



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #67 | July 21, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR
Eugene Emeralds (38-28) at Hillsboro Hops (29-36)
RHP Kai-Wei Teng (2-4, 6.09 ERA) vs. RHP Brandon Pfaadt (2-2, 3.00 ERA)
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LAST TIME OUT

Eugene dropped just their second one-run game in thirteen contests this season while also seeing their seven-game home winning streak against the Hops snapped, falling on the final out by the final of 3-2. LHP Blake Walston was exceptional for Hillsboro, carrying a perfect game into the fifth and a no-hitter into the sixth, but both the no-no and the shutout were lost on the same swing of the bat, a solo blast from Brett Auerbach who dropped down to one knee and teed off for his fourth homer in fourteen games played with the Emeralds. It stayed 3-1 until the ninth when the Ems, thanks to some timely hitting and some good fortune, got the rally going. Down to their final strike, Armani Smith singled to center field to bring the tying run to the plate, and Sean Roby followed by doubling to left to put the tying run on second with the winning run in the form of Tyler Fitzgerald due up. Fitzgerald, who entered the game on a 5-game hit streak but was hitless to that point, singled sharply to left to score Smith while Roby got the green light coming around third. However, the throw from Hops left fielder Eduardo Diaz was on the money to nab Roby easily at home and wrap a dramatic ending at PK Park.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene will be facing off against the reigning High-A West Pitcher of the Week in Brandon Pfaadt who fired a complete game shutout on July 14 against the Vancouver Canadians, a 2-0 win for the Hops. Eugene will counter with Kai-Wei Teng who has struggled in the month of July going 0-2 in 3 starts with a 14.46 ERA. Teng has had mixed results in his prior two appearances against the Hops lasting just 2.0 IP with 6 ER on July 3 while firing 5.0 IP with 10 K's and 2 ER on June 16. The Emeralds enter today 5.5 games behind the Everett AquaSox in the standings after Everett pulled off an extra innings win over the Vancouver Canadians on Tuesday night.

QUICK HITS

Quinn Wins High-A West Player of the Week

Quinn put together a week to remember during the teams' recent six-game road series in Spokane, going 9-18 (.500) with 4 HRs, 12 RBIs, 8 runs scored and 3 walks while slugging 1.167 and posting a 1.758 OPS. The former highly touted San Francisco Giants prospect has fought tough-luck injuries over the past few seasons, and prior to this week Quinn had only played in eight games as an Emerald since joining the team on June 15 despite being healthy upon his arrival. However, his patience paid off this past week in the form of ample playing time and incredible on-field results, most notably highlighted by a two-homer, six-RBI performance this past Wednesday that included a grand slam. Quinn homered in each of the first three games of last week's series in Spokane, showcasing smooth power in every direction at Avista Stadium. He is the fifth Emerald to receive a High-A West weekly honor this season, joining INF Tyler Fitzgerald, OF Franklin Labour, OF Diego Rincones, RHP Caleb Kilian (2).

Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 13-26 with a 6.00 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A. Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 24-2 with a 4.23 ERA and 396 K's in 304.0 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 5 bullpen losses (Charleston RiverDogs). Eugene's 396 bullpen K's rank 3rd in all of High-A.

The Wright Stuff

No Marte? No Dabo? No problem. Wright has slid into the closer role seamlessly after prior Emeralds closers Jose Marte and RJ Dabovich each received promotions to Double-A Richmond. In 26.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 49 batters while going 9-for-9 in save opportunities.

Strikeout Savants

Through 66 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (721). Their 721 collective strikeouts are 17 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 704). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds rank 3rd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY) who have 743 and the Hickory Crawdads (TEX) with 724. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 714 K's rank 9th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 835 K's. Entering Wednesday night, San Jose's 835 K's are 80 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Tri-City Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds have won eleven straight games decided by one run before falling to the Hillsboro Hops on July 21, 3-2, with the final out being made at home plate. The Ems are now 11-2 in one-run games.

The Clutch (E)Gene

Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene

ranks 2nd in AVG (.260), 3rd in runs (173), 2nd in hits (190), 2nd on OBP (.366) and 3rd in OPS (.805) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene leads all of High-A in AVG (.283), OBP (.416), SLG (.512), and OPS (.928) while ranking 2nd in runs scored (45) in late/close situations.

The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 1st in High-A in ERA (2.54) and opponent's average (.164).

Late/close definition per MLB.com: Late-inning pressure situations are defined as any at-bat in the seventh inning or later where the batter's team trails by three runs or fewer, is tied or is ahead by only one run. If the bases are loaded and the batting team trails by four runs, this also counts as a late-inning pressure situation.

Putting The Team On His Auerbach

After slashing .342/.448/.521 with 2 HRs and 17 RBIs in 34 games played for Low-A San Jose, do-it-all utility man Brett Auerbach is slashing .286/.334/.554 with 4 HRs and 16 RBIs in just 14 games as an Emerald, all while playing a myriad of positions: C, 2B, 3B, LF & CF.

Around The Affiliates

- Low-A San Jose pounded out 20 hits in a 9-3 victory over Stockton on Tuesday night. Marco Luciano hit his league-leading 16th HR while Luis Matos hit 2 doubles & a homer. Alex Canario & Luis Toribio each tallied 3 hits. Carson Ragsdale: 5 IP, 1 ER, 1 BB, 8 K. SJ Giants have won a season-high seven games in a row. 65 runs in the 7 games.
- Double-A Richmond has won 11 of their last 16 games after falling earlier today to the Akron RubberDucks, 4-0. The Flying Squirrels (38-30) had their four-game win streak snapped. It was the second shutout loss for Richmond this season. Akron (39-27) scored late runs in three consecutive innings to secure the victory. Through the first 3.0 innings, Richmond starter Caleb Kilian (L, 3-1) retired each of the first nine batters he faced and mixed in three strikeouts. Kilian finished his outing with 6.0 innings, allowing four hits and one run with six strikeouts.

- Triple-A Sacramento fell 8-4 to the Round Rock Express yesterday, but the result paled in comparison to the larger celebration that took place in what was the final game of Drew Robinson's pro career. The outfielder from Las Vegas, Nev. competed in his final professional baseball game after announcing his retirement from baseball on Friday. Robinson batted .115 with 3 2B and 3 HRs in 111 plate appearances during his remarkable return to the diamond, including a two-bagger and a homer in front of his family and friends in Las Vegas on May 11. Robinson stepped to the plate in the first inning of Tuesday's matinee to a standing ovation from the crowd as players from both dugouts stepped out to applaud. Robinson's final opponent turned out to be a special one as the Round Rock Express served as his squad for the better part five seasons, totaling 259 games from 2014 to 2018. Joey Bart launched a two-run homer - his ninth of the season - to give the River Cats a 2-1 lead in the 4th. The River Cats will head to Tacoma and anticipate the arrival of the newest addition to their ball club. Outfielder Heliot Ramos, the No. 3-ranked prospect in the Giants' organization, is set to join Sacramento after being promoted from Double-A Richmond. Right-hander Aaron

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	38-28
Home*	17-14
Road	21-14
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	35-27
Runs Scored	366
Runs Against	362
Run Differential	+4
Team AVG	.241
Team ERA	5.08
HR for/against	74/64
Strikeouts (pitching)	721
Strikeouts (hitting)	649
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	3-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	11-2
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	5-11
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	26-9
Opponent Scores First	12-19
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-2
Wednesday	6-4
Thursday	5-6
Friday	6-5
Saturday	5-6
Sunday	7-3
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	9-4
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	9-3
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
Series Openers	10-2
Series Finales	7-4

Sanchez will make another rehab start for the River Cats

SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 5 of the organization's top 30 prospects, 4 of which are active:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

Arizona Diamondbacks Prospect Watch

The Hops boast 5 of the Arizona Diamondbacks top 30 prospects:

- #5 LHP Blake Walston
- #6 RHP Slade Cecconi
- #16 2B/SS Blaze Alexander
- #24 RHP Drey Jameson
- #26 3B/OF Tristin English

Olympic Ems

Diego Rincones and the Venezuelan National Team's bid to make the Olympics came up just short on Saturday, with Venezuela falling to the Dominican Republic, 8-5, in the WBSC Baseball Final Qualifier held in Mexico. Rincones made his mark in the Final Qualifier, belting a three-run homer in

the 2nd inning to put Venezuela up 3-0 at the time but a six-run 4th inning, helped the Dominican Republic roar back and hold on late for the win. During the Final Qualifier, Rincones went 3-for-14 (.214) with 5 RBI, a double, and a HR in 4 games played. Rincones and two of his current teammates - RHP Jasier Herrera and OF Ismael Munguia - also 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.

Rincones later suited up for the Venezuelan National Team during the WBSC Final Qualifier held in Mexico. The barrel-chested outfielder made his mark in both stints with the Venezuelan National Team, including a walk-off homer against Columbia in Florida and later a three-run homer against the Dominican Republic in the championship game of the Final Qualifier, a game that Venezuela would go on to lose, 8-5, to just miss out on qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics.

Olympic News and Notes

The Opening Round of the Olympics kicks off next week with the following matchups (all times PST):

- 7/28: Dominican Republic vs. Japan (8pm)

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	43	22	.662	-	466	288
Eugene	38	28	.576	5.5	366	362
Vancouver	32	35	.478	12.0	332	349
Spokane	30	37	.448	14.0	328	349
Hillsboro	29	36	.446	4.0	276	319
Tri-City	26	40	.394	17.5	268	369

- 7/29: Israel vs. South Korea (3am)
- 7/30: Mexico vs. Dominican Republic (8pm)
- 7/30: USA vs. Israel (3am)
- 7/31: Japan vs. Mexico (8pm)
- 7/31: USA vs. South Korea (3am)

Outfielder Julio Rodriguez, who played for the Everett AquaSox earlier this season, will be suiting up for the Dominican Republic. Fellow former AquaSox outfielder Patrick Kivlehan (2021) will be playing for Team USA, as will former Oregon Duck pitcher Scott McGough, who, coincidentally is married to former Emeralds intern, Lauren McGough (formerly Thompson).

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#40 Kai-Wei Teng (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MINN
 Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan School: N/A
 Born: December 1, 1998 (22)

Berroa. Teng originally signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. He dominated low Class A at age 20, going 7-0 with a 1.58 ERA and a .510 opponent OPS, but did not come to the United States amid the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. Teng works with four mostly average pitches, starting with a four-seam fastball that ranges from 90-94 with riding action up in the strike zone. Some scouts believe his fading changeup is his best secondary offering, while others point to his low-90s slider. He also mixes in an upper-70s curveball. Teng's repertoire plays better than the sum of its parts because he possesses tremendous feel for his craft. He has a knack for reading swings and sequencing his pitches, keeping hitters off balance while locating his offerings with precision. He already carries 260 pounds on his 6-foot-4 frame, so he'll have to keep his body in check to reach his ceiling as a back-of-the-rotation workhorse." Per FanGraphs, "Teng was one of two players, along with Junior Severino, who the Twins signed after voiding amateur shortstop Jelfy Marte's \$3 million deal due to vision issues. It didn't take long for them to flip Teng to San Francisco as part of the package that netted Sam Dyson. He has a thick lower half and is a middling athlete, but he's very well balanced over his blocking leg and otherwise has a smooth delivery that should not only enable him to throw enough strikes to remain a starter, but perhaps develop plus command, as well. There's already strong breaking ball utility here, the ability to vary shape based on location, and competitive, arm-side changeup feel, too. Teng's frame is maxed out, so he probably won't add velo, but that's still a No. 4/5 skillset."

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Curveball, Split-Changeup

BIO: Ranked as the #18 prospect in the San Francisco Giants system, per MLB.com. Acquired from the Minnesota Twins along with Jaylin Davis and Prelander Berroa in exchange for Sam Dyson. Signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. Went undefeated over 14 appearances in 2019 despite being traded mid-season, going 7-0 against Augusta (SAL) and Cedar Rapids (MWL) with a 1.58 ERA and 88 K's in 79.2 IP. Per MLB.com: "When they traded Sam Dyson to the Twins in July 2019, the Giants received three potentially useful pieces in Teng, slugger Jaylin Davis and live-armed righty Prelander

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	4	6.09	10	10	0	0	0	0	44.1	40	31	30	8	6	28	0	65	.244	25

#20 Brandon Pfaadt (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 220 lbs Acquired: Round 5 (2020)
 Hometown: Louisville, KY School: Bellarmine (KY)
 Born: October 15, 1998 (22)

the Cape Cod league in the summer of the 2019; pitching for the Wareham Gatemen, 9g (2 starts), 2-1, 2.81, 32ip, 19k, 8bb, 34k; Dusty Baker's son Darren also on that team. Brandon was a college teammate of his brother Brady; who was a senior catcher at Bellarmine in 2018 when Brandon was a freshman; the two were batterymates. Another brother, Brett; is entering his third year at Bellarmine as a sophomore middle infielder. Dad Brian; played soccer at Bellarmine Grandfather Robert a history teacher at Bellarmine U; Brandon's brother Brady said, "he led the whole family to Bellarmine University; he's a history teacher here, and he also teaches the history of sports"; Brandon said his grandfather was always teaching them baseball. Prior to the 2020 draft: Perfect Game called him one of the top 30 D2 prospects. Trinity HS in St. Matthews, KY (part of Louisville metro area); has a big rivalry with St. Xavier HS; their annual football meeting is said to be the most well-attended high school game in the county, with more than 30,000 fans in attendance; the baseball rivalry games are played at Jim Patterson Field at the U of Louisville in front of thousands; Brandon said that taught him to tune the crowd out at an early age—"it's just you, the catcher and the batter" "Pfaadt" origin: a German name. Does everything left-handed: except play sports. Also from Trinity HS: Seahawks player and radio announcer Steve Raible.

PITCHES: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Circle-Changeup

Notes: Joined Hops on June 21st; came from Low-A Visalia. In Low-A Visalia rotation from Opening Day to June 20th: 7 starts, 2-2, 3.12, 40.1ip, 29h, 7bb, 57k, 5hr, 1hb, 0wp, 0.89 WHIP. 2020 as JR at then-D2 Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY: 5 starts in shortened season, 3-1, 1.38, 26ip, 18h, 4bb, 27k 2019 last full college season as SO at Bellarmine: 23g (2 starts), 3-3, 4.03, 38ip, 38h, 14bb, 50k. Bellarmine U was D2 when Pfaadt pitched there 2018-20... in the Great Lakes Valley Conf; but in summer 2020 transitioned to D1 Southern Conference. Elevated his draft status in 2020. Pfaadt was a college teammate of his brother Brady; who was a senior catcher at Bellarmine in 2018 when Brandon was a freshman; the two were batterymates. Another brother, Brett; is entering his third year at Bellarmine as a sophomore middle infielder. Dad Brian; played soccer at Bellarmine Grandfather Robert a history teacher at Bellarmine U; Brandon's brother Brady said, "he led the whole family to Bellarmine University; he's a history teacher here, and he also teaches the history of sports"; Brandon said his grandfather was always teaching them baseball. Prior to the 2020 draft: Perfect Game called him one of the top 30 D2 prospects. Trinity HS in St. Matthews, KY (part of Louisville metro area); has a big rivalry with St. Xavier HS; their annual football meeting is said to be the most well-attended high school game in the county, with more than 30,000 fans in attendance; the baseball rivalry games are played at Jim Patterson Field at the U of Louisville in front of thousands; Brandon said that taught him to tune the crowd out at an early age—"it's just you, the catcher and the batter" "Pfaadt" origin: a German name. Does everything left-handed: except play sports. Also from Trinity HS: Seahawks player and radio announcer Steve Raible.

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2	2	3.00	4	4	1	0	0	0	27.0	22	10	9	3	0	6	0	27	.220	3

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, July 22	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Nick Avila	RHP Slade Seconi
Friday, July 23	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Justin Vernia
Saturday, July 24	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Drey Jameson
Sunday, July 25	5:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	LHP Blake Walston
Tuesday, July 27	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Wednesday, July 28	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Nick Avila	TBD