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Padres edged despite pair of homers

By Carlos Collazo and Todd Zolecki / MLB.com | 1:44 AM ET

SAN DIEGO -- Cameron Rupp homered in his third straight game Friday night at Petco Park, leading the Phillies to a 5-4 win over the Padres in the first game of a three-game series. Rupp hit his 13th homer of the season 427 feet to straightaway center field, and straight into a palm tree, against San Diego starter Christian Friedrich in the fourth inning, before tacking on an RBI double in the sixth.

"He left the pitch up. I didn't miss it," Rupp said. "I was looking to drive the ball up the middle, with the infield back in that situation, with guys in scoring position. He gave me a pitch to hit."

Rupp's offensive efforts backed up yet another solid start from Jeremy Hellickson, who tossed 6 2/3 innings and allowed three runs. The 29-year-old righty struck out just three Padres hitters, but put together a stretch of 13 straight batters retired before pinch-hitter Alexei Ramirez homered in the seventh and ended his outing.

Friedrich threw seven innings for just the second time this season, and pitched well, aside from the two at-bats against Rupp, who was responsible for driving in all the runs he allowed. Friedrich struck out four batters while walking none, and managed four 1-2-3 innings.

"Just two bad mistakes to Rupp," Friedrich said. "Spinning slider [on a 3-2 count on the home run] and curveball just left over the middle of the plate [on the double]. ... The crooked number has usually been my kind of bugaboo, so trying to get rid of those and hopefully get deeper into games."

MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Rupp stays hot: Rupp's impressive season continues. He entered the night with an .813 OPS, which ranked fourth among 20 qualified catchers. His numbers improved with his homer and double Friday. Rupp has three homers and eight RBIs in three games this month. He also became the first Phillie catcher to homer in three consecutive games since Mike Lieberthal in July 1999.

"I can't tell you how much more fun baseball is when you hit homers and drive runs in and win games," Rupp said. "It's so much more fun. It's always great to see something that you work at, you see the success, especially fairly quick. I'm just trying to stay with it. Stay within myself. It's awesome that I've had the success so far."
**Everyday, Jose:** Rookie shortstop [Jose Rondon](#) started the scoring for the Padres in the bottom of the second with an RBI single up the middle, just a half-inning after he made a terrific diving stop and throw across the infield to rob a hit from Rupp. Padres manager Andy Green said that Rondon would be playing on a regular basis over Ramirez after he was recalled on Tuesday.

"It was a great diving play. I thought he's been pretty solid in the field," Green said. "A couple times, I think the last series, where a plus runner [is up], he needs to shallow up a step or two. Couple little gameplan situations that any guy is going to learn when they get to the Major League level. I feel pretty good about the way he's played defense."

**Wake up for Wil?:** [Wil Myers](#) hit his 21st home run of the season Friday, as part of a 3-for-4 night that could signal the end of a 17-game slump for the first baseman. His last home run came on July 15 vs. the Giants. From July 16 through Wednesday's finale with the Brewers, Myers hit just .194 (12-for-62) with three extra-base hits.

**QUOTABLE**
"The pitch that Rupp hit was a palm ball," -- Phillies manager Pete Mackanin, on Rupp's homer which hit off a palm tree in center field

**SOUND SMART WITH YOUR FRIENDS**
Myers' home run during the eighth inning was his 15th of the season at Petco Park. That ties the record for most homers in Petco during a single season along with [Justin Upton](#) (2015) and [Will Venable](#) (2013).

**UPON FURTHER REVIEW**
The Phillies challenged after [Travis Jankowski](#) hit a two-out double to left field in the seventh inning and was called safe at second base. [Cesar Hernandez](#) held his tag on Jankowski as he stood up to call time, but Jankowski momentarily removed his right arm from the bag before his foot stepped on it. Hernandez immediately signaled to the Phillies' dugout to review the play. The replay official in New York saw what Hernandez saw and the call was overturned. When Jankowski removed his arm, no other part of his body was on second base.

The Padres challenged a call in the bottom of the ninth inning after [Derek Norris](#) was called out at first on the back end of a 6-4-3 double play. Replays showed that while Norris might have been able to beat the throw, he didn't actually make contact with the first-base bag. After a review, officials determined that both runners -- [Jabari Blash](#) at second (confirmed) and Norris at first (call stands) -- were out.

**WHAT'S NEXT**
**Phillies:** Phillies right-hander [Jake Thompson](#) makes his big league debut Saturday night against
the Padres at Petco Park at 8:40 p.m. ET. He is the No. 70 prospect in baseball, according to MLBPipeline.com. He joined the Phillies in July 2015 as part of the Cole Hamels trade with Texas.

**Padres:** Paul Clemens starts against Thompson for the Padres, coming off of a start that was cut short by lower-back tightness. Clemens allowed two runs while striking out five Reds batters over 4 1/3 innings and said the injury wouldn't affect his next start or the bullpen sessions leading up to it. First pitch is scheduled for 5:40 p.m. PT.
After return to SD, Rea to undergo TJ surgery

By Carlos Collazo / MLB.com | August 5th, 2016

SAN DIEGO -- Padres right-hander Colin Rea will undergo Tommy John surgery after an MRI revealed that the 26-year-old has a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

Rea was traded to the Marlins on July 29 in a deal that also sent Andrew Cashner to Miami, but left his only start with the Fish after just 3 1/3 innings, where Rea said his velocity dipped to the lowest point of the entire year.

"That day it just gradually got worse and worse throughout the start," Rea said. "And it got to the point where I just wasn't able to throw anymore. … So I knew something wasn't right. So yeah, it wasn't like a certain pitch or anything like that, it was just a gradual decline."

Rea was re-acquired by San Diego after that start, and is expected to rehab into next season.

"[We're] disappointed, but all the while he still fits very much into our plans and we have every anticipation of getting him back in, fully healthy and ready to go," said Padres manager Andy Green. "I think he was kind of resigned to the fact that this was possibly the case.

"And I think he's fully committed to rehabbing as quickly as possible. He's one of the harder workers I've been around so there's no doubt he's going to be back and be fully what he was before. And probably even a step better."

Rea, who posted a 4.82 ERA in 102 2/3 innings this season, is looking forward to getting the surgery over with and getting started with the rehab process, which he is hopeful about. Other pitchers on the club can help guide him through it. Newly acquired reliever Carter Capps -- whom the Padres traded for in the first deal that sent Rea to Miami -- and Robbie Erlin are both rehabbing from Tommy John surgeries of their own.

"It's a good thing and a bad thing; we have players who have gone through it before so you can talk to them," Rea said. "What's the best thing to do? What worked for them?"
"I know everyone kind of deals in their own way, but the biggest thing I've been told is just work really hard through the rehab process and most of the time it comes out in your favor… In the end it will be good."

**Odds and ends**

- The Padres and the El Paso Chihuahuas agreed Thursday to extend their player development contract through the 2018 season.
- San Diego claimed [Patrick Kivlehan](https://www.mlb.com) off of waivers from the Mariners Thursday, and optioned the 26-year-old utility player to Triple-A El Paso. Kivlehan has hit .242/.291/.399 in the Pacific Coast League this season with the Rangers and Mariners organizations, playing at first base, third base and in the outfield.
Myers emerges from slump with 3-for-4 night
Padres first baseman hits first homer in 17 games

By Carlos Collazo / MLB.com | 3:20 AM ET

SAN DIEGO -- One hundred and six games into the 2016 season and Wil Myers has been, for the most part, unstoppable.

After hitting his 21st home run of the season during a 3-for-4 night in Friday's 5-4 loss to the Phillies, Myers again proved that to be the case. But his breakout campaign this season hasn't been perfect.

In between his latest prodigious display of power and his 20th home run -- back on July 15 vs. the Giants -- Myers experienced a 17-game stretch where he hit just .194 (12-for-62) with three extra-base hits.

"You go through struggles during the year, you're going to go through two or three in any season," Myers said. "You've just got to find a way to be productive whenever you're not swinging the bat."

In previous years, finding that value eluded Myers. Partially because he was consistently dealing with injuries that kept him from swinging a bat, and partially because he's never walked or stolen bases at the rate he's managed this season.

"I used to never walk until, really, this year and saw how important they were," Myer said. "... Taking walks, stealing bases, doing anything you can, running the bases well. Those tough points are inevitable and you just have to figure out a way to get something done when you're in them."

While Myers was struggling during those 17 games, he still managed to post a .342 on-base percentage -- well above the league-average of .321 -- and steal six bases without being caught. His previous season-high in stolen bases was six. He's up to 21 this season.
Myers is finding ways to help the Padres, even while finding himself in one of those inevitable slumps. But with three multi-hit efforts in his last four games, the 25-year-old All Star might be breaking out of his most recent one, with his 21st homer serving as the exclamation point.

"I know it's been a stretch where he hasn't hit a home run," said Padres manager Andy Green. "But you look at a home run hitter. They go through like a nice month-long stretch where they don't hit 'em and then they get on a roll and hit about six or seven in an eight- or nine-day period.

"So he's got that within him too."

Myers showed that kind of concentrated power from June 1 to July 1, when he hit 12 home runs in 27 games and was one of the hottest hitters in baseball, with a 1.231 OPS. While he's not feeling back to that point, yet, he definitely seems to be moving past the struggles of the second half of July.

"I don't feel super hot," Myers said, "but I'm obviously swinging the bat better than I was. And I just want to keep that rolling."
Clemens out to spoil debut of Phillies rookie

By Todd Zolecki / MLB.com | @ToddZolecki | August 5th, 2016

The Padres get the first look at one of the top pitching prospects in baseball Saturday night at Petco Park.

Phillies right-hander Jake Thompson, the Phillies' top pitching prospect and the No. 70 prospect in Major League Baseball, according to MLBpipeline.com, went 11-5 with a 2.50 ERA in 21 starts this season with Triple-A Lehigh Valley. He went 8-0 with a 1.21 ERA in his last 11 starts. They acquired him in the Cole Hamels trade with Texas in July 2015.

Thompson will face Padres right-hander Paul Clemens (1-2, 4.70 ERA), who was in Spring Training last year with the Phillies.

Things to know about this game

• Former Padres third baseman Ken Caminiti will be posthumously inducted into the Padres Hall of Fame during a pregame ceremony. Fans are encouraged to be in their seats by 5 p.m. Fans in attendance also receive a Caminiti throwback jersey.

• Phillies center fielder Odubel Herrera has not started in three of the previous four games because of his recent struggles. He is expected back in the lineup Saturday.

• The Padres' average age for current position players is 27 years, 317 days, the third youngest in baseball. Only the Brewers (27 years, 169 days) and Phillies (27 years, 213 days) are younger.

In honor of this year's 18 Deadline deals, fans can watch out-of-market games with MLB.TV Premium for the rest of the season for just $17.99. Visit MLB.TV for more info.
Rosales' sprint is his way to 'make footprints'

By Megan Zahneis / MLB.com | August 5th, 2016

Adam Rosales is the kind of baseball player who is universally appreciated. He may not have the flashiest numbers, but everywhere he goes -- Cincinnati, Oakland, Arlington, San Diego -- he's amassed a sort of cult following.

Rosales' knee-high stockings harken back to days gone by, and the utility infielder is certainly doing his part to allay the fears of those worried about pace of game.

Rosales is renowned for his home run sprint, a dash around the bases Padres fans have been treated to eight times this season (five at home), and one that Statcast™ measured earlier this season as taking a mere 16.3 seconds to complete -- the second fastest in history, behind only Billy Hamilton's 16.2 mark.

The funny thing is, he does it out of self-consciousness.

"Well," Rosales said, "that all started when I was a little kid. You know, I hit my first home run and I just kind of jogged around the bases. And I felt really awkward doing it, so the next time I hit a home run over the fence, I'm like, 'I'm just going to keep running like I hit a triple.' I just kind of kept sprinting around the bases and I told myself if I ever made it to the Major Leagues or play professional ball, I would keep on doing that.

"When I ran slow, I just felt awkward that one time. And I'm like, 'All right, that's enough. I'm just going to run hard."

Fans might notice, too, that Rosales makes a habit out of sprinting on and off the field between innings. It's all part of his shtick, but it's the most genuine shtick you've ever seen.

Andy Green, Rosales' manager in San Diego and former roommate when the two played Triple-A ball together in Louisville, Ky., says it's contagious.

"When you've got a veteran guy who doesn't receive a ton of opportunity to play, a lot of their value derives from their ability to have a positive impact on the guys that are on the field on a
consistent basis -- the young guys, too," Green said of Rosales. "Anybody who walks into our clubhouse sees his smile, sees his infectious demeanor and sees the fact that he loves being in the ballpark every day. He goes about his business the right way. You put him out there in the right situation to face left-handed pitching and play defense, he does a very good job when he's in that role. Guys respond well to him. He's very authentic."

For Rosales, it's all in a day's work.

"It's just in me to do that," he said. "I think if I don't do that -- if I don't run or if I don't have energy in the batter's box, and I don't work out hard and don't run and exercise hard and take ground balls hard -- if I stop doing that, it's like a light switch. It's going to turn off and that energy won't sustain itself. I have to keep it going, like the little windup toy, I guess. You've got to wind it up; that's the way I wind it up.

"That's kind of what's innate in me to believe is that's something in me I have to keep alive. Once it dies out, I think I'm in trouble."

If that home run dash is any indication, Rosales, at 33, doesn't have to worry about losing his spark anytime soon.

Over the years, Rosales has learned to refine that spark. He may no longer be an everyday starter -- the Illinois native makes appearances off the bench most often these days -- but he has a better understanding of how to play to his strengths than he did as a rookie in 2008 with the Reds.

Along with Rosales' hustle, versatility is one of those strengths. He has appeared at every position except catcher at some point in his Major League career (he's taken the mound twice, in two blowout games as a Ranger).

"It's not really mundane," Rosales said. "There's something new every day that I have to be ready for, and that's what's cool about being a utility player."

Moving around the diamond, Rosales said, has him learning something new about the game he's played for 25 years. That's a practice he hopes to continue for a long time; every day he takes the field is another chance to impact kids in the stands.
"When I was playing travel ball, [coaches] said, 'You never know who's watching you play. There could be college scouts and Major League scouts in the stands. You never know who's watching you, so play like there's always somebody [who's] got eyes on you,'" Rosales said. "That always kind of gave me extra energy to put forth 100 percent effort, because you never know who is watching you. I used to think, 'Major League scouts are watching me,' so I played harder, but now for me, it's more important that little kids are watching me."

Rosales espouses that mentality through the coaching clinic he runs, BaseballUtility, and in the periodic podcast, "The Fielder and the Fan," he produces together with his cousin Noah.

It's all part of the plan. As a kid, Rosales idolized journeyman speedster Shawon Dunston, and now, he hopes to be that figure for young Friars fans. That goes back to a vow he made as a Minor Leaguer, when his dad gave him some advice.

At the time, Rosales was 24 and, by his own account, cocksure. William Rosales was quick to set his son straight.

"I had just got called up from High-A [to Double-A], I was having a decent year and [my dad] always made sure I wasn't complacent, made sure I took that step forward," the younger Rosales said. "[I was thinking,] 'OK, great, I called up to Double-A, but what's next?''"

William Rosales, who was born in Mexico and is fluent in Spanish, had two words for his son.

"'Haz huellas.' Make footprints," Rosales said. "Just a simple image like that. Think about that, like, 'Make a mark.' That's pretty inspiring. You make a mark in more ways than just physically. You put your grit into it, you put everything you have into it to make a mark. That's my blood, you know?"

Rosales is honoring two promises -- not just the one he made to his father, but one he made to himself, as a Little Leaguer growing up in Park Ridge, Ill., rounding the bases for the very first time.
Rupp's 4 RBIs lead the Phillies past the Padres, 5-4

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO -- Cameron Rupp tweaked his swing, and now hitting has become a day at the beach. Rupp clanked a three-run homer off a palm tree beyond center field and tied a career high with four RBI to lift the Philadelphia Phillies over the San Diego Padres 5-4 on Friday night.

Rupp has revamped his swing by trying to stay on top of the ball and it's paying off. He rates among the NL's top five catchers this season with 13 homers and 38 RBI.

"I can't tell you how much more fun it is when you are hitting home runs and driving in runs," he said. "It's awesome I'm having the success I am having."

Rupp also helped guide starter Jeremy Hellickson (9-7) through another solid start. Hellickson allowed three runs, six hits and two walks in his first start since sticking with the Phillies through the trade deadline despite rumors he might move.

"I'm pitching for these guys," Hellickson said. "I don't know who offered what, but I'm pitching for these guys and that's it."

Jeanmar Gomez pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 30 chances.

Christian Friedrich (4-7) lost for the sixth time in his last seven decisions, surrendering four runs and five hits. He had four strikeouts and hasn't won since June 23.

"I thought (Friedrich) was good today," Padres manager Andy Green said. "He paid for that pitch (to Rupp) but other than that he was really good all day."

Alexei Ramirez's first career pinch-hit homer in the seventh pulled the Padres within 4-3 and chased Hellickson. Travis Jankowski followed with a single and appeared to stretch it to a double, but after Jankowski was ruled safe on Tyler Goeddel's throw, the call was overturned because Jankowski took his hand off the bag before calling time.

The Phillies scored in the eighth on Tommy Joseph's single to make it 5-3. In the bottom half, Wil Myers hit a homer for his third hit of the game, slicing the deficit to 5-4.

Rupp padded the Phillies' cushion to 4-2 in the sixth when his RBI single scored Franco, who reached on a one-out single.

Jankowski scored in the third for a 2-0 Padres lead. He singled and advanced to second on Myers' single. Hellickson then balked both runners up 90 feet and Jankowski came in on Jose Rondon's run-scoring single.
The Padres struck in the second, using speed and two singles.

Alex Dickerson opened with a hit and swiped second. Two outs later, Rondon's single brought in Dickerson for a 1-0 advantage. Myers' homer was his 21st of the season and his 15th at Petco Park, which ties a franchise record.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Padres: RHP Colin Rea will undergo season-ending Tommy John surgery on his right elbow. Rea was traded to the Marlins recently and injured his arm in his first start on July 30. The Marlins claimed the Padres weren't forthright with Rea's medical reports and the Padres agreed to reacquire Rea.

UP NEXT

Phillies: RHP Jake Thompson makes his major league debut in the second contest of the three-game series. Thompson, who was acquired last year from Texas in a package for Cole Hamels, went 8-0 over his last 11 starts at Triple-A Lehigh Valley.

Padres: RHP Paul Clemens (1-2, 4.70) makes his third start for the Padres after being claimed off waivers in July. Clemens left his last outing on Sunday against the Reds with a sore back after 4 1/3 innings. He took the loss after giving up two runs on four hits and one walk while striking out five.
Padres drawing scrutiny after trades with Marlins, Red Sox

Buster Olney ESPN Senior Writer

Recent trades by the San Diego Padres are drawing scrutiny within the industry about whether the Padres properly shared relevant medical information in trades executed with the Boston Red Sox and Miami Marlins, according to league sources.

Major League Baseball is aware of the concerns and reviewing the exchanges, though it is unclear whether the Padres face specific penalties or reprimand. The Marlins have received a remedy already, and the Red Sox are not seeking remedy or an alteration of their deal, sources say.

Sources said Padres executive Ron Fowler is aware of the MLB review. A team spokesperson said the organization has no comment at this time.

The examination of the Padres' moves has led to a larger conversation about establishing clear and written protocol for what medical information MLB teams must disclose as they prepare trades.

In July, the Red Sox swapped star pitching prospect Anderson Espinoza for Drew Pomeranz, a left-hander named to the National League All-Star team earlier this year. According to sources, the Red Sox have become aware of medical information with Pomeranz that they believe was not properly disclosed during trade talks.

Teams are generally expected to reveal all necessary medical records as deals are executed to provide as complete a picture as possible for a team acquiring a player. Medical review of all players involved in any proposed deal is a standard part of the process.

Last week, the Padres traded pitchers Colin Rea and Andrew Cashner to the Miami Marlins for a package of players that included prospect Luis Castillo. In the fourth inning of Rea's first start with the Marlins, he had to come out of the game because of an elbow problem, and according to sources, Rea informed the Marlins' staff that his discomfort dated to his time with the Padres and he had been previously treated. Sources said the Marlins maintain that they were not aware of this at the time the trade was executed.

Two days later, with the Marlins angry about Rea's injury, he was returned to San Diego in a swap for Castillo.

The Padres said Friday that Rea will have season-ending Tommy John surgery on his right elbow.
Remembering Tony Gwynn's 3,000th hit

It was 17 years ago today that Padres Hall of Famer smoked a single to center to reach milestone in Montreal

By Kirk Kenney | 12:14 p.m. Aug. 6, 2016

As Tony Gwynn approached his 3,000th hit in 1999, I considered where the most appropriate place to witness the event would be — short of traveling first to St. Louis and then Montreal to watch in person.

The Padres were gracious enough to open Qualcomm Stadium on Aug. 6, 1999 — 17 years ago today — to let fans watch the game against the Expos.

Gwynn came into the game needing just one hit to reach the milestone. He almost did it a day earlier in St. Louis during a game in which the Cardinals' Mark McGwire hit his 500th career homer. Gwynn had one hit in four at-bats to put him at 2,999. And so it was off to Canada, where Tony would become the 22nd player in major league history to join the 3,000-hit club. He was — and is — the only one to accomplish the feat outside of the United States.

Some 5,000 people — most of them sitting in the Plaza Level seats located above the third base dugout — showed up to watch on the big video board located beyond the right field bleachers. I wanted an even more memorable perspective, however. I knew every side door and hidden hallway in the stadium after working there for 10 years in the vending department for Servomation and worked my way down to the Padres dugout.

Tony didn't keep us waiting. After Quilvio Veras opened the game with a single, Gwynn lined a 1-2 pitch from right-hander Dan Smith over Expos second baseman Mike Mordecai and into center field. It was the first of four hits on the day for Gwynn in the 12-10 Padres win.

Padres broadcaster Jerry Coleman called it this way: "There's a drive, right-center field, base hit. And there it is. Ohhhhh, doctor! You can hang a star on that, baby. A star for the ages for Tony Gwynn. No. 3,000."

Gwynn hugged Padres first-base coach Davey Lopes as teammates and coaches ran out to first base to congratulate him. Gwynn also received a hug from the first-base umpire, which may have seemed odd to many observers. But the ump was Kerwin Danley, who was one of Gwynn's college teammates at San Diego State. Gwynn also hugged his wife Alicia and mother Vendella, whispering in her ear, "Happy birthday."
"August 6," Gwynn said. "On the same day six years apart, I got 2,000 and 3,000, both of them on my mom’s birthday. It just kind of worked out."

MLB.com has video of both Gwynn's 2,000th hit and 3,000th hit.

Much of the on-field celebration was lost on the crowd at Qualcomm Stadium.

Right after the hit came, fireworks were set off at the stadium between the temporary outfield fence and the permanent wall behind hit. The smoke produced by the fireworks obscured the video board, making it almost impossible to see the screen.

Standing in the Padres dugout, I turned back toward the third-base stands and looked above the upper deck seats where an auxiliary video board is located — and enjoyed the view.
Minors: Austin Allen pushes hit streak to 20

Recapping the previous day of action for the Padres' minor league affiliates

By Jeff Sanders | 11 a.m. Aug. 6, 2016

Austin Allen extended his hitting streak to 20 games, with his fourth hit driving in the go-ahead run in the 15th inning of low Single-A Fort Wayne’s 4-3 win over host South Bend in the Midwest League.

A fourth-round pick in 2015, the 22-year-old catcher is hitting .322 after driving in two runs Friday.

Right fielder Alan Garcia (.206) went 3-for-6, while Carlos Belen (.226) and Brad Zunica (.256) combined to go 0-for-12 in the game.

Right-hander Emmanuel Ramirez (4.75) struck out eight and allowed three runs in 5 2/3 innings before the bullpen strung together 9 1/3 shutout frames to close the game.

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (63-51)

Chihuahuas 7, Tacoma 5: C Austin Hedges (.347) drove in three runs on three hits and LF Nick Torres (.378), 3B Diego Goris (.290) and SS Nick Noonan (.328) each had two hits. RHP Kevin Quackenbush (1-0, 2.45) turned in two scoreless innings after RHP Carlos Pimental (5.50) started the game with five runs allowed in 5 2/3 innings.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (42-70)

Missions 3, Frisco 0: RHP Kyle Lloyd (6-4, 3.73) struck out four over seven scoreless innings. 1B Trae Santos (.100) hit his first homer and SS River Stevens (.246) went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (57-55)

Storm 3, Bakersfield 2 (11): RF Franmil Reyes (.261) homered in the bottom of the 12th to send the Storm to a win. It was his 12th of the season. CF Michael Gettys (.300) hit his fourth homer and 2B Luis Urias (.323) and 1B Josh Naylor (.294) each had two hits and RHP Phil Maton (2-1, 1.27) earned the win with three no-hit innings.
SHORT-SEASON TRI-CITY (22-24)

**Dust Devils 3, Boise 2 (10):** LF Taylor Kohlwey (.220) singled in the game-winning run in the 10th. SS Chris Baker (.304) went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored and CF Buddy Reed (.231) went 1-for-3 with two steals and a run scored. LHP Eric Laurer (0.00) struck out five and allowed only a hit and a walk in three scoreless innings and RHP Mark Zimmerman (1-2, 0.95) struck out six over the final 2 2/3 innings.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES (15-22)

**Padres 9, A's 4:** RHP Henry Henry (1-2, 4.57) allowed four runs – three earned – in four innings after in four innings after LHP Logan Allen (0.00) started the game with two strikeouts in an inning of work. C Jose Lezama (.291) and RF Euri Minaya (.170) each drove in two runs on two hits.

ROOKIE DSL PADRES (27-26)

**Padres 6, Blue Jays 1:** 3B Eguy Rosario (.333) hit his first homer and went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. LHP Omar Fernandez (3-0, 0.52) turned in six scoreless innings of two-hit ball.
Phillies get to Friedrich, outlast Padres

Late homers from Ramirez, Myers not enough to get Padres starter off the hook

By Jeff Sanders | 10:36 p.m. Aug. 5, 2016 | Updated, 11:55 p.m.

At precisely 100 innings between his major and minor league stops this year, Christian Friedrich may well run up against an innings limit before season’s end. Of course, the reliever-turned-starter may well have gotten through Friday’s start unscathed if it weren’t for Cameron Rupp.

“Just two bad mistakes to Rupp,” the 29-year-old left-hander lamented after a 5-4 loss to the Phillies in front of 27,521 at Petco Park. “A spinning slider, 3-2, and then a curveball that was left up over the plate.

“Not well executed.”

That’s about all that wasn’t in a seven-inning start that tied a career-long.

He struck out four, didn’t walk a batter and might have stood to win given a late power surge that saw Alexei Ramirez hit his first career pinch-hit homer and Wil Myers tie a Petco Park record with his 15th round-tripper at home.

After all, Friedrich retired the first eight batters before yielding his first hit – to pitcher Jeremy Hellickson – threw 71 of his 94 pitches for strikes and again had a low-90s fastball at his disposal early in Friday’s start.

Still, he paid for his mistakes.

Rupp drove a full-count, 89 mph slider 427 feet from the plate and off the palm tree in right-center after the first two hitters reached in the fourth on a single and a fielder’s choice. Two innings later, Rupp’s two-out double to left gave the Phillies’ a 4-2 lead.

“I don’t think we really helped him out in that inning when he gave up the three-run homer,” Padres manager Andy Green said. “We had a couple opportunities to get a force out at second base and we didn’t get it. ... For the most part, I thought he was really good all day. He paid for that pitch (to Rupp), but other than that, it was like a couple ground balls through holes.”

One more ball through the hole – Tommy Joseph’s run-scoring single to center in the eighth – essentially erased Ramirez’s pinch-hit home run run a half-inning earlier.
The Padres got that run back in the eighth on Myers’ second homer since the home run derby – and third hit of the game – only to have a replay review uphold a double-play ball off the bat of Derek Norris that erased Jabari Blash’s ninth-inning, leadoff single.

Closer Jeanmar Gomez then got Christian Bethancourt to ground out with a runner on first to again send the Padres 15 games below .500 despite out-hitting the Phillies, 10-6.

Yet San Diego went 1-for-4 with runners in scoring position, stranded five runners and even had a runner called out at second base to end the seventh when Travis Jankowski momentarily came off the base as shortstop Cesar Hernandez continued to apply his tag on what should have been a two-out double in a game the Padres trailed, 4-3.

Hernandez immediately beckoned for a review and New York saw what Hernandez saw: Following a head-first slide, Jankowski was standing off second as he pushed off the base a split-second before asking for a timeout.

The inning was over with reigning NL Rookie of the Month Ryan Schimpf on deck.

“It’s one of those things you do and I’m going to bet it never happens to him again,” Green said. “It stings enough in front of everybody that you just don't let that happen again.”

Myers’ blast the next inning was his 21st of the year and 15th in a park that has been a pitcher’s haven for much of its existence. Only Justin Upton (2015) and Will Venable (2013) have ever hit as many here, albeit all three campaigns came after a series of fence modifications aimed at having a fairer home park.

Few would hold the drives that Myers has collected this year.

“I don't think the park really matters for him,” Green said. “I think when he hits the baseball, it goes out of every park in baseball. It's just kind of how Wil is. I know it's been a stretch where he hasn't hit a home run. You look at any home run hitter, they go through like a month-long stretch where they don't hit them, and then they get on a roll and hit like six or seven in an eight- or nine-day period.

“He's got that within him.”

Friedrich, too, had more within him than he’d shown during a rocky stretch in which he’d allowed 30 earned runs over 34 1/3 innings as his fastball dipped into the mid- to high-80s.

Limited to 58 1/3 innings last year as a reliever with the Rockies, Friedrich skipped his bullpen before his previous start – his first quality start since June 12 – and was again throwing in the low-90s Friday in an outing as effective as he’d been all season.

Outside two at-bats against Rupp, that is.

“Tonight was probably the best I’ve felt between innings,” Friedrich said. “I know my spot in the order was coming up (in the seventh) but I was ready to go back out for the eighth. I at least felt like I had the strength to keep going.”
Feels like he could keep going the rest of the season, too.

“Nothing’s been discussed,” Friedrich said of limiting a workload that has nearly doubled last year’s. “I think they’ll keep asking how I’m feeling and hopefully I’ll keep pushing forward.”
Ken Caminiti revered by former teammates

1996 NL MVP will be inducted into Padres Hall of Fame on Saturday

By Jeff Sanders | 7:38 p.m. Aug. 5, 2016

Ken Caminiti fell off baseball’s Hall of Fame ballot after just one year, largely due to admitted steroid use. He reportedly had cocaine and opiates in his system when he died in 2004 at 41 years old. He played just four of his 15 years in the majors in San Diego.

Yet two teammates do not hesitate: He belongs in the Padres Hall of Fame.

Caminiti was just that beloved in the clubhouse, his contributions just that impactful here.

“He was a warrior,” said Mark Sweeney, a teammate of Caminiti’s from 1997 to 1998. “He obviously had some things going on in his life that … He dealt with that on an everyday basis and that was the worry for us a teammates. … What I mean by that is (the game) took him away from all the other stuff that he’s gone through in his life. Not that we knew what was going on in his life, but we realized there was a lot of stuff.

“You could almost see it on his face – at times he was just in his own world.”

Sweeney will be on the field on Saturday when Caminiti is inducted into the Padres Hall of Fame, the 13th member. Former closer Trevor Hoffman – a former teammate of Caminiti’s and a 2014 inductee who will speak Saturday – shares the belief that the good that Caminiti brought to the Padres and San Diego as a baseball town overshadow his demons.

“I choose to think about Cammy’s positives as a teammate instead of the dark part of his life,” Hoffman said. “One of the things I do remember is the way he transformed the way the locker room approached games, how they became better teammates, how they were committed to the game. We were a young team in the ‘90s when we were getting put together. When he came over in that trade with Houston, we were kinda getting bullied by the Phillies and some teams that were there.

“And he immediately brought credibility. I felt like he really accelerated the learning curve.”

The edge that Caminiti brought to the clubhouse, Sweeney added, transcended his contributions as the NL MVP in 1996 (.326 avg., 40 HRs, 130 RBIs) or a key producer on the team that went to the World Series in 1998.
That was cemented in Sweeney’s mind when he saw Caminiti – a day after injuring his hamstring in 1997 – wrapped so tightly that he couldn’t bend his leg. Later that night, Caminiti was doing leg lifts to see what he had the moment his replacement left the game with an injury.

Caminiti did not get in the game, but that he would even attempt it resonated.

“When he was on the field you knew he was going to do something,” Sweeney said. “That’s our perception of him as teammates. We knew he would do anything possible to be a difference-maker and most nights he was. He was that kind of talent.

“We needed him because he gave us an edge, a mentality that put us above other teams.”
Padres to sign Clayton Richard

By Dennis Lin | 7:24 p.m. Aug. 5, 2016 | Updated, 12:21 p.m. | Aug. 6, 2016

The Padres, who parted with a handful of veteran players leading up to Monday's trade deadline, are reuniting with a familiar face.

Looking to reinforce a thin and largely inexperienced pitching staff, the club has agreed to sign former San Diego left-hander Clayton Richard to a major league deal, a source said Friday.

Richard, 32, spent parts of five seasons with the Padres, going 40-39 with a 4.16 ERA in 108 games (107 starts). He became a free agent after the 2013 season, but he underwent thoracic outlet syndrome surgery in early 2014 and did not pitch in the majors that year.

Richard returned to the big leagues last season with the Chicago Cubs. He worked mostly out of the bullpen, though he did also make three starts. In 23 appearances, he posted a 3.83 ERA. He was especially effective in the postseason, pitching 4 2/3 scoreless innings.

Richard, who signed a $2 million deal over the winter, has a 6.43 ERA in 25 relief appearances this season. The Cubs released him on Wednesday.

Richard is expected to join the Padres bullpen. He has the experience to eventually move into the rotation if needed.
As suspected, right-hander Colin Rea has a tear in his ulnar collateral ligament and will undergo Tommy John surgery in a procedure that could wipe out both this season and the 2017 campaign. Pitchers have returned from elbow reconstructions in 12 months, but a 14- to 18-month recovery window that has become the norm throughout the game would likely wipe out next year.

Either way, Padres manager Andy Green reiterated Friday that the 26-year-old Rea still fit squarely in the Padres’ blueprint.

“We’re disappointed, but he still fits very much into our plans,” Green said. “We have every anticipation of him getting back and being fully healthy and being ready to go.”

The timing of Rea’s news is certainly awkward.

“We’re disappointed, but he still fits very much into our plans,” Green said. “We have every anticipation of him getting back and being fully healthy and being ready to go.

The Padres have come under scrutiny regarding the exchange of medical information since Rea was returned to the Padres just days after he was included in the deal that sent Andrew Cashner to the Marlins. Rea acknowledged pitching through what he thought was general soreness leading into his Miami debut when he pulled himself out of his start on July 30 after just 3 1/3 innings with discomfort in his elbow.

“I just knew that that day it gradually got worse and worse throughout the start,” Rea said Friday. “It got to the point where I just wasn’t able to throw anymore. My velocity was dropping every inning. That last inning was the lowest it had been all year, so I knew something wasn’t right.

“It wasn’t like a certain pitch, but it was a gradual decline.”

Rea’s fastball was averaging 89.1 mph in the fourth inning of that start, according to data at brooksbaseball.net. It averaged 92.7 mph in the first inning and had averaged between 92 and 95 mph over his previous starts with the Padres.
The fact that he had generally thrown harder this year (93.2 mph) than he did last year (92.5 mph) had been a storyline in his development since he showed up in spring training.

The Padres had also planned on governing his workload as the year progressed as Rea had never thrown more than 139 innings in a season.

“Obviously, the timing of the whole thing wasn't great,” said Rea, who is 5-5 with a 4.82 ERA, 80 strikeouts and a 1.42 WHIP through 102 2/3 innings this year. “The biggest thing is to get this done with and move forward and work hard through the rehab process and try to come back better.”

Rea has not yet decided on a surgery date or surgeon.
Padres under MLB review, Rea to have surgery

By Dennis Lin | 3:08 p.m. Aug. 5, 2016 | Updated, 8:36 p.m.

The Padres are under review by Major League Baseball regarding the exchange of medical information in two recent trades, sources told the Union-Tribune.

Since dealing left-hander Drew Pomeranz to Boston last month and right-hander Colin Rea to Miami last week, San Diego has drawn questions as to whether it properly shared medical records in the deals. It is unclear if the Padres will face penalties as a result of MLB's review.

"In response to several unrelated issues that arose during the trade deadline, we are reviewing our policies regarding maintenance of medical files to ensure uniformity between clubs," an MLB spokesperson said in a statement Friday night.

While a Padres spokesperson said the organization currently had no comment on the MLB review, sources Friday indicated the organization is confident it will be cleared of any alleged wrongdoing.

Monday, the seven-player deal that sent Rea to Miami was reworked, with Rea being traded back to San Diego for pitching prospect Luis Castillo. Friday, the Padres announced Rea will undergo Tommy John surgery to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament.

The trade that sent Pomeranz to Boston will stand, according to sources, although the Red Sox have raised concerns about the exchange of medical information in that deal. Sources said Boston's concerns were not brought up immediately (Pomeranz made his fourth Red Sox start Thursday), whereas Miami voiced its issues after Rea left his Marlins debut with a right elbow injury.

Teams typically swap and review all pertinent medical information before completing a trade. To this point, however, MLB has not established hard-and-fast rules to govern such exchanges.

Rea, a 26-year-old rookie, threw 3 1/3 scoreless innings Saturday before he exited the game. Sources said the Marlins then asked Rea whether he was taking any medications, presumably for elbow discomfort. The pitcher revealed that he was. According to sources, the Marlins claimed the Padres did not disclose any such medications at the time of the trade.

The two sides subsequently came to an agreement; the Padres would take back Rea and return Castillo, who also was part of the original deal.
After Rea underwent an MRI this week and met with team doctors, it was determined he had sustained a torn UCL. The estimated recovery timetable for Tommy John surgery is 14 to 18 months. As of Friday, no surgery date had been set.

"I just knew that it gradually got worse and worse throughout the start," Rea said. "It got to the point where I just wasn’t able to throw anymore. My velocity was dropping every inning. That last inning was the lowest it had been all year, so I knew something wasn’t right. It wasn’t like a certain pitch, but it was a gradual decline."

Rea acknowledged earlier this week that he had recently pitched through what he believed to be general soreness. The Padres have closely monitored his workload this year; Rea, who had a 4.98 ERA in 99 1/3 innings this year, has never thrown more than 139 innings in a professional season.

"Obviously, the timing of the whole thing wasn’t great," Rea said of his injury. "The biggest thing is to get this done with and move forward and work hard through the rehab process and try to come back better."

Said Padres manager Andy Green: "We’re disappointed, but he still fits very much into our plans. We have every anticipation of him getting back and being fully healthy and being ready to go."

Coincidentally, the Padres and Marlins completed a trade in late June that also involved a player who later sustained an injury. San Diego dealt closer Fernando Rodney in exchange for pitching prospect Chris Paddack, who suffered a torn UCL after three starts with the Padres’ Low Single-A affiliate. Like Rea, Paddack will undergo Tommy John surgery.

In early June, the Padres acquired right-hander Erik Johnson from the Chicago White Sox as part of the return for James Shields. After four starts, Johnson went on the disabled list with an elbow sprain. He is likely out for the season.

In both trades, the Padres apparently were satisfied with the disclosure of medical information.

"We look at each situation unique. You go through each situation, kind of figure out what we feel like is right, what’s the best possible deal for us," Padres General Manager A.J. Preller said this week. "Ultimately, in those two cases, we went through the process that we mentioned, the medical process. We took those guys on, they got hurt and you move on, accepting that, hoping to get them better and hoping to get them back on the field as soon as possible."
Minors: Padres, Chihuahuas extend PDC

Recapping the previous day of action for the Padres' minor league affiliates

By Jeff Sanders | 11:39 a.m. Aug. 5, 2016

The Padres and Triple-A El Paso have extended their player development contract through the 2018 season, the two teams announced on Thursday. They’ve partnered since MountainStar Sports Group acquired Triple-A Tucson in 2013 and moved the team to El Paso, Texas.

“Over the past few years, our baseball operations department has invested a significant amount of time and resources to ensure consistency in approach, message and mentality across the player development system, and the Chihuahuas have been great partners in that effort,” Padres General Manager A.J. Preller said in a release. “The winning atmosphere in El Paso that … the entire organization has created is important for our developing players to experience as they make their way to San Diego.”

Since moving to El Paso, the Padres have called up 18 players who played for the Chihuahuas, including current outfielders Alex Dickerson and Jabari Blash, reigning NL Rookie of the Month Ryan Schimpf and center fielder Travis Jankowski.

The Chihuahuas are looking to reach the playoffs for the second straight year.

TRIPLE-A EL PASO (62-51)

Tacoma 16, Chihuahuas 15: RF Hunter Renfroe (.322) hit his 27th homer, CF Manuel Margot (.313) hit his fifth and sixth and DH Hector Sanchez (.376) hit his 11th. 3B Diego Goris (.286) also hit his sixth homer, while Margot drove in four runs. RHP Jason Jester (0-2, 20.25) allowed six runs – two earned – in 2/3 of an inning.

DOUBLE-A SAN ANTONIO (41-70)

Frisco 3, Missions 2: RHP Michael Kelly (2-2, 3.02) allowed three runs in 2 1/3 innings in his return to the Texas League, while RHP Walker Lockett (2.55) struck out five over six scoreless innings. CF Franchy Cordero (.324) doubled and tripled and drove in two runs.

HIGH SINGLE-A LAKE ELSINORE (56-55)
Storm 6, Bakersfield 3: RHP Zech Lemond (4-4, 6.65) allowed a run in 3 1/3 innings after RHP Enyel De Los Santos (4.95) allowed two runs in 3 2/3 innings. 1B Josh Naylor (.276) went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs and CF Michael Gettys (.303) went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored.

LOW SINGLE-A FORT WAYNE (53-57)

TinCaps 2, South Bend 1: C Austin Allen (.317) went 2-for-4 with an RBI to extend his hitting streak to 19 games and LF Tyler Moore (.250) hit his first homer. LHP Thomas Dorminy (3-3, 3.06) turned in six scoreless innings.

SHORT-SEASON TRI-CITY (21-24)

Dust Devils 4, Boise 3: RHP Cal Quantrill (0.00) debuted in the Northwest League with four strikeouts, two walks and a hit scattered over 2 2/3 innings and RHP Dalton Erb (1-1, 2.96) turned in 3 1/3 scoreless innings. C Kyle Overstreet (.208) and 3B Boomer White (.252) each had two hits.

ROOKIE AZL PADRES (14-22)

Cubs 4, Padres 3: RHP Mason Thompson (1 IP, 1 BB, 1 K), RHP Reggie Lawson (1 IP, 2 Ks) and LHP Dan Dallas (1 IP, 2 H, 2 Ks) all made their pro debuts. RF Jack Suwinski (.224) and LF Josh Magee (.667) each had two hits.

ROOKIE DSL PADRES (26-26)

Padres 3, White Sox 2: RHP Dauris Valdez (3-2, 3.83) struck out six and allowed a run in five innings. LF Danny Tovar (.301) went 3-for-3 with a walk and a run scored.
SAN DIEGO -- Although Andy Green has been a major league manager only 109 games, he knows something about how special a major league debut is.

"It's a very exciting day for everyone, teammates as well as the player," said Green, who has had seven Padres make their major league debuts this season.

Saturday night at Petco Park, however, Green will be in the other dugout as one of Philadelphia's top prospects makes his major league debut for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Right-handed pitcher Jake Thompson, who is considered among the top three prospects in the Phillies' system, officially joined Philadelphia Thursday and was immediately designated to start Saturday's game by manager Pete Mackanin.

"We excited to see him here," Mackanin said of the 22-year-old, 6-foot-4, 225-pound Thompson, who many saw as the Phillies' key acquisition on July 31, 2015, in the five-for-two trade that sent pitcher Cole Hamels to the Texas Rangers.

Thompson joins the Phillies on a hit streak. He is 8-0 over his last 11 starts with Triple-A Lehigh Valley with a 1.21 earned run average over 74 1/3 innings pitched.

Thompson has an overall record of 11-5 this season with a 2.50 earned run average in 21 starts at Triple-A.

Originally signed as a second-round pick by the Detroit Tigers in 2012, Thompson has twice been the top prospect in a trade made by a contending team. The Tigers traded Thompson to the Rangers in 2014 for reliever Joakim Soria.

Opposing Thompson for the Padres Saturday night will be right-hander Paul Clemens, who is 0-2 with the Padres with a 3.46 earned run average in six appearances since being claimed on waivers from the Miami Marlins on June 28.

Clemens moved permanently into the rotation last Sunday to fill the spot vacated when Andrew Cashner was traded to the Marlins.

"We like his ceiling," Green said of the 28-year-old Clemens. "His breaking ball plays in the major leagues. He can have success with what he has if he learns how to use it. Thus far, he hasn't been consistent. That's the next step.

"From what we've seen in bullpens and at moments when he's pitched for us, his stuff plays. This is an opportunity. Like a lot of guys we have, this is an opportunity for Paul to show what he can do to stick up here."
In his start last Sunday, Clemens allowed two runs on four hits in 4 1/3 innings. He issued one walk and had five strikeouts. He also gave up his third homer in a total of 13 innings for the Padres. The other two homers came during his first start on July 20 in a spot start in the second game of a doubleheader in St. Louis.

All five runs allowed by Clemens in his first two starts have come on home runs.

"I'm not happy with that," said Clemens. "Without the home runs, I've had pretty good outings. I can't make good pitches and then make a bad pitch that burns me. You can't be successful that way."
Padres Drop Series Opener Against Phillies
Alexei Ramirez Records First Career Pinch-Hit Home Run

By MJ Acosta

In Friday night action, the Padres opened up the first of a three game series against the Philadelphia Phillies at Petco Park. Left handed pitcher Christian Friedrich toed the rubber for the Friars. He faced right handed Phillies pitcher Jeremy Hellickson.

It was a scoreless game for most of the first two innings until Padres rookie Jose Rondon singled to center field to bring in Alex Dickerson. That was Rondon’s first career RBI.

The Padres added to their lead in the bottom of the third inning when Dickerson hit a sacrifice fly to center which brought in Travis Jankowski to give the Friars a 2-0 lead. The Phillies answered forcefully the very next inning when catcher Cameron Rupp slammed a three run homer to center field.

Rupp was at it again in the sixth inning when he doubled to deep left field to bring Maikel Franco, and give the Phillies a two run lead.

The Padres tried to rally in the seventh inning. Alexei Ramirez recorded his first career pinch-hit home run. It was his fourth homer of the season. That cut the Phillies lead to one run at 4-3.

San Diego was still down by one run in the eighth inning with a score of 5-3 against the Phillies. Enter All-Star Wil Myers. The first baseman launched a home run to left field to make it a one run ball game. Despite the final push, the Padres drop the series opener against the Phillies 5-4. The Friars will face the Phillies in game two on Saturday at Petco Park.