



PHIL LONG • Associated Press  
Cleveland's tying run in the sixth.

### Tripping point

**Jose Berrios** was solid through five innings, giving up only three hits and twice stranding runners on third base. Cleveland scored twice with two outs in the sixth inning, but when Baldelli came to the mound, Berrios convinced him to leave him in to face **Josh Naylor**.

Or so he thought. As Baldelli walked back to the dugout, umpire **Tom Hallion** reminded him pitching coach **Wes Johnson** had, three batters earlier, jogged to the mound for a quick pep talk for Berrios. By rule, a second visit requires a pitching change,

and Baldelli was forced to summon **Hansel Robles** from the bullpen.

"That's on me. I was locked into something else at the time," Baldelli said. "I actually called down to get Robles going. Not a great moment."

No harm done — Robles ended the inning by getting **Josh Naylor** to ground out — but it was an awkward mistake for a former Manager of the Year.

### Etc.

• Infielder **Nick Gordon** waited seven years for a call-up but will have to wait a little longer to actually play in a major league game. The Twins' 2013 first-round pick was sent back to the team's alternate site when shortstop **Andrelton Simmons** was activated from the COVID-19 list. Gordon did not get into a game over the weekend. The Twins kept veteran **Tzu-Wei Lin** on the roster, with Baldelli citing his ability to play the outfield, and Lin did enter Monday's game for **Luis Arraez** in left.

• Simmons is back, and the Twins could have **Max Kepler** and **Kyle Garlick**, who also tested positive for COVID, back by the weekend. The outfielders underwent electrocardiogram tests on their pulmonary systems, the final step, if no damage is found, before being cleared by MLB. Simmons said his symptoms included "a little headache, mostly a scratchy throat, and kind of feeling a little touch-and-go for a few days. I came through it pretty well."

## Rocco has brain fart



Clipped By:

**jjswol**

Sun, Jan 23, 2022