



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #69 | July 23, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (40-28) at Hillsboro Hops (29-38)

LHP Seth Corry (3-3, 5.93 ERA) vs. RHP Justin Vernia (1-2, 9.49 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Down to their final strike, the Emeralds roared back last night thanks to a game-tying two-run blast by Carter Aldrete in the bottom of the ninth, and then walked off in the bottom of the tenth thanks to a throwing error by Hops closer Mailon Arroyo that allowed Robert Emery to score from third. Thursday night's game was the third consecutive game to start the series that was decided by one run, with the Emeralds losing the first and winning the last two. Eugene is now 13-2 in one-run games this season. Brett Auerbach homered for the third consecutive game and now has 6 homers in 16 games as an Emerald. Emeralds starter Nick Avila, fresh off a career-high 9 strikeouts in his last outing, tallied just 1 K but fired a solid 5.1 IP with just 1 run allowed.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene sends High-A West knockout leader LHP Seth Corry to the mound to face off against RHP Justin Vernia. Corry has fired only 5.0 innings three times this season... claiming wins in all three. The last time he did so was July 6 vs. Everett. In three starts against the Hops this season Corry is 1-0 with a 6.00 ERA, 21 K's and 13 BB in 12.0 IP. Brett Auerbach carries an 8-game hit streak into tonight's action and has homered in every game so far this series.

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 5.95 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A. Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 27-2 with a 4.18 ERA and 403 K's in 314.2 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 5 bullpen losses (Charleston RiverDogs). Eugene's 403 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 27.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an 49 batters while going 10-for-10 in saves.

Strikeout Savants

Through 68 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (734). Their 734 collective strikeouts are 10 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 724). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds rank 4th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 734 K's rank 11th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 859 K's. Entering Thursday night, San Jose's 859 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 had won 11 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 Emeralds are 13-2 in one-run games this season.

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 (.257), 3rd in runs (178), 2nd in hits (194), 2nd on OBP (.364) and 3rd in OPS (.803) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has

come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene ranks 4th all of High-A in AVG (.267), 4th in runs scored (46), and 1st in OBP% (.403), 2nd in SLG (.478), and 1st in OPS (.880) 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 (2.56) and opponent's average (.178).

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 .290/.362/.629 with 6 HRs and 18 RBIs in just 16 games as an Emerald. This season, Auerbach has played at the following positions: C, 2B, 3B, LF & CF.

Corry The Conundrum

Eugene's left-hander continues to be a confounding prospect. On the one hand, Corry leads all of MiLB in walks (54). On the other hand, the talented southpaw currently ranks 2nd in all of High A in strikeouts (85) and 4th in opp. average (.203).

Around The Affiliates

- Low-A San Jose lost 10-5 to Stockton last night. Freed 4-for-4 with his 3rd HR of the season. Luciano 3 hits, including a double. Schmitt, Toribio & Pena added 2 hits each. SJ 14 hits in the loss. Marco Luciano last 8 games: .455 AVG (15-33), 3 2B, 2 HR. Luis Matos last 7 games: .424 AVG (14-33), 4 2B, 2 HR.

- Double-A Richmond fell to the Akron RubberDucks, 6-5, at Canal Par on Thursday. Bo Naylor opened the scoring in the fourth with a sac fly to give Akron a 1-0 lead. Simon Whiteman answered with an RBI double to tie the game, 1-1, in the top of the fifth. In the sixth, Akron opened the frame with four straight hits and scored four runs to open a 5-1 lead. The RubberDucks extended the lead to 6-1 in the seventh with on a wild pitch. In the eighth, the Flying Squirrels scored two runs on an error and another run on a double-play groundout to bring the score to 6-4. Diego Rincones hit an RBI single in the top of the ninth to pull within a run, but the Flying Squirrels stranded two runners on base in the frame to end the game. Over the last 14 games since July 6, the Flying Squirrels have hit 23 home runs, which is tied for the most in the Double-A Northeast. Vince Fernandez has hit six homers during that stretch. Heliot Ramos hit four homers in that span and Diego Rincones has hit three. Sandro Fabian and Frankie Tostado each have two homers. Andres Angulo, Brandon Martorano, Andy Sugilio, David Villar, Simon Whiteman and Will Wilson have each hit one homer in that span. Simon Whiteman is batting .381 (8-for-21) over his last seven games since July 15 with four doubles, one homer and five RBIs. He leads the team with 11 stolen bases this season, which is tied for fifth in the Double-A Northeast. For the year, Whiteman has picked up a total of 28 steals in 30 attempts, which includes his time with High-A Eugene, where he played 28 games to begin the season. Over his last five games, Will Wilson is batting .368 (7-for-19) with one homer, two doubles and four RBIs. He hit .143 (6-for-42) with one extra-base hit, a double, over his first 10 games at Double-A from July 6-16. Wilson hit his first Double-A home run last Saturday against Somerset

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	40-28
Home*	19-14
Road	21-14
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	37-27
Runs Scored	375
Runs Against	369
Run Differential	+6
Team AVG	.238
Team ERA	5.02
HR for/against	76/65
Strikeouts (pitching)	734
Strikeouts (hitting)	677
Current Streak	W2
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	13-2
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	7-11
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	26-9
Opponent Scores First	14-19
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-2
Wednesday	7-4
Thursday	6-6
Friday	6-5
Saturday	5-6
Sunday	7-3
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	11-4
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

and has combined to hit 11 home runs this season between Richmond and High-A Eugene.

- Triple-A Sacramento fell 8-4 to the Round Rock Express on Monday, 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.

SF Giants Prospect Watch

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

- #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 Glade Ceccconi
- #16 2B/SS Blaze Alexander
- #24 RHP Drey Jameson
- #26 3B/OF Tristin English

Olympic Ems

Diego Rincones, Jasier Herrera and Ismael Munguia each 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 WSBC 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.

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	45	22	.672	-	480	292
Eugene	40	28	.588	5.5	375	369
Vancouver	32	37	.464	14.0	336	363
Spokane	31	38	.449	15.0	335	352
Hillsboro	29	38	.433	16.0	283	328
Tri-City	27	41	.397	18.5	271	376

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)
- 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)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#14 Seth Corry (LHP)

Height: 6'2 Weight: 195 lbs Acquired: Round 3, 96th (2017)

Hometown: Alpine, UT School: Lone Peak HS (UT)

Born: November 3, 1998 (22)

fifth) and opponent average (.171, third). The Giants didn't bring their young pitchers to their alternate site last summer, so he worked out at home before reporting to instructional league. Corry has three solid or better offerings, highlighted by an upper-70s curveball with downer action that he often commands better than his fastball. His heater usually operates in the low 90s and tops out at 96 mph with arm-side run, though he worked at 93-95 in shorter stints during instructional league. He made significant improvements with his changeup in 2019, which helped him do a better job of keeping right-handers in check. Corry finished strong in 2019 once he developed a better and more consistent tempo in his delivery, reducing his walk rate to 2.6 per nine innings in the second half from 6.2 earlier in his career. He does throw with some effort but has the athleticism to make it work. He elicits comparisons to a young Matt Moore, who like Corry repeated Rookie ball and needed time to learn to harness his stuff." Per FanGraphs, "Corry was a pretty raw fastball/curveball high school prospect whose changeup improved throughout the last two seasons, which is especially relevant because that pitch's movement pairs better with his fastball than the curve. Armed with that change, he dominated Low-A, striking out 172 hitters in 122 innings. He's a fairly stiff, short strider and often has scattershot fastball control - he walked a batter every other inning last year - so there's significant relief risk here. We're not inclined to project on Corry's control enough to consider him a starter, but we like him as a bat-missing, multi-inning reliever who ends up throwing 90 or so innings."

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

BIO: #5 ranked prospect in the San Francisco Giants system per MLB.com. Per MLB.com: "An all-state safety as a Utah prepster, Corry tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee playing football as a junior but rebounded in 2017 to become the state's best high school prospect since Mark Pawelek was a Cubs first-rounder in 2005. Signed for a well-over-slot \$1 million as a third-rounder, Corry broke out in the second half of 2019 and won low Class A South Atlantic League pitcher of the year honors after leading the circuit in ERA (1.76, second in the Minors), strikeouts (172, fourth), strikeout rate (12.6 per nine innings, fifth), whiff rate (34 percent,

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	3	5.93	13	13	0	0	0	0	54.2	38	41	36	3	15	54	0	85	.203	8

#27 Justin Vernia (RHP)

Height: 6'2 Weight: 205 lbs Acquired: NDA (2019)

Hometown: Issaquah, WA School: Gonzaga

Born: September 22, 1995 (25)

2017 and all of 2018 in indy ball: with the Sioux City Explorers of the American Assoc.; he got his feet wet in 2017 with six starts (3-2, 6.11), and then was the American Assoc. Rookie of the Year in 2018, when he tied for the league lead in wins, going 12-2, 3.32, 20g (all starts), 119.1ip, 122h, 22bb, 91k. Undrafted after his senior year at Gonzaga in 2017: that year, he was 7-3, 3.11 in 14g (all starts), 89.2ip, 88h, 20bb, 59k, 10hr. Pitched two years at Gonzaga after two seasons at Tacoma Community College: at Tacoma CC he was 22-0 over two years, ERA under 1.50. Sports management major at Gonzaga: his Zags bio said his career goal is to be GM of an MLB team

PITCHES: TBD...

Notes: Joined Hops on June 1: came down from AA when RHP Matt Tabor went up. Earlier this year with AA Amarillo: 1-0, 6.17, 7g (all relief), 11.2ip, 14h, 1bb, 11k, 4hr, 0hb, 0wp. 2019 in first year of affiliated pro ball spent most of year in starting rotation at High-A Visalia (with brief stints at Low-A Kane County and Triple-A Reno): at High-A was 8-3, 3.65, 22g (18 starts), 113.1ip, 111h, 34bb, 103k; in 2 games (1 start) with AAA Reno, allowed 13h and 13r (all earned) in 5ip; made two starts with Low-A Kane County and was 2-0, 2.53. After his senior season at Gonzaga, spent a month in the American Assoc. Rookie of the Year in 2018, when he tied for the league lead in wins, going 12-2, 3.32, 20g (all starts), 119.1ip, 122h, 22bb, 91k. Undrafted after his senior year at Gonzaga in 2017: that year, he was 7-3, 3.11 in 14g (all starts), 89.2ip, 88h, 20bb, 59k, 10hr. Pitched two years at Gonzaga after two seasons at Tacoma Community College: at Tacoma CC he was 22-0 over two years, ERA under 1.50. Sports management major at Gonzaga: his Zags bio said his career goal is to be GM of an MLB team

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1	2	9.49	9	2	0	0	0	0	24.2	50	28	26	1	0	4	0	16	.427	1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
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
Thursday, July 29	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	TBD
Friday, July 30	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Aaron Phillips	TBD