



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #36 | June 15, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (20-15) vs. Hillsboro Hops (16-18)

RHP Conner Nurse (0-3, 5.86 ERA) vs. LHP Kenny Hernandez (2-0, 3.06 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Fresh off dropping their first series of the season, the Emeralds find themselves in a unique, unfamiliar position: third place. The Ems dropped 4-of-5 in Everett last week with Sunday's finale rained out. Because of that rain delay, RHP Conner Nurse - who was slated to start on Sunday - saw his start bumped to today's series opener against the Hops. The Eugene offense will look to get back on track after mustering just four hits in each of the last two games.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Emeralds and Hops kick off this season's first six-game series between the two sides, but it's not the first time they've faced off at PK Park. Due to a scheduling conflict with the Oregon Ducks earlier this season, the Emeralds played a pair of 'home' games at Ron Tonkin Field in Hillsboro before returning home to play four games against the Hops at PK Park. The Emeralds dropped the doubleheader against the Hops in Hillsboro, but won 3-of-4 back at home later that week. Eugene saw another pair of promotions prior to Tuesday's series opener with INF Simon Whiteman and RHP RJ Dabovich getting the call up to Double-A Richmond. In a corresponding move, OF Armani Smith and OF Heath Quinn were added to the Eugene roster; smith is coming from Low-A San Jose while Quinn arrives from Extended Spring Training.

QUICK HITS

Recent Roster Moves

It was another busy off day for the Emeralds in terms of player promotions as Eugene saw this season's third and fourth player promotions to Richmond. Full transactions are below:

ADDITIONS:

- OF Heath Quinn from Extended Spring Training
- OF Armani Smith

DEPARTURES:

- RHP RJ Dabovich to Double-A Richmond
- INF Simon Whiteman to Double-A Richmond
- OF Javeyan Williams to Extended Spring Training

- #21 RHP Drey Jameson
- #25 RHP Conor Grammes
- #27 INF/OF Tristin English

SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 6 of the organization's top 30 prospects, 5 of which are active:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #6 C Patrick Bailey
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng

NCAA Tournament Teams

With the NCAA Baseball Tournament taking place over the last two weeks, a number of current Emeralds saw their alma maters in action. Teams in bold denote that team is still alive and headed to College World Series.

- Tyler Schimpf - **Texas**
- Armani Smith - UC Santa Barbara
- Heath Quinn - Samford
- Will Wilson - **NC State**
- Patrick Bailey - **NC State**
- Brandon Martorano - North Carolina
- Carter Aldrete - Arizona State
- Taylor Rashi - UC Irvine

Note: Jacob Gonzalez was a TCU commit before signing with the Giants. TCU takes on McNeese today.

Can't Touch Dabo

RJ Dabovich allowed a HR in each of his first two outings of the season (5/4 & 5/7 at SPO). He has not allowed a single hit since. Yes, you read that correctly. In 8 APPs since, Dabovich has fired 10.2 scoreless, hitless innings while allowing just 5 BB, notching 23 K's, and going 4-for-4 in save opportunities. The former ASU Sun Devil is now T-2nd in saves in the High-A West.

Strikeout Savants

Through 35 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (413). Their 413 collective strikeouts are 37 more than the next closest team (Everett - 376). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds don't just lead the High-A West, they lead all of High-A, too, with the Cedar Rapids Kernels the next closest at 406. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 413 K's rank 5th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 451 K's.

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	20-15
Home*	6-6
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	19-14
Runs Scored	175
Runs Against	162
Team AVG	.228
Team ERA	4.17
Hits for/against	261/257
HR for/against	31/30
Strikeouts (pitching)	413
Strikeouts (hitting)	350
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4
Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	7-1
May	15-9
June	5-6
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	12-5
Opponent Scores First	8-10
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	4-1
Wednesday	2-3
Thursday	3-3
Friday	5-1
Saturday	2-4
Sunday	4-1
vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	3-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	0-0
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
Series Openers	5-1
Series Finales	4-1

*Includes doubleheader played in Hillsboro vs. the Hops that was played as a 'home' game for the Emeralds due to schedule conflicts at PK Park with the Oregon Ducks Baseball Team. The Ems dropped both games of that doubleheader.

Dabovich and Whiteman join their former Emeralds teammates RHP Caleb Kilian and RHP Jose Marte who were both promoted earlier this season.

Olympic Additions

The Emeralds saw three players return to the roster - RHP Jasier Herrera, OF Ismael Munguia, and OF Diego Rincones - after each recently competed in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament held in Florida:

- Herrera (Columbia): 1 APP (vs. Venezuela) | 2.0 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 R, 0 K
- Munguia (Nicaragua): 3 games | 6-for-12 (.500), 1 2B, 2 R. Led team in AVG.

- Rincones (Venezuela): 5 games | 4-for-19 (.211), 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 R | Hit walk-off HR vs. Columbia in bottom of 9th.

Munguia departed the team as the team's RBI leader at the time (14) and, in his final at-bat before leaving, delivered a walk-off hit to defeat the Spokane Indians on May 27. Rincones left the Ems as one of the best statistical sluggers in the High-A West, ranking 2nd in slugging (.630), 2nd in OPS (1.042), T-3rd in batting average (.333), T-3rd in HR (4), and T-5th in OBP% (.413). Herrera, who started the season with the Emeralds, had been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento days prior to his departure to join the Colombian National Team.

High Hopes In Hillsboro

Fresh off facing an Everett roster that featured an eye-popping 13 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects (per MLB.com), the Emeralds will be facing off against another roster full of raw talent. The Hillsboro Hops boast 8 of the Arizona Diamondbacks' Top 30 prospects, 7 of which are currently active:

- #1 OF Corbin Carroll (LL)
- #6 RHP Slade Cecconi
- #8 RHP Bryce Jarvis
- #17 INF Blaze Alexander
- #19 RHP Ryne Nelson

League Leaders

Will Wilson:

- HR: 6 (T-5th)
- SLG: .500 (7th)
- OPS: .859 (9th)
- Doubles: 9 (T-8th)
- XBH: 16 (T-4th)
- Total Bases: 60 (7th)

Patrick Bailey:

- Doubles: 8 (T-10th)

Tyler Fitzgerald:

- RBI: 19 (T-10th)
- Runs: 25 (T-6th)

Logan Wyatt:

- BB: 24 (2nd)

Brandon Martorano:

- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

Travis Perry:

- Wins: 3 (T-1st)

Seth Corry:

- K: 46 (T-2nd)
- ERA: 2.83 (5th)
- OPP AVG: .170 (2nd)

Ryan Walker:

- Games: 12 (T-7th)

Kilian Killed It

RHP Caleb Kilian was promoted to Double-A Richmond on at the end of May after dominating the High-A West in his four starts as an Emerald. The highlight came in his final outing as an Emerald when Kilian fired 6.2 perfect innings against the Dust Devils before allowing the first base runner of the day on a two-out double. Unphased, Kilian retired the next batter to cap a career-high 7.0 inning performance while tallying a career-high ten strikeouts in the process. After his near-perfect start, Kilian left the Northwest currently ranked at or near the top of virtually every notable statistical category in the High-A West:

- Wins: 3 (1st)
- ERA: 1.25 (3rd)
- K: 32 (1st)
- OPP AVG: .122 (1st)
- WHIP: 0.46 (1st)

Rincones Raked

OF Diego Rincones has departed the team to join the Venezuelan National Team for upcoming Olympic Qualifying taking place in mid-June in Florida. Rincones had been a consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through the

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	21	13	.618	-	222	127
Vancouver	21	15	.583	1.0	174	164
Eugene	20	15	.571	1.5	175	162
Hillsboro	16	18	.471	5.0	135	161
Spokane	15	21	.417	7.0	165	187
Tri-City	12	23	.343	9.5	121	191

first three weeks weeks, with his numbers and league ranks upon his departure as follows:

- AVG: .333 (T-3rd)
- HR: 4 (T-3rd)
- OB%: .413 (5th)
- SLG: .830 (2nd)
- OPS: 1.042 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-5th)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-7th)
- Total Bases: 34 (T-4th)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#35 Conner Nurse (RHP)

Height: 6'6 Weight: 210 lbs Acquired: Round 24, 10/26th (2017)
 Hometown: Winter Garden, FL School: Ridge HS (FL)
 Born: July 31, 1999 (21)

Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, shows balance and ability to repeat, leading to lots of strikes. Medium arm stroke through the back, work to a near over-the-top release point, does a nice job of working on top of the ball to generate nice angle on fastball. Topped out at 90 mph, mostly true in life, tough pitch to elevate due to plane. Curveball shows hammer depth at 79 mph from similar release point, present strikeout pitch and will manipulate shape/velocity to pitch early in count. Has confidence and feel in his changeup, occasional hard fading life at 74 mph, projects with additional arm speed. Nice feel for a full arsenal and throws off speed pitches for strikes regularly. Righthanded hitter, wide base in the box with a short and inside swing path. Looks to lift and pull the ball, can turn on inner half pitch and flashes pop off the barrel. Named to World Showcase Top Prospect List. Good student. Committed to Seminole State College of Florida. Has surrendered a HR in five of six starts this season. Last time out against Everett in series opener (6/8) Nurse fired 4.0 IP with 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 HR, 4 BB and 4 K.

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Splitter

BIO: Signed for \$250,000, \$125,000 over slot. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Just 21-years old, Nurse is pitching in his first full season of pro ball after spending 2018 in Rookie-ball down in Arizona, then splitting time between Arizona and the short-season Northwest league in 2019. Per Perfect Game coming out of high school: "Extra-large, athletic frame with broad shoulders and long limbs, leaner build with room to fill but also has present strength throughout.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	3	5.86	6	6	0	0	0	0	27.2	31	19	18	5	1	14	0	26	.292	1

24 Kenny Hernandez (LHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 197 lbs Acquired: International FA (7/6/15)
 Hometown: David, Panama School: N/A
 Born: June 24, 1998 (22)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Slider, Changeup

Notes: 2019 full season with Kane County of Midwest League: 30g (1 start), 7-3, 1.88, 3sv, 96ip, 85h, 31bb, 83k, 1hr, 3hb, 5wp. 2018 full year with Hops: 16g (5 starts), 6-3, 4.37, 68ip, 81h, 7bb, 59k. Career K/BB numbers: entering this year 233ip, 8k/9ip, 2.4bb/9ip Other Panamanian-born players include: Rod Carew, Carlos Lee, Ben Oglivie, and longtime D-back Randall Delgado (Delgado pitched on injury rehab for the Hops in the 2017 postseason) Pitches: 2SFB, 4SFB, CH, SL... fastball 89-91

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	0	3.06	5	1	0	0	0	0	17.2	9	6	7	1	1	6	0	22	.148	1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Wednesday, June 16	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Thursday, June 17	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Friday, June 18	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	LHP Seth Corry	TBD
Saturday, June 19	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	TBD
Sunday, June 20	5:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Tuesday, June 22	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD