



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #62 | July 15, 2021 | Avista Stadium | Spokane, WA
Eugene Emeralds (36-25) at Spokane Indians (28-34)
RHP Kai-Wei Teng (2-4, 5.85 ERA) vs. RHP Mitchell Kilkenny (3-0, 2.64 ERA)
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LAST TIME OUT

Eugene put up 12 runs for the second straight night, Health Quinn continued his hot start to the series by belting two homers (including a go-ahead grand slam), and the bullpen earned their 23rd collective win of the season as the Ems came from behind to down the Indians, 12-6, on Wednesday night. Quinn, who has only seen limited playing time since being promoted to High-A Eugene, has three homers in two games so far this series and he accounted for half of Eugene's runs scored on Wednesday, tallying 6 RBIs. The Emeralds as a whole mashed four homers - two from Quinn, one from Fitzgerald, and one from Labour - to erase what was at one point a 5-1 deficit and turn it into a six-run victory. JRHP asier Herrera earned his first victory of the season.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene will see RHP Mitchell Kilkenny for the first time this season after the right-hander was promoted from Low-A Fresno on June 15 after going 3-2 with a 1.45 ERA in six starts with the Grizzlies. He'll face off against RHP Kai-Wei Teng who has had a tough start to July thus far, going 0-2 in two starts with a 19.80 ERA. To no surprise, Heath Quinn is back in the Emeralds lineup for the third consecutive night, the first time this season he has started three consecutive games. Eugene has quickly been able to make up ground on first place Everett after dropping five-of-six against the Frogs last week. Thanks to a pair of improbable victories by last place Tri-City over Everett in each of the last two nights, the Emeralds enter Thursday 3.5 games behind the AquaSox. Infielder Jack Blomgren returns to the Indians lineup tonight after being a late scratch in Tuesday's series opener. Blomgren is only batting .198 in 48 games played this season, but he's batting .267 in 11 games against the Emeralds with a .436 OBP.

QUICK HITS

Wilson, Rincones Promoted To Richmond

On July 6, Will Wilson and Diego Rincones became the sixth and seventh Emeralds to be promoted to Double-A Richmond this season, joining RHP Jose Marte, RHP Caleb Kilian, INF Simon Whiteman, RHP RJ Dabovich, and C Brandon Martorano.

After 49 games as an Emerald, Wilson departed the Northwest ranked tied for second in the High-A West in home runs (10), tied for third in extra-base hits (26), fourth in total bases (397), fifth in slugging (.497), tied for sixth in runs scored (37), seventh in doubles (14), tied for eighth in hits (49), and ninth in OPS (.837). Meanwhile, Rincones leaves Eugene after 25 games as an Emerald having slashed .300/.385/.533 with 5 homers, 6 doubles, 15 RBIs and a .918 OPS. Rincones played just 25 games as an Emerald was not due to injury, but rather due to time spent with the Venezuelan National Team. Rincones, one of three Emeralds to play for their respective national teams this season (OF Ismael Munguia - Nicaragua | RHP Isier Herrera - Columbia), spent two separate stints with the Venezuelan National Team this summer, first at the WSCB Olympic Qualifying Tournament held in Florida and later at the WSCB 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.

Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Kudos to Steven in the Spokane Indians press box for pointing out the absurd splits between Eugene's starters and relievers. Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 13-24 with a 5.80 ERA. Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 29-1 with a 3.85 ERA and 376 K's in 283.0 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 5 bullpen losses (Tampa Bay Tarpons, Charleston RiverDogs).

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 24.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 47 batters while going 9-for-9 in save opportunities.

Strikeout Savants

Through 61 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (676). Their 676 collective strikeouts are 18 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 658). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 2nd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Hudson Valley Renegades (NY) who have 687. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 676 K's rank 7th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 776 K's. Entering Wednesday night, San Jose's 776 K's are 46 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 ten straight games decided by one run and are now 10-1 in one-run games this season.

The Clutch (E)Gene

Entering Wednesday, Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 4th in AVG (.250), 3rd in runs (146), T-4th in hits (167), 3rd on OBP (.352) and 3rd in OPS (.764) 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 (.286), OBP (.411), SLG (.419), and OPS (.931) while ranking 2nd in runs scored (42) in late/close situations.

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.

Around The Affiliates

The San Francisco Giants had two players participate in the recent MLB Futures Game: SS Marco Luciano (San Jose Giants | Low-A) and Heliot Ramos (Richmond Flying Squirrels | Double-A). Luciano

went 0-for-1 with walk while Ramos went 0-for-1.

- Caleb Kilian starts tonight for Richmond and he currently leads the Double-A Northeast (min 40.0 IP) in BB/9 (1.14), K/BB (7.83), BB% (3.3), HR/9 (0.19) and FIP (2.26).

- Former Emerald C Patrick Bailey, who started the season with the Emeralds before being sent down to the ACL on June 26, was promoted to Low-A San Jose Tuesday where he made his Low-A debut, going 0-for-4 with 2 K's and an RBI sac fly. On Wednesday, Bailey went 2-for-6 with 2 doubles and a K.

- Another good start for RHP Prelander Berroa for Low-A San Jose on July 13 vs. Modesto. Berroa worked six strong innings tonight with only one unearned run allowed. 5 H, 2 BB, 5 SO. FB was 94-97, top 9B. Over his last four starts: 1.96 ERA, 23 IP, 8 BB, 24 SO.

- Double-A Richmond beat the Somerset Patriots yesterday, 7-6, on a walk-off single by Vince Fernandez in the bottom of the 11th inning. Fernandez finished the game 4-for-5 with a homer, a double, a walk and five RBIs. Somerset opened the scoring in the top of the second on a throwing error. Fernandez gave the Flying Squirrels a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second with a two-run homer. The Patriots tied the score, 2-2 with a homer in the third by Oswald Peraza. Fernandez put Richmond back in front, 3-2, with an RBI double in the fourth. In the sixth, Michael Beltre evened the score again with a solo homer. Somerset took a 6-3 lead in the top of the eighth with an RBI double by Jason Lopez and an error that allowed two runs to score. In the bottom of the eighth, Fernandez hit an RBI single and Diego Rincones evened the score at 6-6 with a two-run single. Richmond has won 8 of their last 11.

- Over the last eight games since July 6, the Flying Squirrels have hit 13 home runs, which is the most in the Double-A Northeast. Vince Fernandez has hit four homers in his seven games played during that stretch. Heliot Ramos and Frankie Tostado each have two home runs. Andres Angulo, Sandro Fabian, Brandon Martorano, Andy Sugilio and David Villar have each homered once in that stretch.

- Richmond's Heliot Ramos is currently riding a seven-game hitting streak. In that span, he is batting .357 (10-for-28) with three home runs, four doubles and eight RBIs while scoring seven runs.

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 LB Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

Colorado Rockies Prospect Watch

The Indians boast 7 of the Colorado Rockies top 30 prospects, including 5 of the top 8:

- #3 1B Michael Toggia
- #5 3B Aaron Schunk
- #6 OF Brenton Doyle
- #7 LHP Helcris Olivarez
- #8 RHP Chris McMahon
- #24 OF Niko Decolati
- #29 RHP Shelby Lackey

Toggia Tees Off In Futures Game

"I'll be honest," Toggia said of the first pitch. "I was swinging no matter what." Toggia, a 2019 first-round draft choice, hammered a first-pitch home run - a third-inning, two-run blast that helped propel the National League to an 8-3 victory over the American League. "That definitely put me on Cloud Nine," said Toggia. "This is the biggest stage that I've ever been in front of... First pitch, I was looking for a fastball. He came in, I stayed inside, and then kept it in the middle of the field." Homered off of Cole Ragans (Rangers). "(He) hits for power from both sides," said Ryan Vilade (Triple-A Albuquerque) who also played in Futures Game. "He's a really good athlete and defender. I predict him being a gold glove at first base." Toggia said there is "no timestamp" for when he expects to make his leap to the major leagues. But the 6-foot-5, 226-pound infielder said: "I see myself as an every day, middle-of-the-order bat, run producer, and saving a lot of errors at first base... Seeing that many people in the stands, that's something that I've personally never seen before," Toggia said. "That really told me that: We're here. This is real." Of note, Toggia's former Spokane teammate, Willie MacIver, also played game, and is currently with the Double-A Hartford Yard Goats. MacIver entered the game in the fifth, struck out twice but successfully threw out a runner at third on a steal attempt.

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 WSCB Baseball Final Qualifier

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	36-25
Home*	17-13
Road	19-12
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	33-24
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Runs Scored	328
Runs Against	316
Run Differential	+12
Team AVG	.238
Team ERA	4.77
HR for/against	64/60
Strikeouts (pitching)	676
Strikeouts (hitting)	601
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Current Streak	W2
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
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Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
I-Run Games	10-1
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May	15-9
June	17-8
July	4-8
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	25-8
Opponent Scores First	11-18
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Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-1
Wednesday	6-4
Thursday	5-5
Friday	6-4
Saturday	4-6
Sunday	6-3
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vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	7-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
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Series Openers	10-1
Series Finales	6-4
<small>*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.</small>	

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 an 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.

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)
- OBP AVG: .122 (1st)
- WHIP: 0.46 (1st)

Can't Touch Dabo

RJ Dabovich allowed a HR in each of his first two outings of the season (5/4 & 5/7 at SPD). He did not allow a hit in any of his remaining outings as an Emerald. Yes, you read that correctly. In 8 APPs as an Emerald before being promoted, Dabovich fired 10.2 scoreless, hitless innings while allowing just 5 BB, notching 23 K's, and going 4-for-4 in save opportunities.

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	39	21	.650	-	428	259
Eugene	36	25	.590	3.5	328	316
Vancouver	31	31	.500	9.0	208	316
Spokane	28	34	.452	12.0	281	308
Hillsboro	25	35	.417	14.0	246	298
Tri-City	24	37	.393	15.5	239	333

HIGH-A WEST LEADERS

NAME	STAT	RANK	NAME	STAT	RANK
Tyler Fitzgerald	8 HR	T-6th	Chris Wright	5 SV	T-3rd
	41 R	T-6th	Ryan Walker	21 APPs	T-5th
	33 RBI	T-9th	Seth Corry	81 K	1st
Franklin Labour	37 RBI	6th		.199 AVG	1st
	3 3B	T-4th			
	33 BB	9th			
	.869 OPS	9th			
Logan Wyatt	405 OBP%	6th			
	40 BB	T-4th			

HIGH-A WEST TRANSACTIONS

- July 14:**
- Vancouver Canadians sent OF Will Robertson on a rehab assignment to FCL Blue Jays (ROK).
 - RHP Matt Brash assigned to Arkansas Travelers from Everett AquaSox.
 - LHP Kenny Hernandez assigned to Amarillo Sod Poodles from Hillsboro Hops.
 - RHP Josh McMinn assigned to Hillsboro Hops from Visalia Rawhide
 - RHP Shumpei Yoshikawa assigned to Amarillo Sod Poodles from Hillsboro Hops.
- July 13:**
- Everett AquaSox transferred RHP Isaiah Campbell from the 7-day IL to the 60-day IL.
 - Seattle Mariners sent RHP Casey Sadler on a rehab assignment to Everett AquaSox.
 - RHP Matthias Dietz assigned to Tri-City Dust Devils from ACL Angels (ROK).
 - OF Zac Cook assigned to Vancouver Canadians from Dunedin Blue Jays.
 - Hillsboro Hops placed LHP Julio Frías on the 7-day injured list.
- July 12:**
- C David Sheaffer assigned to Everett AquaSox from Tacoma Rainiers (AAA).
 - RHP Bobby Ay assigned to Hillsboro Hops from Visalia Rawhide (Low-A).
- July 11:**
- C Carter Bins assigned to Arkansas Travelers (AA) from Everett AquaSox.
- July 10:**
- 3B UJ Hatch assigned to Albuquerque Isotopes (AAA) from Spokane Indians.
 - C Greg Jones assigned to Hartford Yard Goats (AA) from Spokane Indians.
- July 9:**
- Hillsboro Hops transferred RHP Canor Grammes from the 7-day IL to the 60-day IL.

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#40 Kai-Wei Teng (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MINN (2019)

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 Jelly 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 with 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	5.85	10	10	0	0	0	0	40.0	36	27	26	8	5	25	0	59	.245	3

#436 Mitchell Kilkenny (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 206 lbs Acquired: Round 2C, 76th (2018)

Hometown: Houston, TX School: Texas A&M

Born: March 24, 1997 (24)

[See this article for more on Kilkenny's journey to the beginning of his professional career]. Fortunately, his professional debut in June 2019 was pretty successful. "He's not going to out-stuff you," Rockies farm director Zach Wilson said, "but he's got good enough stuff to when he mixes it and plays it off his fastball, he keeps guys off balance. He's been able to do that very, very well while throwing a bunch of strikes." Kilkenny mixes his 89-93 mph fastball with an 82-85 slider that has short, late break. He throws an 11-to-5 curveball at 74-76 mph as well as an 82-84 changeup with slight sink and action. "When it's all said and done, he's going to have three solid-average pitches to go with a solid-average fastball," Wilson said, "and is going to be a control guy with enough command and enough pitchability to get a lot of outs. With a repeatable delivery, all of his pitches play off the same tunnel as his fastball, which allows all those pitches to play up a little bit." Baseball America Draft Profile: Kilkenny has stood out as a junior because of his consistency. In his first 12 starts, he worked six or more innings nine times and made it out of fifth in all but one start. His 2.20 ERA was best in the Southeastern Conference (ahead of Casey Mize) as of early May. With three average pitches, Kilkenny has kept SEC hitters off balance all year by mixing a 91-93 mph fastball that can bump 95 mph when he reaches back, an improved, average slider that he can work to both right-handed and left-handed hitters and an average changeup that he can locate with precision. Nothing about Kilkenny's stuff is truly exceptional, but he has a clean delivery, holds runners well and has such a well-rounded repertoire that he projects as a solid back-of-the-rotation starter thanks to his above-average control.

PITCHES: Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

Notes: Started season with Low-A Fresno where he went 2-3 in 6 starts with a 1.45 ERA, 5 BB, and 33 K's in 31.0 IP. Worked his way up from a walk-on to the number one starter for Texas A&M. Though he lacked overwhelming stuff, the right-hander possessed good command/polish and seemed like a potential quick mover into the back end of a big league rotation. Then came the post-draft physical where Kilkenny was found to need Tommy John surgery immediately, which led to an under-slot signing bonus (\$550k, roughly 70% of slot) and a full year of rehab. As a result, Kilkenny entered 2019 hoping to re-establish the profile that had led to his draft status

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	0	2.64	5	5	0	0	0	0	30.2	21	11	9	2	0	5	0	30	.189	0

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Friday, July 16	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Nick Avila	RHP Will Ethridge
Saturday, July 17	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	LHP Seth Corry	LHP Breiling Eusebio
Sunday, July 18	5:09pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Aaron Phillips	LHP Helcris Olivarez
Tuesday, July 20	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Wednesday, July 21	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Thursday, July 22	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Nick Avila	TBD