



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #21 | May 27, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (13-7) vs. Spokane Indians (7-13)

RHP Conner Nurse (0-2, 5.40 ERA) vs. LHP Helcris Olivarez (0-4, 4.76 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

The Emeralds' four-game win streak game to a halt last night as the Spokane Indians handed the Ems a 7-1 defeat. Last night's game was a sloppy one featuring three errors by the Emeralds and a number of bad, awkward bounces. Nonetheless, some bright spots still emerged from the game as RHP John Timmins made his first appearance on the mound since September 2, 2018 after undergoing Tommy John surgery and missing the 2019 season. San Francisco native Robert Emery made his Emeralds debut as well going 2-for-2 with two doubles, a walk and a run scored.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Emeralds will be facing off against #7 ranked Colorado Rockies prospect LHP Helcris Olivarez tonight looking for their third win in as many contests. The Emeralds tagged the lefty for three homers on Opening Night (5/4) while tallying four runs (2 earned) in the six-game series finale on May 9. RHP Conner Nurse will take the mound looking for his first win of the season. Eugene enters the day one game out of first place behind the Everett AquaSox (14-6).

## QUICK HITS

### Coming And Going

A 24-hour stretch from Monday to Tuesday of this week saw a number of roster transactions for the Emeralds:

#### Departures:

- RHP Jasier Herrera (Triple-A Sacramento)
- RHP Caleb Kilian (Double-A Richmond)
- RHP Jose Marte (Double-A Richmond)
- OF Diego Rincones (Olympic Qualifying - Venezuela)

#### Arrivals:

- OF Tyler Flores (Low-A San Jose)
- RHP Aaron Phillips (Rookie Complex League)
- RHP John Timmins (Rookie Complex League)
- LHP Chris Wright (Low-A San Jose)

### Strikeout Savants

Through 20 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (232) while at the plate, Eugene has posted the fewest strikeouts in the league (188).

### Not On Bailey's Watch

2020 First Rounder Patrick Bailey showcased his powerful arm time after time on Wednesday night by throwing out four would-be Spokane base stealers. After Wednesday night, Bailey enters Thursday having caught 11 base stealers this season, tied for the most in all of the Minor Leagues (Israel Pineda - Wilmington Blue Rocks)

### Big Knock Bob Makes Debut

San Francisco native, University of San Francisco product, and lifelong Giants fan Robert Emery made his Emeralds debut on Wednesday night, going 2-for-2 with two doubles, a walk and a run scored. Emery joined the team last week in Tri-City but hadn't seen any action until last night. While playing time might be hard to come by with the likes of Patrick Bailey and Brandon Martorano on the roster, night's like the one Emery had on Wednesday certainly bolster his case for more playing time.

### Whiteman Has Got Wheels

INF Simon Whiteman has been a menace on the bases whenever he has reached, which has been relatively often when he has played (.391 OBP%). Whiteman is a perfect 8-for-8 in stolen base attempts this season.

### Russell Goes Back-To-Back

RHP John Russell became the first Emeralds bullpen arm to work back-to-back nights after firing a scoreless inning of work on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Tri-City last week. Russell did not allow a single base runner in either outing. In a bullpen full of quality arms, Russell have been one of the best to start the 2021 season, firing 7.0 scoreless innings over five appearances with 11 strikeouts while allowing just two hits and one walk.

### Kilian Killed It

RHP Caleb Kilian was promoted to Double-A Richmond on Sunday after dominating the High-A West in his four starts as an Emerald. The highlight came last Saturday when Kilian fired 6.2 perfect innings against the Dust Devils before allowing the first base runner of the day on a two-out double. Unphased, Kilian retired the next batter to cap a career-high 7.0 inning performance while tallying a career-high ten strikeouts in the process. After his near-perfect start, Kilian leaves the Northwest currently ranked at-or-near the top of virtually every notable statistical category in the High-A West:

- Wins: 3 (1st)
- ERA: 1.25 (3rd)
- K: 32 (1st)
- OPP AVG: .122 (1st)
- WHIP: 0.46 (1st)

### Rincones Raked

OF Diego Rincones has departed the team to join the Venezuelan National Team for upcoming Olympic Qualifying

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	13-7
Home*	4-4
Road	9-3
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-0
Night	12-7
Runs Scored	108
Runs Against	82
Team AVG	.242
Team ERA	3.82
Hits for/against	160/124
HR for/against	19/19
Strikeouts (pitching)	158
Strikeouts (hitting)	188
Current Streak	11
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2
Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	3-1
May	13-7
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	9-1
Opponent Scores First	4-6
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	3-0
Wednesday	1-2
Thursday	2-1
Friday	3-0
Saturday	1-2
Sunday	3-0
vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro	3-3
vs. Spokane	1-1
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	0-0
at Everett	0-0
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	0-0
Series Openers	4-0
Series Finales	3-0

\*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.

taking place in mid-June in Florida. Rincones had been a consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through the first three weeks weeks, with his numbers and league ranks upon his departure as follows:

- AVG: .333 (T-3rd)
- HR: 4 (T-3rd)
- OB%: .413 (5th)
- SLG: .630 (2nd)
- OPS: 1.042 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-5th)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-7th)
- Total Bases: 34 (T-4th)

### Holy Jose

Marte was one of a number of notable departures from the Emeralds, and his numbers in Eugene certainly speak for

themselves. Upon his departure to join Double-A Richmond, Marte found himself tied for the league lead in saves (3) after working himself in-and-out of a jam by striking out the side last Thursday. The starter-turned-reliever has excelled in his newfound role coming out of the bullpen, starting the season with five straight scoreless outings with 14 K's scattered over 6.1 innings of work. The right-hander has yet to allow a walk this season and has only seen three hits come against him.

