



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #84 | August 8, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (49-34) at Tri-City Dust Devils (31-52)

RHP Ryan Murphy (1-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP Sam Bachman (0-0, -- ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

The Ems won their fifth straight last night, shutting out the Tri-City Dust Devils by a final of 2-0. Jake Dahlberg was exceptional in his PK Park debut firing 6.0 innings with 9 K's while allowing just 2 hits and 0 walks. Austin Reich pitched a scoreless two innings to follow and Chris Wright earned his 9th save in as many opportunities in the 9th. Sean Roby provided all of the offense that the emeralds needed in the first inning, belting a 2-run homer for his 3rd HR of the series and 12th of the season. However, Saturday night was the first night this week that the Emeralds did NOT gain ground in the standings as the first place Everett AquaSox eked out a one-run win over the Spokane Indians.

TODAY'S STORYLINES

Eugene will be looking for their second sweep of the season (June 15-20 vs. Hillsboro) tonight. Eugene will send right-hander Ryan Murphy to the mound for his second start of the series. Murphy made his High-A debut on Tuesday against the Dust Devils and fired 5.1 IP with 3 runs (0 earned) and 8 K's. Tri-City will counter with right-hander Sam Bachman who will be making his pro debut after being drafted 9th overall in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Miami (OH), and he'll be tasked with slowing down an Emeralds offense that has outscored the Dust Devils 48-10 through five games this series. The Emeralds were bolstered by the news today that 1B Logan Wyatt has been added to the roster from ACL Giants Orange. Wyatt, who started the season with the Emeralds, dealt with injuries during the second half of July before being sent down to the ACL for a brief spell.

QUICK HITS

Ryan Heads To Richmond

Emeralds pitcher Ryan Walker has been promoted from the High-A West's Eugene Emeralds to the Double-A Richmond Flying Squirrels. Walker joins the Richmond bullpen after a sensational three months in Eugene that saw him go 1-0 with a 3.25 ERA in 26 appearances, all out of the 'pen. Over 39.2 innings of work with the Emeralds this season, Walker tallied 52 strikeouts while issuing just 8 walks and held opposing batters to a .250 average. He departs the High-A West currently ranked sixth in appearances (26) this season, and he leads the Emeralds in that category as well. The side-arming Walker has continued to look as one of San Francisco's major steals from the 2018 MLB Draft after being selected in the 31st round out of Washington State. Over 67 career professional appearances, all out of the bullpen, Walker has gone 4-3 with a 3.19 ERA with 7 saves, 113 strikeouts and just 26 walks in 98.2 innings pitched. Walker is the eighth Emerald to be promoted to Double-A Richmond this season, joining RHP Caleb Kilian, RHP Jose Marte, RHP RJ Dabovich, INF Simon Whiteman, C Brandon Martorano, OF Diego Rincones, and SS Will Wilson.

Marco Moves Up To High-A

On Wednesday, the Emeralds added one of baseball's top prospects to the active roster, SS Marco Luciano. Luciano, a 19-year-old phenom that is widely considered one of the top prospects in all of baseball, gets the call up to High-A Eugene after setting the Low-A West ablaze through the first two-thirds of the season. The Dominican Republic native exits San Jose as the Low-A West home run leader (18) while also ranking second in total bases (148), third in extra-base hits (35), third in RBIs (57), fourth in slugging (.544), and sixth in OPS (.930). With numbers like that, Luciano has been a key reason why the San Jose Giants have been one of the best offensive powers in all of Low-A since the start of the season as they currently rank second in all of Low-A in team batting average (.271), second in home runs (101), third in slugging (.457), third in OPS (.805), and sixth in runs scored (464). Per Baseball America's recently updated midseason prospect rankings, Luciano checks in as the seventh-ranked prospect in all of baseball.

Just Hitting Our Stride

Since the start of July, the Emeralds offense ranks in the top ten in all of High-A in numerous offensive categories including batting average (.267 | 4th), home runs (55 | 4th), runs scored (213 | 4th), on-base percentage (.346 | 6th), slugging (.480 | 4th), and OPS (.826 | 4th).

Ems On The Move

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

- 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.

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 Genovés, C Robert Emery, INF/OF Brett Auerbach, and RHP Austin Reich.

Yovan, Kasser Come Home To PK Park

The boys are back in town. A pair of all-time Oregon Baseball greats - Kenyon Yovan and Kyle Kasser - will be back in PK Park this week playing for the Tri-City Dust Devils, the High-A Affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. Yovan, who signed with the Angels earlier this summer after a storied career with the Oregon Ducks, made his pro debut just this past week in Hillsboro where he batted .385 (5-for-13) with two doubles and a homer. A native of nearby Beaverton, Yovan coincidentally made his debut in a series that saw fellow Westview High School alum Carson Kelly suit up for the Hops on a rehab assignment from the Arizona Diamondbacks. Yovan's incredible career with the Ducks culminated with him slashing .309/.407/.608 this past collegiate season while serving as one of the anchors in the heart of an Oregon lineup that helped the Ducks return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2015. Kasser, a 30th round selection in the 2018 MLB Draft, is currently in his third official pro season. Kasser has continued to do as a pro what he did throughout his collegiate career: hit. The Brea, California native is a career .302 hitter as a pro and has been a regular in the Dust Devils lineup since being signed by the Angels despite dealing with an injury earlier in the season. While with Oregon, Kasser was a four-year letterman and departed Eugene ranked 5th all time in Oregon history in hits (178). When his collegiate career came to a close, Kasser also ranked 5th all-time at Oregon in multi-hit games, 5th in walks, 6th in at-bats, 7th in runs scored, 8th in games started, and 10th in multi-RBI games.

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 15-7 in one-run games this season, with every game last week between the Emeralds and Hillsboro Hops being decided by just one run.

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	49-34
Home*	25-16
Road	24-18
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-2
Night	46-32
Runs Scored	483
Runs Against	441
Run Differential	+42
Team AVG	.250
Team ERA	4.89
HR for/against	105/82
Strikeouts (pitching)	889
Strikeouts (hitting)	848
Current Streak	W5
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	4-1
1-Run Games	15-7
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	11-16
August	5-1
September	0-0
Scoring First	33-13
Opponent Scores First	16-21
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	10-3
Wednesday	9-5
Thursday	8-6
Friday	8-6
Saturday	6-8
Sunday	8-4
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	12-6
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	5-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	4-8
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	9-3
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
Series Openers	11-2
Series Finales	8-5

Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 18-30 with a 5.99 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 SIX 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)
- Conner Nurse: August 6 vs. TRI (6.0 IP)
- Jake Dahlberg: August 7 vs. TRI (6.0 IP)

Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 31-4 with a 3.85 ERA and 485 K's in 374.1 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 8 bullpen losses (Tampa Tarpons, Charleston RiverDogs). Eugene's 485 bullpen K's rank 5th in all of High-A.

Strikeout Savants

Through 83 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (889). Their 889 collective strikeouts are 22 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 867), and the Ems rank 5th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 889 K's rank 10th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 1,012 K's. Entering today, San Jose's 1,012 K's are 92 more than the next closest team (Somerset Patriots | AA Northeast | NYY).

The Clutch (Eu)Gene

Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 2nd in AVG (.256), 3rd in runs (212), 2nd in hits (234), 2nd on OB% (.357), 3rd in SLG (.445) and 3rd in OPS (.802) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene ranks 3rd all of High-A in AVG (.269), T-4th in runs scored (53), 2nd in OB% (.401), 2nd in SLG (.486), and 2nd in OPS (.888) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 1st in High-A in ERA (2.90) and 1st in opponent's average (.182).

