

## Calhoun hit a two-run homer, Richards pitched

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Kole Calhoun has come a long way since getting a needed break on the disabled list last month [Jace Sternberger Jersey](#), and Garrett Richards looked pretty sharp after his own DL stint.

Batting in the leadoff spot for only the fourth time this season, Calhoun had three hits and drove in three runs to help lift Richards (5-4) in his return.

Calhoun's towering homer in the sixth gave the Angels a 6-2 lead. He also had a single in the fourth inning for his first RBI. Calhoun is batting .306 with four homers and eight RBIs since coming off the DL on June 18. He was hitting .145 before that break.

"Kole did his job today," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "That's what we need from the guys at the top of the order. It gave us a lot of opportunities today."

Richards, who went on the DL on June 15 with a left hamstring strain, allowed three runs, including back-to-back homers to Kyle Seager and Ryon Healy, over 5 1/3 innings. He struck out eight.

"I just overthrew a couple of heaters there," Richards said of the home runs. "But I felt good. The hamstring felt good. I knew I would be on a leash (80 pitches), so I just tried to execute pitches."

Richards retired 10 of the next 11 hitters he faced after the home runs.

"Garrett just exhaled (after the homers) and made some really good pitches," Scioscia said. "He gave us a chance to win the game."

Blake Parker pitched out of trouble in the ninth for his 10th save. Mike Zunino singled and Denard Span doubled to put runners at second and third, but Dee Gordon flied out to center and Zunino was thrown out at the plate on Jean Segura's grounder to Albert Pujols at first. Mitch Haniger ended it with a groundout to third.

Parker failed to cover first on the grounder to Pujols, so Pujols had no choice but to throw home.

"Pujols getting that guy at the plate was a huge out," Scioscia said. "The pitcher didn't cover there, so Albert made a great decision and threw a strike to the plate."

The Mariners had their chances, including a bases-loaded, no-outs situation in the seventh inning when trailing 6-3. After Gordon and Span struck out <http://www.packerscheapstore.com/dexter-williams-jersey-cheap>, Segura hit a broken-bat flare that looked like it might drop behind second base and score two runs, but Angels second baseman David Fletcher made a leaping catch to end the inning.

"I got a pretty good read off the bat," Fletcher said. "I kind of felt I had a bead on it all the way. It was a nice feeling to save those runs from scoring."

The Mariners struck out 15 times and left eight men on base.

Mike Leake (8-5) allowed four runs and nine hits before leaving with no one out in the fifth. He had allowed two runs or less in seven of his previous eight starts.

"They were battling me, fouling balls off today," Leake said. "Trying to get them to go down, but they found some holes and that's about it."

Luis Valbuena drove in two runs for the Angels and Shohei Ohtani and two hits and scored two runs.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: OF Chris Young was placed on the 10-day DL a day after straining his hamstring. LHP Tyler Skaggs was also placed on the DL with a thigh strain. Skaggs said hopes to miss only one start. OF Jabari Blash and RHP Deck McGuire were recalled from Triple-A Salt Lake, with INF Kaleb Cowart also optioned to Triple-A. ... LHP John Lamb will undergo Tommy John surgery on his left elbow early next week. He'll become the fourth Angels pitcher to have the procedure this season.

Mariners: Manager Scott Servais said RHP Erasmo Ramirez could begin a rehab assignment soon. Ramirez has been on the DL since May 1 because of a right teres major muscle strain in his pitching shoulder. Ramirez said is willing to pitch in relief if that's where he's needed.

## UP NEXT

Angels RHP Jaime Barria (5-4, 3.40) will start Thursday's series finale in place of Skaggs. Barria is making his 12th start of the season and has given up two earned runs or fewer in four of his last five starts. LHP Marco Gonzales (8-5, 3.77) will make his 18th start for Seattle. Gonzales pitched the first complete game of his career in his last start, a 4-1 victory over Kansas City when he allowed six hits and didn't walk a batter.

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METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Former Florida safety Chauncey Gardner-Johnson completed all of two rookie minicamp practices when Saints secondary coach Aaron Glenn predicted that defensive coordinator Dennis Allen would find a way to carve out playing time for New Orleans' fourth-round draft choice. "It's limitless what this player can do," Glenn said Saturday. "We're just excited to have him and I'm sure DA's going to make schemes to be able to use this player, to make sure his versatility is used out there." So much for tempering expectations for a player who hasn't even practiced against Saints veterans yet. "He does have the speed and the mentality to go out there and play corner, but he can play nickel, he can play in the box, he can play deep safety, so you have fun with players like that [Josh Allen Jersey](#)," Glenn said. "I'm excited to see what all we can do with him. And plus, he has the mental capacity to be able to take all that information in and apply it right to the field." The Saints, who entered the 2019 NFL draft without a fourth-round pick, traded up 11 spots to take the 5-foot-11, 210-pound Gardner-Johnson, who played both nickel back and safety at Florida. He intercepted nine passes for the Gators, returning three for touchdowns. Four of his interceptions — and two of his TD returns — came last season, when he also had three sacks, nine tackles for losses, two pass breakups and finished with a total of 71 tackles. During practice Saturday, Gardner-Johnson intercepted one pass and tipped another that wound up being intercepted by fellow rookie safety Saquon Hampton, a sixth-rounder out of Rutgers who was the Saints' third overall draft choice. "It's just exciting to know you've got a good player that you had rated high that's on your team," Glenn said. "So with (Gardner-Johnson) and Saquon, it was the same thing with both of those guys." New Orleans already has two veteran starting safeties coming back — fourth-year pro Vonn Bell on the strong side and third-year player Marcus Williams playing deep. But the Saints have been known to employ three-safety alignments and there was not a lot of depth in that position group following the release of Kurt Coleman this offseason. Gardner-Johnson stopped short of predicting a prominent role for himself as a rookie, but didn't sell himself short, either. "I could play immediately, but that's on me <http://www.jaguarscheapstore.com/jawaan-taylor-jersey-cheap>," he said. "I'm just ready to get out there, have fun and make an impression. "I'm not really worried about where I'm at out there on the field, or what position," he added. "I'm just ready to go out there and play football." While Gardner-Johnson was gratified the Saints traded up to select him, he called that "one minor step to something better." Glenn said the Saints sought to "stress" Gardner-Johnson during

Saturday's practice by giving him a variety of defensive back assignments on the defense, including nickel back, safety in the base defense and safety in passing situations that employed more than four defensive backs. "He's smart, and he's quickly picked up the installation," Saints head coach Sean Payton noted. "You can see he's versatile. I think he can play over the slot in the nickel role, and also as a safety." For most of Gardner-Johnson's Florida career, his last name was Gardner. He changed it before his senior season to honor his step-father, Brian Johnson, who had been in his life since he was about 3-years-old. "He ain't missed a game," Gardner-Johnson said. "He's always been in my life. ... My dad's a basketball guy, but whatever I loved, he loved. Wherever I was at, he was at." Gardner-Johnson also has considerable history with Glenn. They met when Glenn was helping out at an "Opening" football camp for high school standouts in Oregon. Glenn recalled that Gardner-Johnson sometimes challenged instructors who criticized him

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, but not in a disrespectful way. "When we butted heads, I thought that was cool that he stood up for himself," Glenn said, adding that he kept in touch with Gardner-Johnson during his college career. "I'd always text him. It was funny how these things come around. You know, the world is round, man, and he ended up coming to us. So, it's a good deal." Notes: Payton said he has not heard from NFL headquarters regarding possible disciplinary action against defensive tackle David Onyemata, who received a misdemeanor marijuana citation early this offseason. Onyemata could be suspended up to four games, but Payton said, "I don't know that that's going to happen," and added that the Saints are preparing for the season as if Onyemata won't miss any action.

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