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 7 of the organization's top 30 prospects:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #6 C Patrick Bailey

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	14	6	.700	-	137	75
Eugene	13	7	.650	1.0	108	82
Vancouver	12	8	.600	2.0	93	81
Hillsboro	9	11	.450	5.0	77	89
Spokane	7	13	.350	7.0	89	120
Tri-City	5	15	.250	9.0	69	126

- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #30 RHP Caleb Kilian

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #35 Conner Nurse (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: 34th Round (2017)  
 Hometown: Winter Garden, FL School: Ridge HS (FL)  
 Born: July 31, 1999 (21)

throughout. Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, shows balance and ability to repeat, leading to lots of strikes. Medium arm stroke through the back, work to a near over-the-top release point, does a nice job of working on top of the ball to generate nice angle on fastball. Topped out at 90 mph, mostly true in life, tough pitch to elevate due to plane. Curveball shows hammer depth at 79 mph from similar release point, present strikeout pitch and will manipulate shape/velocity to pitch early in count. Has confidence and feel in his changeup, occasional hard fading life at 74 mph, projects with additional arm speed. Nice feel for a full arsenal and throws off speed pitches for strikes regularly. Righthanded hitter, wide base in the box with a short and inside swing path. Looks to lift and pull the ball, can turn on inner half pitch and flashes pop off the barrel. Named to World Showcase Top Prospect List. Good student. Committed to Seminole State College of Florida. Took the loss in the only prior outing against the Indians (5/8 at Spokane), firing 4.0 IP with 4 H, 2 ER, 1 HR, 1 HB, 3 BB and a season-low 1 K. Michael Togli belted one as his league-leading six homers off of Nurse.

PITCHES: TBD

**BIO:** Signed for \$250,000, \$125,000 over slot. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Just 21-years old, Nurse is pitching in his first full season of pro ball after spending 2018 in Rookie-ball down in Arizona, then splitting time between Arizona and the short-season Northwest league in 2019. Per Perfect Game coming out of high school: "Extra-large, athletic frame with broad shoulders and long limbs, leaner build with room to fill but also has present strength

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	2	5.40	3	3	0	0	0	0	13.1	11	8	8	3	1	7	0	15	.239	5

### #27 Helcris Olivarez (LHP)

Height: 6'2 Weight: 192 lbs Acquired: International FA. (2016)  
 Hometown: San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic  
 Born: August 8, 2000 (20)

offseason. At 6-foot-3 and around 200 pounds, Olivarez has the prototypical pitcher's body teams covet, especially coming from the left side. He consistently sat 95-97 mph at the alternate site and instructs in 2020, complementing it with good feel for spinning a power curve, which shows glimpses of being a plus pitch and he continues to work on his changeup, which does show good action at times. More than anything, Olivarez needs to work on gaining more consistency, especially in repeating his delivery in a controlled way. He's generally around the strike zone, but he can get sped up, leading to a loss in command. The Rockies love his work ethic and baseball IQ, giving more confidence he'll be able to reach what appears to be a very high ceiling. Struggled in season-opening outing against the Emeralds in Spokane (5/4), firing 4.0 IP with 6 H, 3 ER, 3 HR, 1 BB and 3 K. Patrick Bailey, Sean Roby, and Diego Rincones tallied homers off Olivarez in the May 4th game. Olivarez started against the Emeralds again on May 9 and improved on his prior outing but still wasn't his sharpest, tossing 4.0 IP with 5 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 HB, 2 BB and 2 K's. The lefty is coming off of what is his best start to date, a 4.0 inning performance against Everett that saw him allow just 3 hits, 2 runs (0 ER), and a season-high 6 K's despite issuing a season-high 5 BB.

PITCHES: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** #7 ranked prospect in Colorado Rockies. Per MLB.com, "The Rockies gave eight players bonuses of six figures or higher during the 2016-17. Some are no longer with the organization and none are on the Rockies' Top 30. But Olivarez, who got just \$77,000 in August of 2016, has as big of an arrow next to his name as any pitching prospect in the organization in some time. Though he's yet to pitch above a rookie-ball level, the left-hander did impress as the youngest player at the team's alternate site in 2020, showing enough to get added to the 40-man roster this

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	4	4.76	4	4	0	0	0	0	17.0	20	13	9	3	5	10	0	12	.299	1

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Friday, May 28	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	RHP Nick Avila	RHP Chris McMahon
Saturday, May 29	7:05pm PST	Spokane Indians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP David Hill
Sunday, May 30	7:05pm PST	Spokane Indians	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Ryan Feltner
Tuesday, April 1	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, April 2	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD
Thursday, April 3	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD