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Volquez leads Padres to sweep in Seattle Pair of three-run innings back right-hander's solid start

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SEATTLE -- Edinson Volquez plopped himself down in the chair in front of his locker Thursday night, flashed a big smile and then proceeded to utter the two words he's been dying to say all season.

"About time," he said.

Volquez was referring to the run support he received during the Padres' 6-2 victory over the Mariners in front of a crowd of 17,306 at Safeco Field, a win that ensured San Diego of its first three-game winning streak of the season.

"I'm kidding," Volquez continued, still smiling.

Volquez, of course, did enter the game with the worst run support of any Major League pitcher -- a scant 2.01 runs per start when he was still in the game or just 17 runs in his previous 76 innings. But all of that was easily forgotten Thursday.

The Padres (23-41), who are now 4-2 on this nine-game road trip, backed Volquez (3-6) with two three-run innings against the Mariners (27-38) -- three runs in the fifth inning and then three more in the sixth inning to put the game out of reach.

"It was good to see the guys score some runs," Volquez said. "There's nothing you can really do about it [run support]. All you can do is go deep into the game."

Volquez did just that, taking a shutout into the seventh inning before the Mariners got to him for a run. All told, Volquez allowed one run on four hits in 6 2/3 innings with four walks and six strikeouts.

"He had everything working," said Mariners manager Eric Wedge.

Well, not everything.

"The most impressive thing is that he didn't have the fastball command he's had in the past but he made up for it by throwing breaking balls for strikes," said Padres catcher John Baker. "That was a really impressive veteran performance by him."

Volquez threw first-pitch strikes to 11 of the batters he faced and got the Mariners to put the ball in play early in the count more often than not.

"A lot of breaking balls," Volquez said.

Seattle starting pitcher Erasmo Ramirez (0-1) opened the game with four scoreless innings but ran into trouble in the fifth when he allowed an infield single to Chris Denorfia and then a soft single to right field off the bat of Jesus Guzman.

Baker then dropped down what was intended to be a sacrifice bunt, though the Mariners played it into a single when Baker pushed the ball hard up the third-base line and no one -- not Ramirez and not third baseman Kyle Seager -- went to recover it.

"That was one of those situations where, off the bat, it came off hot and it was in the right spot," said Padres manager Bud Black. "It sort of split the pitcher and the third baseman."

Ramirez got a brief reprieve as Alexi Amarista lined out to shortstop Munenori Kawasaki, although Will Venable followed with an RBI single to right field for a 1-0 lead. Everth Cabrera then bounced a ball to Seager, who attempted to start a double play as a run crossed the plate. When the return throw from second baseman Dustin Ackley skipped past first baseman Justin Smoak, another run scored.

"Guys are executing their plan and approach," Baker said. "If we can score five, six runs with the pitching we have, we're going to win a lot of games."

The Padres then increased their lead to 6-0 with three more runs in the sixth inning, thanks to six consecutive hits in the frame. Chris Denorfia had an RBI double to end Ramirez's night. Jesus Guzman and Baker then added run-scoring singles to break the game open.

The Padres finished with 11 hits, marking the fourth time in their past five games that they've had more than 10 hits in a game.

"That's something that's been lacking for the greater part of the season," Black said. "But I've sensed our offense is starting to come around."

Second baseman Logan Forsythe was in the original starting lineup but was a late scratch. Following the game, Black told reporters that Forsythe had "abdominal side discomfort." Black said the team would know more about Forsythe's condition before Friday's game in Oakland.

Everth swinging hot bat after sluggish start

By Corey Brock / MLB.com

SEATTLE -- After going hitless in his first 19 at-bats after a promotion last month from Triple-A Tucson, shortstop Everth Cabrera has become one tough out for the Padres.

Entering Thursday's game against the Mariners, Cabrera is hitting .359 (23-for-64) since collecting two hits in his last two at-bats in a game against the Cardinals on May 23.

So what's changed? Hitting coach Phil Plantier has noticed a few things.

"Most young players when they get here, even though he's been here before, they're trying a little too hard to do too much," Plantier said. "But after Everth got that first hit ... I think it allowed him to relax."

Cabrera has seven multi-hit games in this 19-game stretch since that game in St. Louis. Two of the multi-hit games have occurred in the first five games of this nine-game road trip.

"He's got a tremendous work ethic and his pitch selection has been better," Plantier said. "He's doing a good job of using the whole field. I see someone who is getting a better understanding of the strike zone."

Cabrera has stolen eight bases since May 23 and taken eight walks. Since rejoining the Padres, he has hit two home runs and has eight doubles.

That 0-for-19 stretch seems like an eternity ago, said Padres manager Bud Black.

"Even then, I don't think his at-bats were horrible," Black said. "He just didn't have anything to show for it."

Black pleased with Cashner's start at Double-A

SEATTLE -- On Thursday, Padres manager Bud Black and pitching coach Darren Balsley huddled around a telephone for an impromptu conference call of sorts with pitcher Andrew Cashner.

Cashner made his first start with Double-A San Antonio on Wednesday in a road game in Corpus Christi. Other than joking about the seven-hour bus ride Thursday from Corpus Christi to Midland, Cashner had positive things to say about his start.

"He was happy with his outing," Black said. "He felt great today. There was the normal soreness but he felt like he bounced back fine. He had no walks, which is a good thing."

Cashner allowed two runs on four hits in 3 1/3 innings with three strikeouts. He threw 52 pitches, 33 for strikes. His workload will increase when he starts again Monday.

"We're targeting 70 to 80 or so pitches," Black said.

The Padres optioned Cashner to San Antonio on Sunday for the purpose of converting him from a relief pitcher to a starter.

Handful of Minor Leaguers get All-Star nods

SEATTLE -- First baseman Nate Freiman and catcher Ali Solis of the San Antonio Missions have been selected to the Southern Division All-Star roster for the Texas League All-Star Game on July 28.

The Missions, the Padres' Double-A affiliate, also will have their coaching staff participate in the game, guiding the Southern All-Stars.

Infielder/outfielder Dean Anna has been selected as a reserve for the game.

Elsewhere, five members of the Class A Lake Elsinore Storm were named to the California League's midseason All-Star roster: pitchers Donn Roach, Kevin Quackenbush, infielder Cory Spangenberg as well as outfielders Rico Noel and Rymer Liriano.

The Storm also will be represented by coaches David Newhan and Bronswell Patrick and athletic trainer Will Sinon. Roach will start the game on June 19 against the Carolina League All-Stars.

Four members of the Fort Wayne TinCaps have been selected to the Midwest League All-Star team -- catcher Austin Hedges, shortstop Jace Peterson and pitchers Adys Portillo and Frank Garces.

Short hop

- Third baseman Chase Headley extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a single on Wednesday. His 10-game streak ties him for the longest streak by a Padre this season. Yonder Alonso and Orlando Hudson -- who now plays for the White Sox -- also had 10-game hit streaks. In this streak, Headley is hitting .366 (15-for-41) with four doubles with a .435 on-base percentage.

Blackley tries to keep A's streak going vs. Padres

By Chelsea Janes / MLB.com | 6/15/2012 2:48 AM ET

When Padres manager Bud Black hands starter Anthony Bass the ball for Friday's series opener against the A's, he's hoping he won't have to take it back from the 24-year-old righty quite as early as he has lately.

Bass, who debuted as a reliever with the Padres a year ago, was moved to the rotation early this season, but has struggled to get past the sixth inning in many of his outings this year. In his most recent start, for example, Bass twirled five scoreless innings against the Brewers before a sixth-inning collapse that saw four Milwaukee runs.

Such has been the trend for Bass, who was 2-3 with a 2.94 ERA in his first eight starts, but 0-2 with a 8.14 ERA in his last four. He hasn't pitched beyond the sixth inning since May 15 against the Nationals, his last win.

"It always seems like it happens in the sixth inning for some reason," Bass said. "It's like those first five innings, I feel like I can pitch with the best of them."

Fortunately for Bass, he won't have to worry about "the best of them" Friday, as Oakland's offense is in the Majors' bottom five in both batting average and runs scored. But the A's have been heating up of late, particularly in their three-game sweep of the Rockies. In their last three games (all, it should be noted, at hitter-friendly Coors Field), the A's hit .313 with 35 hits, nine homers, and 32 runs scored.

Oakland will send lefty Travis Blackley -- another pitcher who started the season in the bullpen -- to the hill to try to outlast Bass. Blackley, who was designated for assignment by San Francisco in May after posting a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances, is making his fourth start since being claimed off waivers by the A's. In his last outing, a Sunday loss against Arizona, Blackley failed to make it through the fifth, taking the loss as he surrendered four runs in 4 2/3 innings.

"I think he's probably gotten behind more the last couple starts," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "He needs to be a little bit more economical with his pitches, and that means getting ahead ... His stuff looks pretty good."

A's: Cespedes available to DH this weekend

After aggravating his left hamstring injury Wednesday in his first game since June 5, Yoenis Cespedes may be available to DH in this weekend's series against the Padres. A's manager Bob Melvin said that removing Cespedes early in Wednesday's contest was "precautionary," as the 26-year-old was slow to walk off the field following his first-inning groundout, and then felt discomfort going after a fly ball in the bottom of the inning.

With a .273 average, the Cespedes is the A's second-leading hitter behind Josh Reddick (.275) and their cleanup man when healthy. His six home runs and four stolen bases mark the third-highest total of all Major League rookies in those categories, and he is second only to Mariners' catcher Jesus Montero in RBIs among rookies with 26.

Padres: Interleague series success

- With their three-game sweep against Seattle this week, the Padres got just their fourth series victory in

21 chances in 2012. But Interleague Play has been significantly kinder to the Padres than their normal NL schedule, as the Padres have taken four of their past five series against AL teams.

Additionally, with a series win over the Angels earlier this year and their most recent over the Mariners, the Padres have series victories over half of the AL West division but none over NL West clubs.

- First baseman Nate Freiman and catcher Ali Solis of the San Antonio Missions, the Padres' Double-A affiliate, have been selected to the Southern Division All-Star roster for the Texas League All-Star Game on July 28.

Worth noting

- The Padres have worked the second-most walks of any team in the Majors with 243 in 64 games. They are led by the ever-patient Chase Headley. The San Diego third baseman has earned 40 bases on balls, seventh-most in the Majors.

- No player on the A's active roster has ever faced Bass at the Major League level, nor has any player on the current Padres squad faced Blackley in big league action.

- With 23 triples on the year, the Padres are tied for the Major League lead. The NL West seems to have a propensity for three-baggers, as San Diego is tied with the division-rival Giants and Rockies as the NL's best, and the Dodgers are also in the top 10 with 14.

- The A's and Padres have two of the Majors' top three stolen-base totals this season. The Padres (56) are second in baseball while Oakland (49) is in a three-way tie for third. Miami is at the head of the pack with 62 steals this season.

Padres complete sweep of Mariners behind Volquez

By [Bill Center](#)

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SEATTLE — Break out the brooms.

The sweepee has become a sweeper.

The Padres defeated Seattle 6-2 Thursday night to complete their first series sweep of the season.

The win also gave the Padres their first three-game winning streak of the season — and on the road no less.

Edinson Volquez and three relievers combined on a five-hitter and the Padres scored three runs in both the fifth and sixth innings against Mariners rookie Erasmo Ramirez.

The trio of Chris Denorfia, Jesus Guzman and John Baker played key roles in each of the three-run innings. All three scored in the fifth after opening the inning with consecutive singles. And all three had run-scoring hits in the sixth.

"We put some innings together again," said Padres manager Bud Black. "That's been something that was lacking during the season, but we did it twice in this series. I hope it continues . . . we're seeing the bats come around."

Volquez, who entered the game with the lowest run support average (2.01) in the major leagues, pitched 6 2/3 scoreless innings before the Mariners scored in the bottom of the seventh.

Volquez, who hadn't received even a run of support in three of his previous four starts, allowed one run on four hits over 6 2/3 innings. He walked four Mariners and struck out six while snapping a personal four-game losing streak. He improved to 3-6 while lowering his earned run average to 3.70.

The Padres had lost all five of Volquez's starts since he won at Philadelphia on May 12.

"It's about time," Volquez joked about the win and the runs. "It was good tonight. I threw a lot of breaking balls for first-pitch strikes. And I was making good pitches in important situations."

"The most important thing tonight is that Volkie didn't have the fastball command that he's had in the past. He let his off-speed stuff work for him."

The Padres outscored Seattle 12-6 in the three-game sweep.

For the second time in as many nights, the game started out as a pitching duel with the Padres having one hit and two baserunners through four scoreless innings, while the Mariners had one hit and three baserunners against Volquez.

But the Padres broke through with three runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth.

The fifth inning opened with consecutive singles by Denorfia (an infield hit over second), Guzman (a soft liner over second) and Baker (a bunt that Ramirez failed to field).

"When I was in Florida, we used to practice that hard bunt in that situation, try to get it past the pitcher if the third baseman is backing up for a play at the bag. Even if you fail to get the hit, you get the sacrifice."

Shortstop Munenori Kawasaki gave the Mariners a brief reprieve with a leaping catch of a line drive by Alexi Amarista. But Will Venable broke up the scoreless tie with a single to right.

Everth Cabrera then hit a sharp grounder to third baseman Kyle Seager, who decided to go to second in an attempt to get an inning-ending double play rather than throw home for a force on Guzman.

The Mariners got the out at second. But not only did Cabrera easily beat the relay to first, second baseman Dustin Ackley's relay bounced into the dugout, allowing second run to score on the play.

The Padres then linked six straight hits together in the sixth while running their advantage to 6-0.

Second hits in as many innings by Denorfia (a double), Guzman and Baker each produced a run. Carlos Quentin and Yonder Alonso had opened the inning with singles. The Padres might have scored more runs had not Guzman been picked off first for the first out after getting the Padres' fourth straight hit.

The Mariners finally scored after 15 straight scoreless innings.

Franklin Gutierrez walked with one out and came around on back-to-back two-out singles by Suzuki and Ackley. Left-handed reliever Alex Hinshaw came on in relief of Volquez and struck out Seager to end the seventh.

The Padres opened the door a bit in the eighth as Dale Thayer gave up a run on two walks and a two-out single by Gutierrez.

Thayer threw 28 pitches in the inning with only 12 going for strikes.

Padres manager Bud Black was trying to stay away from Luke Gregerson and closer Huston Street, who each worked the first two wins in the series.

The Padres, who had been swept in four series this season, are 11-3 over their last 14 interleague games.

Two more bidders for Padres identified

By [Brent Schrotenboer](#)

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Orange County mobile communications magnate Gary Jabara and Los Angeles investor Steve Kaplan are among those still in the running to buy the Padres, a baseball source said Thursday.

Their interest in obtaining the team from John Moores was first reported by the Los Angeles Times. Jabara and Kaplan are among three known bidders for the club; the other is a group led by the family of Peter O'Malley, who formerly owned the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Kaplan declined comment through his assistant. Jabara didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Jabara is the founder and CEO of Mobilitie, which invests in cell towers, fiber networks and antennae systems for wireless phones and communications. He previously was a partner at Deloitte & Touche and oversaw the firm's wireless real estate and infrastructure.

Kaplan is a principal and portfolio manager at Oaktree Capital Management, an investment firm. He previously was partner in a law firm and managing director of TCW, another investment firm.

The O'Malley family's bid is joined by pro golfer Phil Mickelson.

The team is expected to fetch around \$600 million to \$800 million, according to multiple reports.

On-Deck Friday: Padres open series in Oakland

By [Bill Center](#)

Thursday, June 14, 2012

PADRES at A's

Time: 7:05 p.m. **Game:** 1 of 3

TV: Fox Sports San Diego

Radio: 1090-AM, 860-AM (Spanish).

The Series:

The A's will be returning home after a sweep of the Rockies in Denver. It was Oakland's first series sweep of the season. The Padres are 8-14 against Oakland in interleague play and are 2-6 at Oakland-Alameda County Stadium. The A's have been hit almost as hard as the Padres by injuries. Oakland currently have six players on the disabled list and have used the disabled list 11 times during the season.

Probable Pitchers

Friday

Away: 7:05 p.m. **TV:** FSSD

Padres RHP Anthony Bass (2-6, 4.38 ERA) at A's LHP Travis Blackley (0-2, 3.98 ERA)

Saturday

Away: 1:05 p.m. **TV:** FSSD

Padres RHP Ross Ohlendorf (1-0, 3.38 ERA) at A's (to be announced)

Sunday

Away: 1:05 p.m. **TV:** FSSD

Padres LHP Clayton Richard (3-7, 4.30 ERA) at A's RHP Bartolo Colon (6-6, 4.21 ERA)

Today's Matchup

Bass, 24, will be facing Oakland for the first time in his career. He is 0-0 in interleague play with a 3.24 ERA in two games (one start). Bass is 1-4 on the road this season with a 5.15 ERA in six starts. The Padres have won just one of his road starts. Bass has given up 15 runs in 15 2/3 innings in his last three road starts after posting a 2.57 ERA in his first three road starts. Bass is 0-2 with a 8.14 ERA in his last four starts after going 2-4 with a 2.94ERA in his first eight starts.

Buckley, a native of Australia, will be facing the Padres for the first time. He will be making his seventh appearance and his first start for Oakland since being claimed off waivers from the San Francisco Giants on May 15. He had a 9.00 ERA in four relief appearances for the Giants before he was designated for assignment on May 13. Although he won his major league debut with Seattle in 2004, Buckley is 0-5 since then with a 7.62 ERA in 17 games (10 starts).

Daily Update: Headley streak reaches 10 games

By [Bill Center](#)

Thursday, June 14, 2012

SEATTLE — Chase Headley extended his hitting streak to 10 straight games Wednesday night, equaling the longest hitting streak by a Padre this season.

The third baseman is hitting .366 (15-for-41) during the streak with four doubles, six RBI and three runs scored.

The streak is the third of Headley's career of 10 games or more topped by a 16-game hitting streak from May 21-June 6 in 2011.

Yonder Alonso had a 10-game streak this season from May 18-27. Orlando Hudson had a 10-game streak from April 15-27.

Headley has raised his average from .251 to .272 during the streak.

The Daily Five (Notes, Stats and Numbers)

--Wednesday night's 1-0 win at Seattle was the 91st 1-0 victory in franchise history and the 32nd on the road. The previous 1-0 road win came in Seattle on July 2, 2011. Wednesday also marked the first time this season that the Padres won back-to-back road games.

--With four strikeouts Wednesday night, RHP Jason Marquis is now four shy of 1,000 for his career. Marquis has allowed four runs (two earned) over 12 1/3 innings in two starts with the Padres to lower his season ERA from 7.96 to 6.00.

--LF-DH Carlos Quentin has reached base in all 12 games he has played as a Padre. He is hitting .421 (16-for-38) with seven walks and three hit-by-pitchers for a .542 on-base percentage.

--Between them, Padres closers Huston Street (seven) and Dale Thayer (five) are a perfect 12-for-12 in save opportunities this season.

--Will Venable, who ranks fifth in the National League with a .357 road batting average, also ranks fifth in hardest to double up. Venable has gone 177 at-bats this season without grounding into a double play.

Bass fading late in games

By [Bill Center](#)

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SEATTLE — The deeper Anthony Bass gets into games and the season, the higher his earned run average climbs.

The 24-year-old right-hander will make his 13th start of the season Friday night as the Padres open a three-game, interleague series in Oakland.

Bass had a 2.30 earned run average over six games (four starts) in April. His ERA for six starts in May was 5.30. And his ERA for two starts in June is 6.55. Bass is 0-2 with an 8.14 ERA in his last four starts after going 2-4 with a 2.94 ERA in his first eight starts.

In terms of individual games, Bass has a 3.38 ERA over the first four innings of his 12 starts thus far. But his ERA from the start of the fifth on is 6.95.

Opposing hitters are batting .184 against Bass the first time they see him in a game. The average rises to .234 the second time they see him and is .375 the third time around.

“There is no difference in his stuff,” Padres manager Bud Black said of Bass’s late-game troubles. “A lot of teams have a limited sample size when it comes to facing Anthony. Early on, that’s an advantage for Bass. But later in games, he’s no secret.

“He’s got to adjust his combinations later in games and concentrate on executing his pitches.”

“I’ve been getting burned in the fifth and sixth innings,” said Bass, who gave up four runs in the sixth last Sunday in Milwaukee after pitching five scoreless innings.

Cashner checks in

Andrew Cashner spoke with Black and Padres pitching coach Darren Balsley Thursday after an overnight bus ride from Corpus Christi to Midland, Texas.

Cashner made his debut with Double-A San Antonio Wednesday night and allowed two runs on four hits in 3 1/3 innings. He threw 55 pitches. His pitch count will expand to 70 to 80 in his second start with the Missions on Monday.

“He said he felt like he could have kept going,” said Black of his discussion with Cashner, who is in San Antonio to extend his pitch count while transitioning from the bullpen to the rotation. “What I liked was no walks.”

Forsythe scratched

Logan Forsythe was a late scratch from the starting lineup Thursday after suffering "abdominal side discomfort" according to Black.

Alexi Amarista got his second straight start and made a great catch in the fifth to rob Ichiro Suzuki of a hit.

Cabrera, Forsythe reversing middle infield problems

By [Bill Center](#)

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

SEATTLE — The Padres middle infield play is the best it has been this season.

Since shortstop Everth Cabrera and second baseman Logan Forsythe were first coupled on June 3, the tandem has hit a combined .327 (18-for-55) with three doubles, three triples and two homers in eight games. The pair have reached base 43 percent of the time.

Over the season's first 38 games, the regular tandem of shortstop Jason Bartlett and second baseman Orlando Hudson hit a combined .180 with five doubles, five triples and a homer for 15 RBI and a .252 on-base percentage.

"I like what we've seen from Logan and Cabby as well as Alexi Amarista and Andy Parrino," Padres manager Bud Black said Wednesday. "Offensively and defensively."

On Tuesday, for example, Forsythe ranged far to his left to stop a Miguel Olivo single from rolling into right field for a RBI hit. It was the second time in a week that Forsythe had made that play, getting an out the first time when he threw behind the runner at third against San Francisco.

"That play was huge," starting pitcher Clayton Richard said of Forsythe's stop on Tuesday. "It saved a run and changed the dynamics of the inning."

After a 0-for-19 start when he was promoted from Triple-A Tucson on May 17 – the date that the Padres originally replaced Bartlett and Hudson with Cabrera and Amarista – Cabrera has hit .367 (22-for-60) with seven doubles, a triple, two homers, seven RBI and eight steals in as many tries.

"I think we're seeing a lot better Cabrera since the end of spring training," said Padres bench coach Rick Renteria. "His new confidence and improved play on defense has helped other parts of his game."

During spring training, infield coach Glenn Hoffman and Renteria worked with Cabrera on his defense. He had developed habits of fielding grounders with one hand and opening-and-closing his glove as the ball approached. He also wore the glove loosely on his wrist.

"Glenn got him to use two hands, get more of his hand into the glove and keep the glove open," said Black.

"My spring training was terrible," said Cabrera. "I was not surprised when they sent me out. This game is more than talent and I wasn't doing some things right. But when I got to Tucson, it all started coming together . . . what they were telling me about hitting and defense."

"Cabby is a lot more under control this year than he was last season when we played together at Tucson," said Forsythe, who Wednesday got his first game off since his promotion.

"As a unit, I like playing second with Cabby at short. I'm able to read him and we've developed some things."

Forsythe and Cabrera are both 25.

While Cabrera opened the season at Triple-A Tucson, Forsythe opened it on the 60-day disabled list following March 9 surgery to remove the fractured sesamoid bone from the ball of his left foot. It was when Cabrera and Amarista were promoted to the Padres as a tandem that Forsythe started his rehab assignment with Tucson.

The work of Cabrera and Forsythe might have slowed the progress of another middle infielder. When Cabrera joined the Padres, Jedd Gyorko was promoted from Double-A San Antonio to Tucson – playing second and third while Forsythe played second, short and third. Gyorko, 23, is hitting .357 with seven homers and 23 RBI in his first 26 games at Triple-A.

Padres notes

--Right-hander Andrew Cashner made his first (of three or four scheduled) start for Double-A San Antonio Wednesday night. He allowed two runs on four hits in 3 1/3 innings. He struck out four without issuing a walk. Thirty-three of his 52 pitches went for strikes.

--Right-hander Ross Ohlendorf, who picked up the win at Milwaukee in relief of Cashner last Saturday, will become the 12th starting pitcher used by the Padres this season on Saturday afternoon in Oakland.

--The Seattle Mariners are considering moving in the fences at Safeco Field. Sound familiar? It is a hot topic up here as well as in San Diego.

--Black said Wednesday that he believes Tim Stauffer (strained flexor tendon in his right elbow) will pitch again this season. Stauffer was transferred to the 60-day disabled list earlier this week and is not eligible to return until immediately after the All-Star break.

--Parrino has started working out with Single-A Lake Elsinore and could soon start rehabbing with Tucson. He has been on the disabled list since May 31 with a ligament strain in his right hand.

Minors Report: Rea gives up one run over six innings

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Right-handed starter Colin Rea (2.61 earned run average) allowed one run on four hits over six innings Thursday night for low Single-A Fort Wayne.

Rea, 21, struck out eight and didn't walk a hitter.

Outfielder Yeison Asencio (.363) was 3-for-5 and drove in two runs as Fort Wayne lost a 5-4 decision to Lansing in Fort Wayne. The TinCaps are 31-36.

Outfielder Lee Orr was 2-for-4. Right-hander John Barbato (2.45 ERA) allowed a run on two hits and a walk in an inning. But the loss went to right-hander Chris Haney (0-2, 15.75 ERA), who allowed three runs on three hits and two walks in an inning.

Around The Farm

Triple-A Tucson (21-46): RENO 4, Tucson 1 – Right-handed starter Jorge Reyes (0-4, 7.08 ERA) allowed two runs on seven hits and a walk in 3 2/3 innings as the T-Padres lost a season-worst eighth straight game. RHP Eddie Kunz (7.56 ERA) allowed two runs on four hits and a walk in 2 1/3 innings. RHP Cory Burns (3.79 ERA) walked one and struck out one in a scoreless inning and RHP Erik Hamren (1.96 ERA) allowed a hit with a walk in a scoreless inning. RF Dan Robertson (.330) was 2-for-4 with a homer for Tucson's lone run. 1B Matt Clark was 2-for-4.

Double-A San Antonio (24-41): MIDLAND 5, San Antonio 1 – Left-handed starter Drew Werner (1-8, 4.26 ERA) allowed five runs on eight hits and a walk in five innings. He struck out four.

Single-A Lake Elsinore (35-33): BAKERSFIELD 4, Lake Elsinore 2 – RF Rymer Liriano (.299) was 2-for-4 with as double and a homer. SS Chris Bisson was 3-for-4 with a stolen base, although his 17th error led to two unearned runs. Right-handed starter Burch Smith (5-4, 3.95 ERA) allowed four runs (two earned) on five hits over seven innings. He struck out six without walking a hitter.

PADRES: Sale could fetch more than \$800 million

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SAN DIEGO ---- The sale of the Padres is expected to top \$800 million, according to multiple reports on Thursday.

Bidders had to make a qualifying offer of at least \$800 million to reach the final cut, according to [CBSSports.com](#).

A group that includes Peter O'Malley and PGA Tour star Phil Mickelson is among the finalists.

The Los Angeles Times also listed Gary Jabara, the founder of a Newport Beach wireless company, and Steve Kaplan, the principal at Oaktree Capital in Los Angeles, as finalists for Padres ownership.

