



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #72 | July 27, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA  
Eugene Emeralds (41-30) at Everett AquaSox (47-23)  
LHP Jake Dahlberg (0-0, -- ERA) vs. RHP Stephen Kolek (3-0, 3.23 ERA)  
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## LAST TIME OUT

Eugene never led until the game was over on Sunday thanks to another come-from-behind win that saw the Ems walk off to earn their twelfth win in sixteen contests against the Hops at PK Park this season. It was a wild rivalry series against the Hillsboro Hops that saw each team pick up three wins while ALL six games were decided by just one run. Eugene got two of their three wins in walk-off fashion, including in the series finale on Sunday thanks to a Sean Roby ground-rule double in the bottom of the ninth on a 3-0 pitch that scored two runs to see the Emeralds win, 6-5. Tyler Flores and Nolan Dempsey - the 8th and 9th hitters in the Emeralds lineup on Sunday - belted back-to-back homers on Sunday to extend Eugene's collective homer streak to 14 games. It was another strong night for the bullpen which as a collective moved to 28-3 on the season. Travis Perry, Taylor Rashi and Chris Wright combined to fire 3.2 scoreless innings with five strikeouts while allowing just one hit and no walks.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Ems will send a brand new arm to the mound today in the form of LHP Jake Dahlberg who will be making his debut with the Giants organization after being signed on July 24 from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association (see notes below). He'll face off against RHP Stephen Kolek who will be making his 15th appearance of the season but just his 4th start. Kolek has slid into the Everett rotation of late and will be making his 3rd consecutive start, and is coming off of his best outing of the season on July 21 at Vancouver where he fired 5.0 IP with a season-high 7 K's while allowing just 4 hits, 1 (earned) run and 1 BB. The Emeralds enter today with a 14-game homer streak. Eugene starts the 7-game series 6.5 games back of the first place Frogs. The Emeralds have dropped just two series all season long... both at the hands of the Everett AquaSox.

## QUICK HITS

### Dahlberg Debuts For Eugene

Left-hander Jake Dahlberg will make his debut for the Emeralds, and the San Francisco Giants system as a whole, when he takes the mound today against Everett. The southpaw was signed last week from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association and was previously a 21st round selection by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2017. While with Chicago, went 6-2 with a 3.05 ERA and 76 K's with 11 BB over 62.0 IP in 15 APPs (9 starts). His 3.04 ERA ranked 3rd in the American Association upon his signing.

### Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 13-27 with a 5.95 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A (Asheville Tourists). Eugene has only gotten 6.0 innings out of a starting pitcher FOUR times this season:

- Caleb Kilian: May 22 at TC (7.0 IP)
- Kai-Wei Teng: June 22 vs. VAN (6.0 IP)
- Conner Nurse: June 26 vs. VAN (6.1 IP)
- Aaron Phillips: July 1 at HIL (7.0 IP)

By contrast, Hillsboro got 6.0 innings out of their starting pitchers in four out of six games in last week's series at PK Park.

Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 28-3 with a 4.20 ERA and 420 K's in 328.0 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 420 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 28.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an 51 batters while going 10-for-10 in saves.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 71 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (758). Their 758 collective strikeouts are 6 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 752), and the Ems rank 5th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 758 K's rank 14th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 895 K's. Entering today, San Jose's 895 K's are 91 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 14-4

in one-run games this season, with every game last week between the Emeralds and Hillsboro Hops being decided by just one run.

### 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 (.254), 3rd in runs (180), 2nd in hits (199), 2nd on OB% (.359), 3rd in SLG (.431) and 3rd in OPS (.789) 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 (.259), 3rd in runs scored (48), and 1st in OB% (.394), 2nd in SLG (.466), and 1st in OPS (.860) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 3rd in High-A in ERA (2.96) and 1st in opponent's average (.186).

On the other side of the coin, in terms of two out hitting, Everett ranks 4th in average (.250), 1st in runs (211), 3rd in hits (197), 1st in OBP (.383), 1st in SLG (.473), and 1st in OPS (.856).

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 (46-26) scored four runs in the sixth & seven in the seventh on their way to an 11-5 win over Stockton on Sunday. Jairo Pomares 3-5 with two doubles & three RBI's. Luis Matos 3 hits. Williams 2-run HR. Carson Ragsdale 6 IP, 3 R, 0 BB, 6 K. Both teams secured three victories during the six-game series. The Giants earned a 9-3 win in the opener last Tuesday before Stockton posted three straight victories, scoring a total of 26 runs during the three contests. San Jose though recovered with 19 total runs over the final two games to salvage a split. The Giants are 15-9 against Stockton this season. The Giants (46-26) remained 5 1/2 games ahead of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (40-31) for the final playoff spot in the Low-A West race. San Jose also moved to within two games of the Fresno Grizzlies (48-24) for the best record in the league. The Giants have won nine out of their last 12 games overall. Following the week, Prelander Berroa named Low-A West Pitcher of the Week today. Fired six scoreless innings in his start last week with only one hit allowed, no walks & nine strikeouts. Retired 18 of 19 hitters. FB topped out at 99 MPH. Berroa now leads the league with a 2.47 ERA.

- Double-A Richmond (38-34) lost the series finale to the Akron RubberDucks, 3-2, on Sunday afternoon at Canal Park for their fifth straight loss. The Flying Squirrels (38-34) closed within a run in the ninth but fell short, dropping the final five games of the road series against the RubberDucks (43-27). With two outs in the top of the ninth, Diego Rincones doubled and Andy Sugilio replaced him as a pinch-runner. Frankie Tostado unleashed an RBI single into center, scoring Sugilio from second to cut the deficit to 3-2. Jose Marte entered in the seventh with two outs, striking out Jonathan Engelmann on three pitches. After Marte allowed two runners with one out in the eighth, R.J. Dabovich induced back-to-back flyouts to end the frame. The Flying Squirrels are off Monday before starting up the first of six-game series against the Bowie Baysox at The Diamond. Right-handed pitcher Caleb Kilian (3-1, 2.14) will get the

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	41-30
Home*	20-16
Road	21-14
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	38-29
Runs Scored	392
Runs Against	387
Run Differential	+5
Team AVG	.238
Team ERA	5.03
HR for/against	83/67
Strikeouts (pitching)	758
Strikeouts (hitting)	716
Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	14-4
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	8-13
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	26-11
Opponent Scores First	15-19
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-2
Wednesday	7-4
Thursday	6-6
Friday	6-6
Saturday	5-7
Sunday	8-3
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	12-6
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	8-4

start for Richmond on Tuesday and Bowie has not announced their starter. Over the last 18 games since July 6, the Flying Squirrels have hit 27 home runs, which is tied for the second-most in the Double-A Northeast, trailing only Bowie, who they face today. Simon Whiteman is batting .364 (12-for-33) over his last 10 games since July 15 with four doubles, one homer and five RBIs. He has led off three of the last four games with a first-inning single. Whiteman leads the team with 12 stolen bases this season, which is tied for fourth in the Double-A Northeast.

**SF Giants Prospect Watch**

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 3 of the organization's top 30 prospects:  
 - #5 LHP Seth Corry  
 - #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng  
 - #28 C Ricardo Genoves

**Seattle Mariners Prospect Watch**

The AquaSox boast 10 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects:  
 - #3 RHP Emerson Hancock  
 - #4 RHP George Kirby  
 - #7 RHP Juan Then  
 - #10 RHP Isaiah Campbell  
 - #12 RHP Levi Stoudt  
 - #22 SS Kaden Polcovich  
 - #23 RHP Tim Elliott

- #25 3B Tyler Keenan
- #29 OF Cade Marlowe
- #30 RHP Taylor Dollard

**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.
- 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 this 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	47	23	.671	--	504	303
Eugene	41	30	.577	6.5	392	387
Spokane	33	39	.458	15.0	352	363
Vancouver	33	39	.458	15.0	347	387
Hillsboro	31	39	.443	16.0	301	345
Tri-City	28	43	.394	19.5	282	393

- 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 (2012) 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**

**#8 Jake Dahlberg (LHP)**

Height: 6'0 Weight: 205 lbs Acquired: Free Agent (7/24/21)  
 Hometown: Vancouver, WA School: Illinois-Chicago  
 Born: December 1, 1993 (27)

by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 21st round of the 2017 MLB Draft out of Illinois-Chicago. Went 7-5 with a 3.12 ERA in 35 career appearances (15 starts) over two seasons in affiliated ball. Was released on March 28 of 2019 despite going a combined 5-5 with a 2.50 ERA in 16 APPs (15 starts) during his final season in 2018, splitting time between the State College Spikes (Short-Season A | New York Penn League) and the Peoria Chiefs (Low-A | Midwest League). Prides himself on attacking the strike zone, as evidenced by his 11 walks issued in 62.0 innings of work this season with Chicago. American Association Pitcher of the Week on July 6 after firing a complete game shutout on July 30 vs. the Milwaukee Milkmen, then backing that up with a 6.0 inning shutout performance against the SouthShore RailCats, a team that Dahlberg's current pitching coach for the Emeralds, Alain Quijano, coincidentally previously worked for in the same capacity. Dahlberg started the season as a bullpen arm for the Dogs but succeeded as transitioned back to a starter. A University of Illinois Chicago alum, he is the only pitcher to earn two Horizon League Pitcher of the Year awards. UIC is the alma mater of Curtis Granderson. Stats below from this season with the Chicago Dogs.

**PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Sinkers, Slider, Changeup

**BIO:** Signed on July 23 of this year from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association. While with Chicago, went 6-2 with a 3.05 ERA and 76 K's with 11 BB over 62.0 IP in 15 APPs (9 starts). His 3.04 ERA ranked 3rd in the American Association upon his signing. Posted a 0.98 WHIP and help opposing hitters to a .214 average. Fifth member of the Chicago Dogs to have their contract purchased by a Major League club this season.

Spend three seasons with Chicago (2019-21) where he went 19-12 with a 4.36 ERA, 221 K's and 58 BB in 231.0 IP over 47 APPs (37 starts). Drafted on attacking the strike zone, as evidenced by his 11 walks issued in 62.0 innings of work this season with Chicago. American Association Pitcher of the Week on July 6 after firing a complete game shutout on July 30 vs. the Milwaukee Milkmen, then backing that up with a 6.0 inning shutout performance against the SouthShore RailCats, a team that Dahlberg's current pitching coach for the Emeralds, Alain Quijano, coincidentally previously worked for in the same capacity. Dahlberg started the season as a bullpen arm for the Dogs but succeeded as transitioned back to a starter. A University of Illinois Chicago alum, he is the only pitcher to earn two Horizon League Pitcher of the Year awards. UIC is the alma mater of Curtis Granderson. Stats below from this season with the Chicago Dogs.

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6	2	3.05	15	9	1	0	0	0	62.0	50	24	21	4	--	11	1	76	.--	3

**#28 Stephen Kolek (RHP)**

Height: 6'3 Weight: 210 lbs Acquired: Trade with LAD (4/2021)  
 Hometown: Houston, TX School: Texas A&M  
 Born: April 18, 1997 (24)

Modesto, and Double-A Arkansas this season. Acquired in trade with Dodgers on April 28, 2021... Baseball America Draft Profile in 2018: "The brother of Marlins 2015 first-round pick Tyler Kolek, Stephen's fastball has never matched Tyler's triple digit radar gun readings, but he'd shown the potential to have three average or better pitches and average control coming into the 2018 season. But his 91-94 mph fastball has backed up this season. There have been outings where he's dipped to pitching in the high 80s. Kolek's slider gives him a chance to survive even with less arm speed. The pitch has less bite at lower velocities and has been more fringe-average than above-average this year. His changeup also has taken a step back this year and he mixes in a get-me-over curveball early in counts. Kolek has shown the ability to be a No. 4 starter at his best, but scouts have only seen that in glimpses this year. His 5-6, 4.58 season isn't making a strong draft case, but there's still something there."

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**Notes:** Originally drafted by the Dodgers in the 11th round in the 2018 draft ... Pitched for three seasons at Texas A&M ... Older brother Tyler Kolek was drafted by the Marlins in the first round, (second overall) in the 2014 draft ... Made two appearances for Low-A Modesto before joining the AquaSox roster this season ... Was an agrusiness major while at Texas A&M ... In high school, along with baseball, he played varsity football and basketball for his junior and senior year receiving All-District honorable mention honors in basketball ... Has pitched for High-A Everett, Low-A Modesto, and Double-A Arkansas this season. Acquired in trade with Dodgers on April 28, 2021... Baseball America Draft Profile in 2018: "The brother of Marlins 2015 first-round pick Tyler Kolek, Stephen's fastball has never matched Tyler's triple digit radar gun readings, but he'd shown the potential to have three average or better pitches and average control coming into the 2018 season. But his 91-94 mph fastball has backed up this season. There have been outings where he's dipped to pitching in the high 80s. Kolek's slider gives him a chance to survive even with less arm speed. The pitch has less bite at lower velocities and has been more fringe-average than above-average this year. His changeup also has taken a step back this year and he mixes in a get-me-over curveball early in counts. Kolek has shown the ability to be a No. 4 starter at his best, but scouts have only seen that in glimpses this year. His 5-6, 4.58 season isn't making a strong draft case, but there's still something there."

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3	0	3.13	14	3	0	0	0	0	31.2	22	12	11	1	3	10	0	37	.186	4

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS**

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Wednesday, July 28 (G1)	5:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Emerson Hancock
Wednesday, July 28 (G2)	TBD	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Nick Avila	TBD
Thursday, July 29	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Levi Stoudt
Friday, July 30	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Tim Elliott
Saturday, July 31	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Reid Morgan
Sunday, August 1	4:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Jake Dahlberg	RHP Taylor Dollard