than scheduled due to heavy rain forecast starting in the late afternoon, and the Reds put up a seven-run second inning on their way to a 7-2 victory.

As rain fell with increasing fury Sunday, umpires and the head groundskeeper met and checked radar between innings while the rest of the grounds crew applied clay to the infield and mound.

In all, there were approximately two tons of clay added, bag by bag, just during Sunday's game.

With the radar indicating the rain was about to pass, the grounds crew was going about that task in the middle of the eighth inning when Padres manager Andy Green approached the umpires and pointed to some puddling areas. A minute later, everyone was called off the field.

"No one wants to wait," Green said. "But safety comes first. I think they made the right decision."

The long days here were made longer for the Padres by big innings.

Three innings before Sunday's delay, the Reds tied the game with an all-too-familiar outburst.

The Padres had to that point seemed to be cruising to a split of the series.

Rookie starter Jacob Nix had struck out a career-high five batters and thrown just 56 pitches, and the Padres led 6-1 on the strength of three successive two-run innings.

Austin Hedges started the scoring with a two-run homer in the third. Luis Urias' 434-foot blast to the third deck made it 4-0 in the fourth.

"Seems like a decade ago," Green quipped following the game.

After the Reds got their first hit and first run off Nix in the bottom of the fourth, a single by Franmil Reyes and walk by Cory Spangenberg set up [Freddy Galvis](#)' two-run double.

Then came three singles, Jose Peraza's two-run double and [Joey Votto](#)'s three-run homer before Nix could get another out.

He was replaced by Robert Stock, who got through the inning. Rowan Wick started the sixth and got an out before allowing a single. Jose Castillo came in and got the next five outs.

After the delay, Stammen (7-2) allowed a lead-off double to [Tucker Barnhart](#) before retiring the next three batters. Kirby Yates earned his seventh save with a perfect ninth inning.

"It's good to get one and actually get it quick when we come back out there," Green said. "Couldn't have been any quicker for us."

It was the only thing quick about the series.

# Padres notes: Spangenberg's position quest; Kennedy scratched; Urias back

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After going almost two weeks without a start, [Cory Spangenberg](#) started at second base Saturday and is starting at third base Sunday.

He knows this is his future and has worked this season to make sure he is ready when called on, doing [as much as ever behind the scenes](#), such as seeing more velocity in the batting cage.

Still, he has struggled coming off the bench. Spangenberg is batting .258/.308/.383 in 57 starts this season and .132/.220/.340 in 60 plate appearances off the bench. He has a .361 on-base percentage in his past 16 starts but has gone 0-for-7 with three walks in 10 plate appearances as a substitute in that stretch.

“He’s worked hard to embrace that challenge, to conquer that challenge,” manager Andy Green said Sunday. “He’s doing everything humanly possible to acclimate to that role. ... If he turns into one of those guys that bounces around the field and plays relatively consistently he can have success in that role.

“He hasn’t been dealt the easiest hand to play this year, as we’ve brought other guys up to play in front of him.”

Spangenberg, of course, would like to start as often as possible.

What he’d also like to do is add to his prolific utility resume.

In his five-year career, Spangenberg has batted in each of the nine spots in the order and played every position except first base and catcher.

According to Elias Sports Bureau, just five players (Jake Elmore, Shane Halter, [Don Kelly](#), [Andrew Romine](#) and Scott Sheldon) who began their major league careers in the past 30 years have batted in all nine spots and played every position. Romine, who became the fifth player in history to play all nine positions in one game last season, is the only active player to have accomplished both nines in his career.

Spangenberg knows catcher will be the difficult one to attain. Green agrees.

Rest assured, Spangenberg has made the manager aware of his quest.

“I just want one inning at the end of the year,” Spangenberg said. “Bring in Maki (Kazuhisa Makita) throwing like 80. I can catch him. I would love to be able to say I did that. I think that would be so cool.”

## **Kennedy down**

Rookie Brett Kennedy has been scratched from his next start after experiencing swelling in his left (landing) knee following his Friday start.

Kennedy stepped awkwardly after a bunt in the top of the second inning. His velocity fell and command faltered in the bottom of the second, when he walked four of the six batters he faced.

The right-hander’s turn would have come Friday. A six-man rotation becomes a five-man rotation.

After Bryan Mitchell and Joey Lucchesi start in Seattle on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Padres plan to go with Eric Lauer, Robbie Erlin and Jacob Nix on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively, against the [Texas Rangers](#).

Of Kennedy, Green said, “We’re hoping he heals up relatively quickly to get back and make some starts for us before the year is up.”

## **He’s back**

Rookie second baseman Luis Urias got what Green called “a breathe day” on Saturday, sitting for the first time since his Aug. 28 call-up.

Green told him Friday, “Don’t change a thing; just keep doing what you’re doing.”

Urias, 21, reached base in seven of his first 18 plate appearances, including a double and a home run. He has three singles and a walk in his past 26 plate appearances.

“This level happens fast,” Green said. “It’s what you dream about your whole life. He came up and had some good games and then grinded for a few games. It as a reset day.”

Urias is batting second Sunday.

## **Myers’ work**

If Wil Myers was going to get a day off, Green figured it might as well be Sunday, when the tarp was removed from the infield at Great American Ball Park just about a half-hour before first pitch.

Myers, who has played 21 games at third base since first doing so on Aug. 10, is still at the point where he takes extensive grounders before games. No one has been able to do that three of the four days in Cincinnati.

“It impacts him more than other guys because he’s had such limited exposure to that position,” Green said. “The days he’s been able to get out there and work have been better days.”

Myers on Saturday [acknowledged some of his struggles](#) at his new position.

# Minors Missions advance to Texas League championship series

**Jeff Sanders**

Double-A San Antonio is rolling right into the Texas League Championship Series.

**Chris Huffman** turned in seven strong innings, the Missions scored early and [San Antonio won a third straight game, 8-1](#), on Sunday at Corpus Christi to advance to the circuit's championship series.

The Missions will host Tulsa beginning Tuesday.

Huffman struck out three and allowed a run on four hits and a walk before right-handers **David Bednar** and **Andres Munoz** each turned in a scoreless frame to close the game.

**Webster Rivas** drove in three runs on two hits and **Josh Naylor, Kyle Overstreet, Hudson Potts** and **Matthew Batten** each had two hits.

Two of Webster's RBIs came via a single in a three-run first.

**Buddy Reed** went 1-for-3 with an RBI, a walk, two runs scored and his third steal of the series.

## El Paso bounced

Right-hander **Walker Lockett** allowed three runs in three innings in the start and Fresno limited Triple-A El Paso to four hits in a [10-1 win](#) that eliminated the Chihuahuas from the postseason.

Fresno won the series, three games to two.

**Raffy Lopez** went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a walk and **Forrestt Allday**, **Shane Peterson** and **Brett Nicholas** all doubled.

Right-hander **Kyle Lloyd** allowed two runs in an inning of work, left-hander **Kyle McGrath** allowed three runs in 1 /3 innings and right-hander **T.J. Weir** allowed two runs in 1 2/3 innings.

# Hosmer provides final edge in rain-soaked finale

By Jeff Wallner

CINCINNATI -- After 5 hours and 22 minutes of rain delays and two rescheduled starts during their four-game series at Great American Ball Park, the Padres were eager to get on a plane to Seattle on Sunday night. [Eric Hosmer](#)'s solo home run leading off the ninth helped expedite that departure.

"It's basically, 'Let's get the heck out of here,'" Hosmer said. "That's what everyone is thinking. Late nights like this, you try to produce a run any way you can. This series seemed like it was a week long, and we were in this clubhouse the entire time."

Hosmer's third home run in as many games -- an opposite field blast to left -- came on a 1-0 pitch from Reds closer [Raisel Iglesias](#) and lifted the Padres to a 7-6 victory to earn a split in the series.

It's the first time in Hosmer's career that he has homered in three consecutive games. He has now reached base in 11 consecutive appearances.

"I'm just trying to get the ball in the air," Hosmer said. "Made a point to get on the backside a little more, use that back leg to create more lift. When I'm going good, I'm going to the opposite side. That's where I want to be going."

[Austin Hedges](#) and [Luis Urias](#) each hit two-run homers, but rookie right-hander [Jacob Nix](#) allowed six earned runs in four innings, including a three-run homer to [Joey Votto](#), as the Reds rallied from a 6-1 deficit with a five-run fifth inning.

Sunday's game, which was pushed back from 1:10 to 4:10 p.m. ET to avoid bad weather, was delayed 1 hour, 32 minutes by rain in the eighth inning. Hosmer delivered shortly after play resumed.

"It's good to get a win and actually get it quick after we came back out there," Padres manager Andy Green said. "Hos has been swinging it well. In this series, he got the ball in the air more consistently. When he gets the ball in the air, good things happen."

Hedges extended his hitting streak to a career-high eight games with a two-run home run off Reds starter [Tyler Mahle](#) in the third. It was his eighth of the season.

Urias then took [Lucas Sims](#) deep for a two-run homer in the fourth, putting the Padres ahead 4-0. Urias' blast traveled 434 feet had an [exit velocity](#) of 103.7, according to [Statcast™](#), and was his second homer this season and first since August 31.

Nix didn't allow a hit until [Jose Peraza](#)'s bloop single leading off the fourth and had a career-high five strikeouts. But he struggled after that.

"I thought [Nix's] first three [innings] were really sharp," Green said. "The fourth is when it started to wane. Trying to be too pinpoint, lost command of his secondary pitches."

**Freddy Galvis**' two-run double off Sims in the fifth extended the Padres' lead to 6-1.

**Craig Stammen** (7-2) earned the victory after allowing a leadoff double by **Tucker Barnhart** in the eighth, but retiring the next three batters -- two on strikeouts -- to keep the score tied.

"You give up the leadoff double, it's such an eerie feeling when there's nobody there and one guy's screaming at the top of his lungs," Green said. "If anyone can handle that, it's Craig Stammen. To face good hitters and get those guys out to get us back in the dugout was huge."

**Kirby Yates** pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

### **MOMENTS THAT MATTERED**

The Padres managed a split in the series despite several defensive miscues. In the fifth, right fielder **Franmil Reyes** pulled up on **Billy Hamilton**'s shallow fly to right on what could have been a double play had he caught it. Peraza's two-run double and Votto's homer tied the score later in the inning.

"There's a play we could have made in right field," Green said. "He didn't pick up that ball from Billy Hamilton."

### **UP NEXT**

Following an off-day on Monday, the Padres begin a brief two-game series against the Mariners at Safeco Field. Right-hander **Bryan Mitchell** (1-3, 6.58 ERA) is scheduled to make his 14th appearance (ninth start), and first against the Mariners. In his last outing on Sept. 3, Mitchell allowed a run in five innings to earn his first victory since April 2, 2017. Left-hander **Marco Gonzales** (12-9, 4.32) will start for Seattle and face the Padres for the first time. First pitch is set for 7:10 p.m. PT Tuesday.

# Kennedy (left knee) to miss next start

By Jeff Wallner

CINCINNATI -- Padres rookie right-hander [Brett Kennedy](#) insisted he felt fine physically after allowing four earned runs in 1 2/3 innings on Friday. But, left knee soreness will prevent him from making his next scheduled start.

"When he bunted the other day ... it just didn't look right," Padres manager Andy Green said. "His left knee swelled up on him a little bit. We'll get it checked out and make sure he's OK."

Kennedy came into Friday's start with a 2.81 ERA in his previous three outings, including his first career victory against Colorado, but he walked four on Friday and threw only 44 pitches before being removed from the game in the second inning.

"The ball just wasn't coming out of my hand right," the 24-year-old Kennedy said. "It's something I haven't dealt with before. No excuses, my mechanics were just not there. It made it really tough on our bullpen."

According to Green, Kennedy was having a hard time getting over his front side on Friday but not wanting to make an excuse, didn't immediately divulge the knee issue.

"You like that; that's a young guy trying to soldier on," Green said. "But, at the same time, if you can't execute for your team, you need to be forthright in that moment. He clearly was having difficulty commanding the strike zone, and that's not something we've ever seen from him."

Kennedy is one of several Padres rookie starters looking to solidify their spots for next season. Kennedy is 1-2 with a 6.75 ERA in six starts since being recalled from Triple-A El Paso. He tossed six shutout innings against the Rockies for his first career win Aug. 31.

"He's got a window of opportunity," said Green, "and he doesn't want that to pass by."

Following Sunday's series finale in Cincinnati, the Padres have two of the next four days off, with a two-game interleague series at Seattle sandwiched between. Right-hander [Bryan Mitchell](#) will start against the Mariners on Tuesday and left-hander [Joey Lucchesi](#) on Wednesday as scheduled. After that, there could be some changes to the rotation.

"We'll make some adjustments," Green said. "We'll squeeze that rotation a bit, go from a six-man to a five-man. No drastic changes the next four days, then we'll announce something going forward."

# Hosmer HR in 9th lifts Padres over Reds to cap soggy series

Associated Press

CINCINNATI -- The [San Diego Padres](#) didn't exactly enjoy their soggy stay in Cincinnati. [Eric Hosmer](#) got a nice parting gift from the Reds' cozy riverside ballpark, though.

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Hosmer took [Raisel Iglesias](#) (2-4) deep for his third homer in three days -- the first time he's strung three together in his career. It ended a rain-soaked four-game series that featured 5 hours, 22 minutes of delays.

"It was great to get it quickly," San Diego manager Andy Green said. "It couldn't have happened any quicker. He's swinging the bat well. It was a big series for him."

Reds interim manager Jim Riggleman considered Iglesias a victim of his home park.

"We don't make too many excuses for the home runs," Riggleman said. "We give up a lot of homers, but that was a Great American Ball Park homer. Hosmer's a good hitter, but this might be the only ballpark it goes out of."

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"It seemed like it was a week long, and we were in this clubhouse the entire time," Hosmer said of the lengthy series. "We were happy to get out of a day like this with a win. Basically, we just wanted to get the heck out of here. That's what everybody was thinking."

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#### STREAK'S ALIVE

San Diego has won six consecutive season series against Cincinnati since the Reds went 6-2 against the Padres in 2012. The Padres won four out of seven this season.

#### CAREER HIGH

Hedges's homer extended his hitting streak to a career-high eight games. The catcher had a seven-game streak from Aug. 4-12.

#### SNAPPED SLUMPS

The Reds' [Billy Hamilton](#) snapped a 0-for-15 slump with a fifth-inning bloop single that started their five-run rally. His sixth-inning stolen base was his first since he had two on August 11 against Arizona.

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# #PadresOnDeck: RHP Chris Huffman, DH Webster Rivas Lead Double–A San Antonio into Texas League Championships; Triple–A El Paso Eliminated

*By Bill Center*

The San Antonio Missions and San Diego Padres will be partners for one more week after the Missions scored an 8–1 win at Corpus Christi Sunday afternoon to win the Double-A Texas League’s Southern Division title.

San Antonio’s third straight win against the Hooks in the decisive fifth game of the best-of-five series earned them a berth against the Dodgers’ Tulsa affiliate in the Texas League Championship Series, which starts Tuesday night in the Oklahoma City.

Meanwhile, Triple-A El Paso lost 10–1 at Fresno in the decisive fifth game of the Pacific Coast League’s Southern Division Championship Series—ending the Chihuahuas’ season.

Right-hander starter **Chris Huffman** paced San Antonio Sunday, holding Corpus Christi to one run on four hits and a walk with three strikeouts over seven innings. The 25-year-old Huffman, the Padres’ 14th-round pick in the 2014 draft, took a shutout into the seventh with the Missions leading 7–0.

For the second straight game, designated hitter **Webster Rivas** (.222) delivered the key hits, going 2-for-4 with a sacrifice fly and three RBIs.

Center fielder **Buddy Reed**, 23, ranked the [Padres' No.13 prospect by MLB Pipeline](#), was 1-for-3 with a walk, a stolen base and a sacrifice fly with two runs scored while raising his post-season batting average to .188. Left fielder **Josh Naylor**, 21, (the [Padres' No.15 prospect](#)) and third baseman **Hudson Potts**, 19, (the [Padres' No.23 prospect](#)) were each 2-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored. Both are hitting .200 in five post-season games.

First baseman **Kyle Overstreet** (.263) was 2-for-5 with a RBI and two runs scored. Second baseman **Matthew Batten** (.286) was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Center fielder **Michael Gettys** (.091) had a double in three at-bats and a walk for a RBI. Shortstop **Owen Miller** (.190) was 1-for-5 with a run scored.

Right-hander **David Bednar** (0.00 earned run average) followed Huffman and allowed a hit and a walk with a strikeout in a scoreless inning. Right-hander **Andres Munoz** (0.00), 19, the [Padres' No.22 prospect](#), struck out one in a perfect inning.

The Texas League Championship Series will open with two games at Tulsa Tuesday and Wednesday. San Antonio will host the third game Friday and the fourth and fifth games, if necessary, next Saturday and Sunday.

This will be San Antonio's final games in the Texas League. The Missions, the Padres' Double-A affiliate since 2007, moves up into the PCL next season.

Catcher **Raffy Lopez** (.263) was 1-for-2 with a walk and drove in El Paso's only run to give the Chihuahuas a 1-0 lead in the second. Left fielder **Shane Peterson** (.143) had a double in three at-bats with a walk and a run scored. First baseman **Brett Nicholas** (.350) and right fielder **Forrestt Allday** (.217) were each 1-for-4 with a double.

Starting right-hander **Walker Lockett** (9.39 ERA) allowed three runs on three hits and a walk with four strikeouts in three innings to take the loss.

Right-hander **Kyle Lloyd** (7.36) allowed two runs on three hits with a strikeout in an inning. Left-hander **Kyle McGrath** (8.10) allowed three runs on three hits with a strikeout in 1 1/3 innings. Right-hander **T.J. Weir** (6.75) gave up two runs on three hits with a strikeout in 1 2/3 innings. Right-hander **Seth Simmons** (0.00) allowed a hit with a strikeout in a scoreless inning.

# This Day in Padres History, 9/10

*By Bill Center*

*Sept. 10, 1969*—Right-hander **Clay Kirby** allows a run on three hits and a walk with six strikeouts as the Padres defeat the Reds 2–1 in Cincinnati.

*Sept. 10, 1972*—Left fielder **Leron Lee** hits a solo homer and **Mike Corkins** allowed seven hits and four walks with three strikeouts in a complete-game shutout as the Padres defeat Atlanta 1–0 to split a doubleheader at San Diego Stadium.

*Sept. 10, 1975*—Left-hander **Randy Jones** allows a run on two hits and two walks with four strikeouts in a complete game as the Padres defeat Atlanta 2–1 at San Diego Stadium

*Sept. 10, 1996*—Center fielder **Steve Finley** hits a two-run, walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth to defeat the Pirates 6–5 at San Diego Jack Murphy. Finley is 4-for-5 with a double, the homer, three RBIs and two runs scored.

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AP

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