



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #53 | July 4, 2021 | Ron Tonkin Field | Hillsboro, OR

Eugene Emeralds (33-19) vs. Hillsboro Hops (21-30)

RHP Taylor Rashi (3-0, 3.97 ERA) vs. LHP Kenny Hernandez (2-2, 4.02 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Eugene scored first for the fifth straight game to open the six-game set in Hillsboro, but for just the eighth time this season (and second consecutive night) scoring first didn't yield a winning result as the Hops downed the Ems, 8-5, to hand Eugene their second straight defeat. Twelve of the game's thirteen runs were scored in the first three innings with Eugene plating a run in the first and three in the second while Hillsboro scored four in the first, two in the second, and two more in the third. It was a lack luster performance all around for the Ems last night, starting with a two-inning outing from RHP Kai-Wei Teng, tied for his shortest start of the season. Eugene grounded into a pair of double plays at less-than-ideal times as well, and some defensive lapses and at times a lack of urgency altogether added up to seeing the Ems fall out of first place for the first time since June 16.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene will be looking to head home on a high note and clinch another series win while Hillsboro will be looking to split the six-game series after the Hops netted wins in each of the last two games. Eugene will send 'opener' RHP Taylor Rashi to the mound for his second start of the season while the Hops will counter with LHP Kenny Hernandez. The Ems will aim to get 2-3 strong innings from Rashi before turning to RHP Nick Avila (4-5, 6.51 ERA) who previously pitched in game one of the current six-game series and fired six scoreless innings while facing the minimum (18 batters) to pick up his fourth win of the season. The Emeralds enter Independence Day looking up in the standings for the first time in nearly three weeks, trailing the Everett AquaSox by 0.5 games in the High-A West standings. Sunday will mark the first sellout crowd that the Emeralds have played against this season after the state of Oregon recently 're-opened' on July 1.

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 posedt 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 Sunday 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 ranked 7th in High-A in OBP 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 52 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (574). Their 574 collective strikeouts are 17 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 557). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 4th in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Hickory Crawdads (TEX) who have 575 and the Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY) who have 594. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 574 K's rank 10th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 685 K's. San Jose's 685 K's are 64 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 10th in all of High-A in runs scored (280), 5th in walks (244), 9th in on-base percentage (.342), and 11th in OPS (.737).

Hops Hauling A**

The Hops just won't stop running. Hillsboro leads ALL of the Minor Leagues in stolen bases with 144 through 51 games played. Their 144 SBs are 24 more than the next closest team, the Fayetteville Woodpeckers (HOU | Low-A East).

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 (IL)

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	33-19
Home*	16-8
Road	17-11
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	30-18
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Runs Scored	280
Runs Against	246
Run Differential	+34
Team AVG	.238
Team ERA	4.29
HR for/against	51/43
Strikeouts (pitching)	574
Strikeouts (hitting)	504
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Current Streak	L2
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	1-2
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	23-8
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	4-5
Sunday	6-1
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vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	3-2
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: 97 (4th)
- Runs: 37 (6th)
- Franklin Labour:
- RBI: 51 (T-5th)
- BB: 28 (T-9th)
- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- HR: 7 (T-6th)
- RBI: 30 (T-8th)
- Runs: 36 (T-7th)

- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 40 (1st)
- OBP: .475 (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-2nd)
 - Doubles: 14 (7th)
 - SLG: .508 (3rd)
 - OPS: .853 (8th)
 - XBH: 26 (T-2nd)

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, helped the Dominican Republic roar back and hold on late for the win. During

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	33	18	.647	--	353	208
Eugene	33	19	.635	0.5	280	246
Vancouver	27	26	.509	7.0	273	282
Spokane	25	28	.472	9.0	245	246
Hillsboro	21	30	.412	12.0	208	262
Tri-City	17	35	.327	16.5	173	268

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

#23 Taylor Rashi (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 220 lbs Acquired: Round 23, 686th (2019)
 Hometown: Torrance, CA School: UC Irvine
 Born: January 15, 1996 (25)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Splitter, Slider, Curveball

BIO: Prior to attending UC Irvine, Rashi attended El Camino College where he was a JC All-American, the South Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, and set the school record for single-season strikeouts (144). At UC Irvine, Rashi split time between starting and relieving as a junior before sliding into the team's closer role as a senior. Rashi posted a sub-3.00 ERA in both seasons, going 3-4 with a 2.97 ERA and 47 K's in 20 APPs (10 starts) and 63.2 IP as a junior (2018), followed by going 5-1 in 25 APPs (4 starts) with 12 saves and 56 K's in 45.2 IP as a senior (2019). During that senior season, Rashi did not allow a run until his 20th appearance of the season. Rashi was named a third-team All-American by the NCBWA and Collegiate Baseball Newspaper in 2019 while also earning All-Big West First Team honors after finishing second in the Big West in saves (12). In Rashi's only previous outing as an 'opener' for the Ems, the right-hander fired 3.0 IP with 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, and 3 K on June 23 vs. Vancouver. Has fired 2.0 or more innings in 5 of last 6 outings, including a season-high 4.0 IP on June 18 vs. Hillsboro. In the month of June, Rashi went 2-0 with a 2.57 ERA, 2 BB and 16 K's in 14.0 IP over 6 APPs (1 start). Save for one tough outing in just his second APP of the season (5/8 at Spokane) where he surrendered 6 ER in 1.0 IP, Rashi has allowed just 4 ER over 20.0 IP since.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	0	3.97	13	1	0	0	0	0	22.2	14	12	10	3	1	7	0	31	.173	3

#24 Kenny Hernandez (LHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 197 lbs Acquired: International FA (7/6/15)
 Hometown: David, Chiriqui, Panama School: N/A
 Born: June 24, 1998 (23)

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

Notes: 2019 full season with Kane County of Midwest League: 30g (1 start), 7-3, 1.88, 3sv, 96ip, 85h, 31bb, 83k, 1hr, 3hb, 5wp. 2018 full year with Hops: 16g (5 starts), 6-3, 4.37, 68ip, 81h, 7bb, 59k. Career K/BB numbers: entering this year 233ip, 8k/9ip, 2.4bb/9ip. Other Panamanian-born players include: Rod Carew, Carlos Lee, Ben Oglivie, and longtime D-back Randall Delgado (Delgado pitched on injury rehab for the Hops in the 2017 postseason). Pitches: 25FB, 45FB, CH, SL... fastball 89-91

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
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
Sunday, July 11	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	TBD