



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #52 | July 3, 2021 | Ron Tonkin Field | Hillsboro, OR

Eugene Emeralds (33-18) vs. Hillsboro Hops (20-30)

RHP Kai-Wei Teng (2-2, 3.86 ERA) vs. RHP Taylor Widener (Rehab Start)

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LAST TIME OUT

All good things come to an end, so they say. Apparently, that includes winning streaks over your in-state rivals. Eugene's ten-game win streak over the Hillsboro Hops was snapped on Friday night with the Ems falling by a final of 4-2. Eugene took the game's first lead in the third thanks to clutch two-out hitting, first with a walk from Will Wilson and then a two-strike single by Diego Rincones that put runners on the corners. Sean Roby then doubled on the first pitch he saw to score both Wilson and Rincones to make it 2-0. Ems. Eugene's lead evaporated one inning later, though, when the Hops tied the game at 2-2, and Hillsboro took what was their very first lead of the series in the fifth when they plated two more runs. That's all either offense mustered the rest of the way, but the final frames weren't without fireworks. Ems pinch hitter Armani Smith and manager Dennis Pelfrey were both ejected in the eighth after Smith was thrown out by home plate umpire Nathan Diederich who mistakenly thought Armani Smith's chirps at Hillsboro's Wesley Rodriguez were directed at him.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene will be facing a Major League arm for the first time this season in the form of RHP Taylor Widener who is making his second rehab start for the Dbacks as he works his way back from lingering groin issues. Widener has been hampered with a right groin strain since late April and is coming off a topsy turvy rehab start in the ACL that saw him touched up for 5 runs and 2 HRs over 2.2 innings against the Chicago Cubs' ACL squad. Eugene will counter with Kai-Wei Teng who is coming off a solid June after returning from his 10-game suspension. Teng went 1-0 over three starts in June with a 2.35 ERA and 22 K's vs. just 7 BBs in 15.1 IP.

QUICK HITS

Roster Additions

Last Saturday, the Emeralds made the following roster moves:

- C Ricardo Genoves added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.
- C Patrick Bailey optioned from Eugene to ACL Orange.

Today, the Emeralds made another pair of moves involving catchers:

- C Brandon Martorano promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- C Brett Auerbach added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.

Martorano becomes the fifth Emerald to be promoted to Double-A this season, joining RHP Jose Marte, RHP Caleb Kilian, RHP RJ Dabovich, and INF Simon Whiteman. In 25 games as an Emerald, the former 16th round pick out of North Carolina slashed .333/.463/.560 with 5 doubles, 3 triples, 2 homers, and 8 RBIs while posting a 1.023 OPS.

Fitzzy Gets Frisky

Emeralds infielder Tyler Fitzgerald was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 21-27, the second consecutive week that an Emerald has received the honor. Playing in all six games during the week, Fitzgerald went 9-for-21 (.429) at the plate with 2 doubles, 3 HRs, and 4 RBIs while posting a 1.407 OPS. Following the week, Fitzgerald ranked T-4th in the High-A West in RBIs (3), T-5th in HRs (7), T-7th in runs (34) and 10th in total bases (73).

Labour Lights It Up

Emeralds outfielder Franklin Labour was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 14-20. Over five games played during the week, Labour posted a .455 batting average, nine RBIs, seven walks, and three home runs. Labour slugged 1.364 over the five-game span while also posting an incredible 1.995 OPS.

Former Emerald Trea Turner Hits For Cycle... Again

Washington Nationals infielder and former Emerald (2014) Trea Turner became the first player in the modern era to hit for the cycle on his birthday, doing so on what was his 28th birthday on Wednesday, June 30 against the Tampa Bay Rays. He also became just the fifth player in Major League history to his for THREE cycles, joining Adrian Beltre, Babe Herman, Bob Meusel, and John Reilly.

Walk This Way

Emeralds 1B Logan Wyatt became the first man in the High-A West to reach 40 BBs on Friday night. Wyatt enters Saturday ranked T-9th in all of Minor League Baseball in walks, tied with Adley Rutschman of the Bowie Baysox.

Roby Rolls Into Two Outs

Emeralds 3B Sean Roby ranked T-1st in all of High-A in GIDP, tied with Josh

Breaux of the Hudson Valley Renegades with 7.

Corry Is A Conundrum

Emeralds LHP Seth Corry continues to be one of the more confounding arms in all of Minor League Baseball. Entering Saturday, Corry is ranked 7th in High-A in OPP AVG (.188) and 3rd in K's (68) while also ranking 2nd in hit batters (11), and 1st in walks (42).

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 20.1 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 43 batters while going 9-for-9 in save opportunities.

Strikeout Savants

Through 51 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (565). Their 565 collective strikeouts are 19 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 546). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 3rd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Cedar Rapids Kernels (MINN) who have 566 and the Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY) who have 579. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 565 K's rank 10th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 671 K's. San Jose's 671 K's are 63 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

So Offensive

The Emeralds offense has seen its numbers creep up and up during the current homestand, and now the Emeralds rank T-8th in all of High-A in runs scored (275), T-3rd in walks (243), 8th in on-base percentage (.343), and 9th in OPS (.738).

Hops Hauling A**

The Hops just won't stop running. Hillsboro leads ALL of the Minor Leagues in stolen bases with 142 through 50 games played. Their 142 SBs are 26 more than the next closest team, the Down East Wood Ducks (TEX | Low-A).

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.

Arizona Diamondbacks Prospect Watch

Despite it being a frustrating start to the season so far for the Hops, there's no shortage of top Dbacks talent on the roster. Per MLB.com, Hillsboro boasts 7 of Arizona's top 30 prospects, 6 of which are currently active:

- #1 OF Corbin Carroll (LL)

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	33-18
Home*	16-8
Road	17-10
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	30-17
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Runs Scored	275
Runs Against	238
Run Differential	+37
Team AVG	.237
Team ERA	4.20
HR for/against	51/42
Strikeouts (pitching)	565
Strikeouts (hitting)	495
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Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L4
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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	1-1
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	23-7
Opponent Scores First	10-11
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Monday	0-2
Tuesday	7-1
Wednesday	5-3
Thursday	5-4
Friday	6-3
Saturday	4-4
Sunday	6-1
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vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	10-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	2-1
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
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Series Openers	8-1
Series Finales	6-2

*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.

- #5 LHP Blake Walston
- #6 RHP Slade Secconi
- #17 INF Blaze Alexander
- #21 RHP Drey Jameson
- #25 RHP Conor Grammes
- #27 INF/OF Tristin English

- Total Bases: 94 (3rd)
- Runs: 36 (T-6th)
- Franklin Labour:
- HR: 6 (T-10th)
- RBI: 30 (T-6th)
- BB: 28 (T-8th)

- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- HR: 7 (T-5th)
- RBI: 30 (T-6th)
- Runs: 35 (T-8th)

- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 40 (1st)
- OBP: .405 (6th)

- Ryan Walker:
- Games: 18 (T-4th)
- Chris Wright:
- Saves: 5 (T-2nd)

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
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

League Leaders

Will Wilson:

- HR: 10 (T-1st)
- Doubles: 13 (T-7th)
- SLG: .505 (4th)
- OPS: .850 (8th)
- XBH: 25 (T-3rd)

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,

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	33	18	.647	-	275	238
Everett	32	18	.640	0.5	342	203
Vancouver	27	25	.519	6.5	268	271
Spokane	24	28	.462	9.5	237	241
Hillsboro	20	30	.400	12.5	200	257
Tri-City	17	34	.333	16.0	168	280

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.

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#40 Kai-Wei Teng

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MINN (2018)
 Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan School: N/A
 Born: December 1, 1998 (22)

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

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. Per MLB.com: "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-80s 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."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	2	3.86	8	8	0	0	0	0	35.0	28	16	15	5	3	19	0	51	.224	1

#19 Taylor Widener (RHP)

Height: 6'0 Weight: 203 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ NYY (2/2/18)
 Hometown: Aiken, SC School: South Carolina
 Born: October 24, 1994 (26)

PITCHES: Fastball, Slider, Changeup

Notes: Making second rehab start due to groin strain suffered on that has hampered him all season. Hit the IL on late April with a right groin strain, worked his way back nearly a month later, but reaggravated his injury in just his second inning of work and was thrown back on the IL. Started throwing from 90 feet after the first week of June. Threw a few simulated games in late June. Made first rehab start on June 28 in ACL against Cubs affiliate, firing 2.2 innings and allowing five runs and two HRs. Drafted in 12th round of the 2016 MLB Draft. Acquired by the Dbacks in a three-way trade with the Yankees and the Rays that saw the Yankees acquire 3B Brandon

Drury (AZ), the Rays acquire Nick Solak (NYY) and Anthony Banda (AZ), and the Dbacks acquire Widener and RF Steven Souza J. (TB). Per Baseball America, "The Yankees traded Widener to the Diamondbacks in February 2018 as part of the three-team Steven Souza Jr. trade also involving the Rays. Widener turned in the most consistent season of any Diamondbacks starter in 2018, earning the organization's pitcher of the year honors while leading the Double-A Southern League in strikeouts and WHIP and finishing second in ERA. Scouting Report: Widener's success is in large part built off a dominant fastball. The pitch sits around 92-93 mph and usually tops out around 95, and he generates lots of swings and misses with it, including up in the strike zone. His secondary stuff was less consistent. His changeup improved in 2018, going from a traditional offspeed/velocity-separation pitch to a power change out of the Zack Greinke mold that's more about disrupting timing and inducing ground balls. It became his best secondary offering, moving ahead of a slider that has some bite but at times can be more like a slurve."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	0	2.63	5	5	0	0	0	0	24.0	20	9	7	4	3	8	1	20	.222	1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Sunday, July 4	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD Opener, then RHP Nick Avila	LHP Kenny Hernandez
Tuesday, July 6	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	TBD
Wednesday, July 7	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Aaron Phillips	TBD
Thursday, July 8	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Friday, July 9	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Saturday, July 10	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD Opener, then RHP Nick Avila	TBD