Padres majority owner John Moores agreed to sell the team to Jeff Moorad for \$530 million in January 2009, but that deal fell through earlier this year.

The franchise was valued at \$458 million by Forbes in March.

A source told [CBSsports.com](#) that Moores is asking for \$600 million for the Padres and \$200 million for a piece of the organization's new TV deal with Fox Sports. Finalized in April, the team's deal with Fox is expected to pay out \$1.2 billion over 20 years.

Jabara is the CEO of Mobilite, a company that owns, manages and develops cell phone towers, the L.A. Times said.

PADRES: Volquez pitches Padres to sweep of Mariners

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SEATTLE — Pitching, hitting, defense. For the first time all year, the Padres put everything together for an entire series.

Edinson Volquez pitched neatly into the seventh inning and San Diego beat the skidding Seattle Mariners 6-2 Thursday night for its first sweep of the season.

Volquez (3-6) was in command all night, allowing one run and four hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out six and walked four while sending Seattle to its fifth consecutive loss.

"You saw all three pitches again effective," Padres manager Bud Black said. "Overall, it was a strong performance. Three-pitch mix was very good."

In an interleague matchup of last-place teams, Padres starters yielded only two earned runs in three games at Seattle.

Converted reliever Erasmo Ramirez (0-1) took the loss in his first start for the Mariners. He threw five innings, allowing eight hits and six runs — five earned. He struck out three and walked one.

San Diego put together four singles to score three runs in the third. Chris Denorfia led off with an infield single, then Jesus Guzman blooped a hit to right.

John Baker was trying to put down a sacrifice bunt, but it turned into a single when Ramirez did not commit off the mound. Third baseman Kyle Seager ran to cover third, and shortstop Munenori Kawasaki sprinted to second. The ball just rolled out to shortstop, and everyone was safe.

Baker said he was trying to bunt the ball hard and possibly turn it into a hit. Mariners manager Eric Wedge said Seager reacted properly.

"If Ramirez gets off the mound and fields that, we've got the lead guy at third base," Wedge said. "Makes it a completely different inning."

Kawasaki made a leaping grab of Alexi Amarista's liner to temporarily stem the rally, but Will Venable singled crisply to right, the first hard hit of the inning, to score Denorfia.

Everth Cabrera followed with a grounder to Seager, who threw to second. Second baseman Dustin Ackley tried to turn a double play, but threw low to first. Guzman scored on the fielder's choice and Baker came in on Ackley's throwing error when the ball skidded past Justin Smoak.

The Padres chased Ramirez with three consecutive hits to open the sixth. Carlos Quentin and Yonder Alonso singled, and Denorfia doubled to score Quentin.

"We put some innings together again," Black said. "We did Tuesday night against Felix (Hernandez), then tonight we did it twice with some consecutive hits. That's something that's been lacking for the greater part of the season, and it happened in this series."

Hisashi Iwakuma replaced Ramirez and allowed a single to Guzman. That was Iwakuma's only batter faced, and he threw just two pitches.

Charlie Furbush took his place. Hitters were 0 for 32 against Furbush in his last 11 1-3 innings before Baker and Amarista hit back-to-back singles. Furbush struck out Venable and Cabrera to end the inning with San Diego ahead 6-0.

Volquez sailed through the first five innings, allowing only one hit. Ramirez was right with him following a 28-pitch first. Cabrera had a 13-pitch at-bat in the first to earn a walk, raising Ramirez's pitch count early.

But Ramirez zipped through the second, third and fourth, allowing just a leadoff single in the second before retiring nine consecutive batters.

Ackley singled in the seventh to drive in Franklin Gutierrez and snap Seattle's 15-inning scoreless streak. Gutierrez made his season debut Thursday after recovering from a partial right pectoral tear followed by plantar fasciitis. In his first at-bat, he was hit by a pitch from Volquez.

Gutierrez finished 1 for 2 and drove in a run in the eighth, but Seattle remained in an offensive funk.

"We have to get over the hump here at home and break out," Wedge said.