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**(Colo.)-Pujols Hits 1st HR Of 2013 In Angels' 8-6 Loss**



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TEMPE, Arizona (AP) - Albert Pujols hit his first spring training home run, a third-inning drive off Juan Nicasio on Saturday during the Los Angeles Angels' 8-6 loss to the Colorado Rockies.

Pujols, coming off right knee surgery during the offseason, was 0 for 3 Tuesday against Cincinnati in his spring training debut. The three-time MVP again was the designated hitter against Colorado and went 1 for 3.

Pujols struck out in the first against Nicasio and also grounded into a double play in the fifth against Josh Outman.

Troy Tulowitzki hit his first home run of the exhibition season, a third-inning shot off Jason Vargas.

Making his second start, Vargas allowed four runs and eight hits in three innings. Nicasio, in his third start and fourth appearance, gave up four runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Kole Calhoun hit a two-run homer in the seventh against Wilton Lopez.