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's preseason prospect rankings, the Emeralds boast 4 of San Francisco's top 30 prospects:

- #1 SS Marco Luciano
- #5 LHP Seth Corry (Developmental List)
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	52	30	.634	-	568	385
Eugene	49	34	.590	3.5	483	441
Spokane	41	42	.494	10.5	441	426
Hillsboro	38	44	.463	14.0	351	385
Vancouver	37	46	.446	14.5	403	453
Tri-City	31	52	.373	20.5	319	475

Los Angeles Angels Prospect Watch

The Dust Devils boast 4 of the Los Angeles Angels' top 30 prospects per MLB.com's preseason rankings:

- #3 OF Jordyn Adams
- #9 LHP Hector Yan
- #12 SS Livian Soto
- #15 RHP Robinson Pina

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#32 Ryan Murphy (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 190 lbs Acquired: Round 5, 144th (2020)
 Hometown: Poughkeepsie, NY School: Le Moyne
 Born: October 8, 1999 (21)

Per Baseball America Draft Report: "Murphy was a stalwart of Division II Le Moyne's rotation for three years, piling up 215 strikeouts and just 44 walks in 203.2 innings. His impressive performance carried over into last summer in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, where he led the circuit in ERA (2.25) and was named pitcher of the year. Murphy's fastball sits around 90 mph with a high spin rate, and he mixes in a slider and changeup, though his offspeed offerings are below average. He fills up the strike zone, which helps his stuff play up." COLLEGE: In three seasons for the Dolphins, Murphy went 16-9 with a 3.40 ERA working primarily as a starter (29 starts, one relief outing). In 203.2 collegiate innings, he struck out 215 while walking 44. As a freshman at Le Moyne, Murphy fired a 7.0-inning no-hitter in the second game of a doubleheader at the University of New Haven on April 15, 2018. The no-no was the eighth individual no-hitter in school history and the first by a freshman.

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

BIO: Promoted from Low-A San Jose to High-A Eugene on July 29. At time of promotion, led all of Minor League Baseball in strikeouts (116). While with San Jose in 2021, Murphy went 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. Departed San Jose as the Low-A leader in strikeouts (116), ERA (2.96) and innings pitched (76.0). Third pitcher to be promoted from San Jose to Eugene this season, following LHP Chris Wright and RHP Austin Reich. Ranked #25 in Baseball America Midseason Giants prospect rankings.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.1	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	8	.150	1

#18 Sam Bachman (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 235 lbs Acquired: Round 1, 9th (2021)
 Hometown: Indianapolis, IN School: Miami (OH)
 Born: September 30, 1999 (21)

impressive arm-side running action and sink. On top of that, Bachman's slider has an argument for being the best breaking ball in the class. It's a hard, biting pitch that is routinely in the upper 80s and has eclipsed 90 mph plenty of times, with tremendous late life that generates whiffs inside the zone and out of it—mostly down and to his glove side. Both pitches grade out as at least 70s and there are scouts in the industry who have put 80 grades on both as well. Bachman predominantly works off of his fastball/slider combination, but he also throws a mid-80s changeup that has some diving action and could give him an average third pitch—though he's thrown it less than 10% of the time this spring. Despite walking between two and three batters per nine innings the last two seasons, there is some reliever risk with Bachman, thanks to a delivery that has effort and isn't the most fluid. His arm action is inverted in the back and he's a palm-up pitcher, which scares some in the industry, and he also finishes with a bit of violence and falls off to the left. That delivery, combined with medical questions (he missed two starts this spring with arm soreness) and the fact that he pitched into the seventh just twice this spring have many evaluators confident he'll be a bullpen arm in the majors. Whatever the role, it seems safe Bachman goes off the board somewhere in the middle of the first round."

PITCHES: Fastball, Slider, Changeup

Notes: Signed for \$3,847,500. Per Baseball America Draft Profile: "Bachman made an immediate impact for Miami (Ohio) during his freshman season in 2019, being named first-team All-MAC after posting a 3.93 ERA over 14 starts. For three years now he's been a reliable starter for the Redhawks and should become the program's first ever first-round product thanks to perhaps the best two-pitch combination in the 2021 class.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Tuesday, August 10	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Wednesday, August 11	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	TBD
Thursday, August 12	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Friday, August 13	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	LHP Jake Dahlberg	TBD
Saturday, August 14	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Ryan Murphy	TBD
Sunday, August 15	1:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD