



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #70 | July 24, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (40-29) at Hillsboro Hops (30-38)

RHP Aaron Phillips (3-5, 6.80 ERA) vs. RHP Drey Jameson (0-4, 4.38 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Four games down, two won by the Hops, two won by the Emeralds, all decided by one run. It was another nail-biter yesterday with the Hops prevailing, 10-9, but it looked as if it would be a comfy victory for the Emeralds until the seventh inning when an 8-3 lead turned into a 10-8 deficit thanks to a seven-run outburst by the Hops. Lefty Bryce Tucker entered out of the Emeralds bullpen to start the inning, but the southpaw was only able to record one out while surrendering four singles and a double. Right-hander Jasier Herrera came in aiming to put out the fire, but three more singles by the Hops - two of which were of the infield variety - capped an offensive outburst that the Emeralds couldn't overcome. Emeralds starting pitcher Seth Corry lasted 4.0 innings with three strikeouts while allowing seven hits, three earned runs and three walks. Tyler Fitzgerald finished 2-for-5 with a solo homer, two RBIs and two runs scored. Carter Aldrete finished 2-for-3 with an RBI, run scored and a walk.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Tonight's pitching matchup features some contrasting styles with hard-throwing Hillsboro right-hander Drey Jameson taking on Eugene's changeup specialist Aaron Phillips. Jameson will be making his fourth appearance against the Emeralds and his first since a surprise appearance on June 30 in which Jameson was a last minute roster addition from the IL and came in to make his first (and thus far, only) relief appearance of his career. Meanwhile, Phillips will be making his third appearance against the Hops with his last outing against Hillsboro (July 1) being his best of the season, firing a season-high 7.0 IP with 7 H, 1 ER, 3 BB and 4 K.

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 5.96 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A. Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 27-3 with a 4.31 ERA and 410 K's in 319.2 innings pitched, but this past Friday marked the second time in just over a week that the Emeralds 'pen saw a large margin dissipate in just one inning after what was a ten-run eighth inning by Spokane on July 15 that turned a seven-run Eugene lead into a three-run deficit. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 6 bullpen losses (Charleston RiverDogs, Tampa Tarpons). 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 69 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (743). Their 743 collective strikeouts are 12 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 731). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds rank 5th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 743 K's rank 12th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 871 K's. Entering today, San Jose's 871 K's are 86 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 13-3 in one-run games this season.

The Clutch (Eu)Gene

Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 2nd in AVG (.255), 3rd in runs (178), 2nd in hits (195), 2nd on OBP (.362) 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 7th all of High-A in AVG (.262), 5th in runs scored (46), and 1st in OBP (.400), 2nd in SLG (.470), and 1st in OPS (.798) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 4th in High-A in ERA (3.08) and 1st in opponent's average (.187).

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

- Low-A San Jose lost 10-5 to Stockton last night, their third consecutive loss to the Ports. Harrison Freed homered for a second straight game. Patrick Bailey tallied two singles & two walks. Pomares 2 hits. Prelander Berroa starts tonight for the Giants, who has a 1.95 ERA last 5 starts (33 SO in 27 2/3 IP). Jimmy Glownke team-best .338 AVG in July. Marco Luciano day-to-day with minor shoulder discomfort. Was removed from the game last night after one at-bat.

- Double-A Richmond dropped their third straight game last night, falling to the Akron RubberDucks, 5-3, at Canal Park. Richmond scored the game's first run in the first inning with a sac fly by Diego Rincones, but Akron answered immediately with an RBI triple by Andrew Monasterio to tie the score, 1-1, in the bottom of the inning. Clark Scolamiero gave the 'Ducks a 3-1 lead in the second with a two-run homer, his first with Akron. The score held until the top of the seventh, when Frankie Tostado evened the score, 3-3, with a two-run home run. Akron moved back in front in the bottom of the seventh with an RBI single by Daniel Schneemann and opened a 5-3 lead in the eighth with an RBI single by Steven Kwan. Juan Mota worked the final 1.2 innings to close his fifth save. The Flying Squirrels have lost three straight games after winning 12 of the previous 16. Simon Whiteman is batting .375 (9-for-24) over his last eight 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 six games, Will Wilson is batting .348 (8-for-23) 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 and has combined to hit 11 home runs this season between Richmond and High-A Eugene.

- Triple-A Sacramento earned an 8-7 win over the Tacoma Rainiers last night behind three RBIs from Joey Bart and a homer from Mauricio Dubon. Bart powered the offense to a 3-0 lead with a two-run double in the first, coming around to score two batters later on second baseman Jason Krizan's sacrifice fly. Bart later added a third RBI with a bases-loaded walk in the second. Dubon broke things open in the third, making it 8-0 with a two-run homer, his first Triple-A big fly of the season. The versatile Dubon finished the day 2-for-3 with two walks, two runs, and two RBIs. Starting with

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	40-29
Home*	19-15
Road	21-14
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	37-28
Runs Scored	384
Runs Against	379
Run Differential	+5
Team AVG	.239
Team ERA	5.09
HR for/against	78/65
Strikeouts (pitching)	743
Strikeouts (hitting)	688
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	13-3
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	7-12
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	26-10
Opponent Scores First	14-19
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-2
Wednesday	7-4
Thursday	6-6
Friday	6-6
Saturday	5-6
Sunday	7-3
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	11-5
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

left fielder Dillon Thomas' solo home run in the fourth, Tacoma scored seven unanswered, but right-hander Gerson Garabito was able to stave off the Rainiers' comeback for his first professional save. Rehabbing right-hander Aaron Sanchez (1-1) was excellent over his first five frames, but things snowballed in the sixth inning. Sanchez finished the winning effort with a season-high 91 pitches, allowing five runs on eight hits in 5.1 innings. Center fielder Heliot Ramos logged his first Triple-A hit in his first at-bat, blooming a single to center field off Tacoma starter Penn Murfee (0-1). The Giants' No. 3 prospect on MLB Pipeline went 1-for-5 out of the fifth spot in the lineup.

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 Slade Cecconi
- #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.

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)

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	46	22	.676	-	488	295
Eugene	40	29	.580	6.5	384	379
Spokane	32	38	.457	15.0	344	355
Vancouver	32	38	.457	15.0	339	371
Hillsboro	30	38	.441	16.0	293	337
Tri-City	27	42	.391	19.5	274	385

- 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

#49 Aaron Phillips (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: Round 9, 176th (2017)

Hometown: Rochester, NY School: St. Bonaventure

Born: October 11, 1996 (24)

history. Father played college football at Ithaca. Attended Cheveland Hill High School where he set the school record for career strikeouts, single eason strikeouts and single game strikeouts. Per Baseball America's 2017 Draft Profile: "Phillips was a solid two-way player for St. Bonaventure, but his future is on the mound. He'll need to improve his command and control, and that could come naturally as he focuses exclusively on pitching. Phillips shows an upper 80s fastball and bumps 92 mph. His offspeed stuff is below-average at present and will need refinement." First pro season (2017), Phillips pitched exclusively out of the bullpen (14 APPs for Salem-Keizer) but since has been almost exclusively a starter (45 APPS, 40 starts in 2018-19). Signed with the Giants for \$80,000 after being drafted.

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

BIO: While at St. Bonaventure, excelled as the team's ace, earning 2017 Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year honors, 2017 ACBA/Rawlings Third Team All-American, and a 2017 John Olerud National Two-Way Player of the Year Finalist after going 9-2 with a 3.04 ERA and 90 K's in 100.2 innings wild batting .251 with 26 RBI and 18 stolen bases in 22 attempts. Highest draft pick in Bonnies

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	5	6.80	10	10	0	0	0	0	46.1	68	41	35	2	4	20	0	30	.354	2

#15 Drey Jameson (RHP)

Height: 6'0 Weight: 170 lbs Acquired: Round 1, 34th (2019)

Hometown: Greenfield, IN School: Ball State

Born: August 17, 1997 (23)

32bb, 146k, 6hr, 9bb, 7wp, 14.33 K/9ip was 5th in nation, one slot behind Hops teammate Ryne Nelson. Prospect status rose quickly in 2019: with more than 100 people affiliated w/ML teams in the stands to watch him pitch against a prospect-laden Stanford team, Jameson threw six no-hit innings and K'd 9 In 2018 as a FR at Ball State: Freshman All-American, MAC freshman pitcher of the year, 18g (12 starts), 7-2, 3.88, 72ip, 54h, 44bb, 97k. Also used as pinch-runner at Ball State: is a fast runner. Had 32 AB as FR in 2018 (though none in 2019): 3-for-32 with a double and a HR His hometown, Greenfield IN: 25 miles east of downtown Indianapolis, the county seat of Hancock County, named for John Hancock, the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence His high school, Greenfield Central: known as the Cougars, they compete in the Hoosier Heritage Conference. Also from Greenfield Central HS: RHP Kyle Gibson (1st round, 22nd overall from U of Missouri by Twins in 2009), was in the starting rotation for the Twins 2013-19, and with the Rangers 2020-21. Motivated by being an underdog: not only is he undersized, but he told the Star Press newspaper after he was drafted, "I grew up with not the best life; financially we struggled. Stuff wasn't just handed to me. I had to really work for what I had back in the day." Reported signing bonus: \$1.4 million. Pitches: fastball, curve, slider, change... FB sits in the mid-90s, has hit 100... added a sinker in middle of spring 2021.

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Notes: Came off IL on 6/30/21: had been placed on IL on 6/21/21 after his appearance on 6/19. 2019 in first pro year with Hillsboro: limited to 8 starts and just 11.2 ip because of his college workload, 0-0, 6.17, 14h, 9bb, 12k. Started Game 1 of 2019 NWL Championship Series for Hops: no decision in 5-3 win, worked 3 shutout innings with 2h, 1bb and 4k. MLBpipeline.com says: He is D-backs' #22 prospect. 2019 as a draft-eligible sophomore at Ball State U.: 2nd-tm All-American, MAC pitcher of the year, ranked 3rd in country w/146K (a MAC record), 16gs, 6-3, 3.24, 91.2ip, 74h, 32bb, 146k, 6hr, 9bb, 7wp, 14.33 K/9ip was 5th in nation, one slot behind Hops teammate Ryne Nelson. Prospect status rose quickly in 2019: with more than 100 people affiliated w/ML teams in the stands to watch him pitch against a prospect-laden Stanford team, Jameson threw six no-hit innings and K'd 9 In 2018 as a FR at Ball State: Freshman All-American, MAC freshman pitcher of the year, 18g (12 starts), 7-2, 3.88, 72ip, 54h, 44bb, 97k. Also used as pinch-runner at Ball State: is a fast runner. Had 32 AB as FR in 2018 (though none in 2019): 3-for-32 with a double and a HR His hometown, Greenfield IN: 25 miles east of downtown Indianapolis, the county seat of Hancock County, named for John Hancock, the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence His high school, Greenfield Central: known as the Cougars, they compete in the Hoosier Heritage Conference. Also from Greenfield Central HS: RHP Kyle Gibson (1st round, 22nd overall from U of Missouri by Twins in 2009), was in the starting rotation for the Twins 2013-19, and with the Rangers 2020-21. Motivated by being an underdog: not only is he undersized, but he told the Star Press newspaper after he was drafted, "I grew up with not the best life; financially we struggled. Stuff wasn't just handed to me. I had to really work for what I had back in the day." Reported signing bonus: \$1.4 million. Pitches: fastball, curve, slider, change... FB sits in the mid-90s, has hit 100... added a sinker in middle of spring 2021.

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0	4	4.38	11	10	0	0	0	0	51.1	50	28	25	7	3	16	0	60	.256	2

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Sunday, July 25	5:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	LHP Blake Walston
Tuesday, July 27	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Jake Dahlberg	TBD
Wednesday, July 28	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 29	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Friday, July 30	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Saturday, July 31	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD