



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #78 | August 1, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA  
Eugene Emeralds (44-33) at Everett AquaSox (50-26)  
LHP Jake Dahlberg (0-0, 4.50 ERA) vs. RHP Taylor Dollard (5-0, 5.34 ERA)  
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## LAST TIME OUT

After a one-run win for the Ems on Friday, the tables were turned on Saturday with the Emeralds suffering their sixth one-run loss this season (15-6 in one-run games). Eugene scored a run in the ninth to make it 5-4 and had the tying run on third with pinch hitter Heath Quinn at the plate, but Quinn was caught looking on a called third strike from Nolan Hoffman to end another close one between the Frogs and Ems. Franklin Labour continued his campaign to win his second High-A West Player of the Week honor, homering for the third straight game. Eugene has belted ten homers over the last three games combined. However, Eugene never led on Saturday as 8 of the game's 9 runs came via the longball: Joseph Rosa, Cade Marlowe (2), Franklin Labour, and Ismael Munguia.

## TODAY'S STORYLINES

It's a rubber match between the top two teams in the High-A West with Eugene and Everett having split the first six games of the series, 3-3. The series so far has been as even as it gets with each team having scored 37 runs apiece. It's a stark contrast to the prior two meetings between these two teams that saw Everett outscore the Eugene 35-19 over five games (Everett won 4 of 5) in the first meeting, and 54-23 (Everett won 5 of 6) in the last meeting at the beginning of July. Left-hander Jake Dahlberg bookends the series after starting way back on Tuesday in what was his debut in the Giants organization after being signed from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association. Dahlberg only fired 4.0 innings, but 9 of the 12 outs he recorded were via strikeout. He'll face off against top 30 Mariners prospect right-hander Taylor Dollard who has earned a win in all five of his starts with the Frogs this season, but Dollard has been hit well at times, surrendering 7 HRs over his five starts while entering Sunday with an ERA over 5.00. Eugene will see slugger Armani Smith return to the lineup for the first time since July 22nd vs. Hillsboro after he was hit on the hand in his first at-bat of that game.

## QUICK HITS

### Ems And AquaSox On The Move

With the trade deadline coming and going on Friday, both the Emeralds and AquaSox saw players from their 2021 team on the move to other organizations.

### EMERALDS:

- RHP Caleb Kilian: the High-A West Pitcher of the Month is on his way to the Windy City as part of the package in return for Kris Bryant. Kilian and San Jose OF Alexander Canario will head to the Cubs. In four starts as an Emerald, Kilian went 3-0 with a 1.25 ERA and 33 K's before being promoted to Double-A Richmond where he has gone 3-2 with a 2.43 ERA in 11 starts.

- RHP Jose Marte: the flame-throwing right-hander was the first member of this year's Emerald squad to be promoted to Double-A Richmond after going 3-for-3 in save opportunities with 14 K's in just 6.1 IP. Marte, RHP Ivan Armstrong, and LHP Sam Selman head to the Angels in exchange for LHP Tony Watson. While in Richmond, Marte went 2-0 in 19 relief appearances with one save and 36 K's in 22.2 IP.

### AQUASOX:

- C Carter Bins: Bins was dealt to Pittsburgh along with RHP Joaquin Tejada in exchange for former Oregon Duck LHP Tyler Anderson. In 42 games with Everett, Bins batted .284 with 10 doubles, 7 HRs and 31 RBIs with an OPS of .915.

- 3B Austin Shenton: A native of nearby Bellingham, Shenton was shipped to Tampa Bay along with RHP J.T. Chargois in exchange for RHP Diego Castillo. In 57 games with the Frogs this season, Shenton batted .297 with 24 doubles, 11 HRs and 54 RBIs while posting a .394 OPS.

### Ems Add Minor League Strikeout Leader

Right-hander Ryan Murphy was promoted from the Low-A San Jose Giants to the High-A Eugene Emeralds on Thursday. Murphy, a 5th rounder (114th overall) in the 2020 draft out of Le Moyne (NY), ranked 1st in all of the Minor Leagues in strikeouts (116) at the time of his promotion. He joins the Ems after going 4-2 in 15 starts with Low-A San Jose with a 2.96 ERA and an astounding 116 strikeouts in 76.0 innings of work. The Poughkeepsie, New York native had been simply sensational in the month of July for San Jose, going 3-1 with a 1.74 ERA in five July starts while posting double-digit strikeouts in all five outings. He departs San Jose as the Low-A West leader in ERA (2.96), strikeouts (116) and innings pitched (76.0). Overall, San Jose has seen seven other players promoted to Eugene this season: OF Tyler Flores, LHP Chris Wright, OF Armani Smith, C Ricardo Genoves, C Robert Emery, INF/OF Brett Auerbach, and RHP Austin Reich.

### 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 14-29 with a 6.24 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)

Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 30-4 with a 4.05 ERA and 456 K's in 353.0 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 6 bullpen losses (Tampa Tarpons). Eugene's 456 bullpen K's rank 3rd in all of High-A.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 77 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (820). Their 820 collective strikeouts are 4 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 816), and the Ems rank 5th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 820 K's rank 11th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 957 K's. Enter today, San Jose's 957 K's are 97 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

### 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 (.250), 3rd in runs (191), 3rd in hits (211), 2nd on OBP (.352), 4th in SLG (.425) and 3rd in OPS (.777) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene ranks 6th all of High-A in AVG (.263), 4th in runs scored (51), and 2nd in OBP (.394), 2nd in SLG (.479), and 1st in OPS (.873) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 2nd in High-A in ERA (2.95) and 1st in opponent's average (.180).

On the other side of the coin, in terms of two out hitting, Everett ranks 7th in average (.243), 1st in runs (223), 5th in hits (204), 1st in OBP (.376), 2nd in SLG (.471), and 1st in OPS (.846).

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.

### 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

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	44-33
Home*	20-16
Road	24-17
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	41-32
Runs Scored	429
Runs Against	424
Run Differential	+5
Team AVG	.241
Team ERA	5.10
HR for/against	94/78
Strikeouts (pitching)	820
Strikeouts (hitting)	780
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	3-1
1-Run Games	15-6
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	11-16
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	28-12
Opponent Scores First	16-21
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-3
Wednesday	8-5
Thursday	7-6
Friday	7-6
Saturday	5-8
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	4-7
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

**Seattle Mariners Prospect Watch**

The AquaSox boast 9 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
- #23 RHP Tim Elliott
- #25 3B Tyler Keenan
- #29 OF Cade Marlowe
- #30 RHP Taylor Dollard

**Living On The Edge**

After falling in extra innings to the 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 15-6 in one-run games this season, with every game last week between the Emeralds and Hillsboro Hops being decided by just one run.

**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 kicked off this 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)

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

**HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS**

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	50	26	.658	-	541	340
Eugene	44	33	.571	6.5	429	424
Spokane	37	40	.481	13.5	399	400
Hillsboro	34	42	.477	16.0	331	371
Vancouver	34	43	.442	16.5	384	434
Tri-City	31	46	.403	19.5	308	423

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 (July 24, 2021)  
 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.

**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.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	9	.250	0

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.

**#20 Taylor Dollard (RHP)**

Height: 6'3 Weight: 195 lbs Acquired: Round 5 (2019)  
 Hometown: Sherman Oaks, CA School: Cal Poly (SLO)  
 Born: February 17, 1999 (22)

the COVID-19 pandemic. #28 ranked prospect in Mariners system, per MLB.com. Dollard spent his first two years at Cal Poly, which has produced a fair number of big league arms, most recently Spencer Howard of the Phillies, pitching out of the bullpen and was an All-Big West Conference reliever as a sophomore. A strong performance in the Cape Cod League in 2019, also in relief, served as a springboard for Dollard to enter the Mustangs' rotation in 2020 and while it was short-lived, he showed enough for the Mariners to take him and sign him for full pick value in the fifth round of the Draft, then watched him get off to a strong start during his 2021 pro debut in High-A. The right-hander has an ideally athletic 6-foot-3 pitching frame and a four-pitch mix he uses well, though he is more feel for pitching than pure stuff. His fastball tends to sit around 90 mph and can touch a bit higher, and it plays up because of his command and the sink the pitch has. His upper-70s slider misses bats and will even flash plus occasionally and he folds in a slower curve with decent depth as well. He has good feel for his changeup, giving him four very usable offerings. Dollard walked only 2.2 per nine innings at Cal Poly, 1.3 during his short time as a starter, a trend that continued at the start of his pro career. That command and his feel for keeping hitters off-balance give him the chance to reach his ceiling as a back-end starter in the big leagues. #23 ranked prospect per Baseball America's updated midseason rankings: "The Mariners' fifth-round pick last year, Dollard's fastball has ticked up this season to enhance his future outlook. After sitting 88-92 mph in college, he is now ranging from 90-94 mph to help give him an average or better arsenal across the board as opposed to his stuff being a touch light. He has maintained his plus control with the increase, helping him move quickly from Low-A Modesto to High-A Everett."

**PITCHES:** Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** Taylor Joseph Dollard...graduated from Crespi Carmelite (CA) High School in 2017... spent 3 seasons at Cal Poly State University (2018-20)...he began his collegiate career as a reliever before moving into the rotation during junior season...as a sophomore in 2019, earned First-Team All-Big West Conference after going 5-0 with 4 saves and a 2.89 ERA with 48 strikeouts and 13 walks in 19 relief appearances...in the summer of 2019, went 2-1 and 5 saves with a 1.55 ERA with Yarmouth-Dennis in the Cape Cod League...was the 25th Mustang to be drafted in the top five rounds of the MLB Draft and only the second in the fifth round...2020: Did not play due to

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
5	0	5.34	5	5	0	0	0	0	30.1	32	19	18	7	1	6	0	28	.262	1

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS**

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Tuesday, August 3	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, August 4	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Thursday, August 5	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Friday, August 6	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Saturday, August 7	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Sunday, August 8	5:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD