



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #55 | July 7, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (34-20) vs. Everett AquaSox (34-19)

RHP Aaron Phillips (3-4, 4.91 ERA) vs. RHP Matt Brash (2-2, 2.45 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

The Emeralds snapped their three-game skid in impressive fashion on Tuesday night, cruising to a comfy 9-3 win over the first place Everett AquaSox in the first game of a six-game set at PK Park. With the win, the Emeralds moved just 0.5 game behind the Frogs in the standings. Brett Auerbach, a recent addition from Low-A San Jose, made one heckuva home debut on Tuesday night, tallying 6 RBIs while going 3-for-5, including a three-run homer. Starting pitcher Seth Corry pitched 5.0 innings for just the third time this season, allowing just two hits, two earned runs and three walks while striking out seven batters to earn his third win of the season. Ismael Munguia finished with a game-high four hits, and both Franklin Labour and Armani Smith also added RBI base knocks. Tyler Schimpf and Chris Wright pitched the eighth and ninth innings, respectively, with each reliever recording all three outs via strikeouts. The Emeralds pitching staff held the potent AquaSox lineup to just four hits.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Everett sends out another one of Seattle's Top 30 prospects (per MLB.com) in the form of RHP Matt Brash, the 28th ranked prospect in the Mariners system. Eugene will counter with changeup specialist RHP Aaron Phillips who has earned a decision in all seven of his starts this season (3-4, 4.91 ERA). Phillips is fresh off his longest outing of the season that saw him fire 7.0 innings of one-run ball on July 1 in Hillsboro, while Brash also enters off his longest outing of the year, a 6.0 inning scoreless performance on June 30 against Vancouver. Ismael Munguia carries a six-game hit streak into tonight and is batting .407 with a .556 OBP during that span.

## QUICK HITS

### Roster Additions

Over the past two weeks, the San Francisco Giants have made the following roster moves affecting the Eugene Emeralds:

July 6:

- SS Will Wilson promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- OF Diego Rincones promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- RHP Austin Reich added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.

July 5:

- INF Nolan Dempsey added to Eugene roster from Giants Black (ACL).

July 1:

- C Brandon Martorano promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- C Brett Auerbach added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.

June 26:

- C Ricardo Genoves added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.
- C Patrick Bailey optioned from Eugene to ACL Orange.

Wilson and Rincones are the sixth and seventh players to be promoted to Double-A Richmond this season, joining RHP Jose Marte, RHP Caleb Kilian, INF Simon Whiteman, RHP RJ Dabovich, and C Brandon Martorano.

After 49 games as an Emerald, Wilson departs the Northwest currently ranked tied for second in the High-A West in home runs (10), tied for third in extra-base hits (26), fourth in total bases (97), fifth in slugging (.497), tied for sixth in runs scored (37), seventh in doubles (14), tied for eighth in hits (49), and ninth in OPS (.837).

Meanwhile, Rincones leaves Eugene after 25 games as an Emerald having slashed .300/.385/.533 with 5 homers, 6 doubles, 15 RBIs and a .918 OPS. Rincones played just 25 games as an Emerald was not due to injury, but rather due to time spent with the Venezuelan National Team. Rincones, one of three Emeralds to play for their respective national teams this season (OF Ismael Munguia - Nicaragua | RHP Jasier Herrera - Columbia), spent two separate stints with the Venezuelan National Team this summer, first at the WSBC Olympic Qualifying Tournament held in Florida and later at 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.

### Walk This Way

Emeralds 1B Logan Wyatt became the first man in the High-A West to reach 40 BBs last Friday night. Wyatt enters Tuesday ranked T-11th in all of Minor League Baseball in walks, still sitting on 40 BBs..

### 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 21.1 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 46 batters while going 9-for-9 in save opportunities. Wright struck out the side against Everett on Tuesday night against Everett.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 54 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (595). Their 595 collective strikeouts are 17 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 578). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 3rd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Hickory Crawdads (TEX) who have 598 and the Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY) who have 615. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 595 K's rank 9th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 714 K's. Entering Wednesday night, San Jose's 714 K's are 72 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

### So Offensive

The Everett offense has been flat-out absurd all season long. Entering Wednesday night, the Frogs rank 5th in all of Minor League Baseball in runs scored (363), 1st in doubles (135), 3rd in on-base percentage (.375), and 9th in OPS (.823).

### 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.

### Seattle Mariners Prospect Watch

Simply put, the AquaSox roster is loaded with some of Seattle's top young talent. Per Baseball American, the Frogs started the year with the third-most talented Opening Day roster in ALL of Minor League Baseball. Per MLB.com, Everett boasts 13 of Seattle's top 30 prospects:

- #3 RHP Emerson Hancock
- #4 RHP George Kirby
- #7 RHP Juan Then
- #10 RHP Isaiah Campbell
- #11 OF Zach DeLoach
- #12 RHP Levi Stoudt
- #17 3B Austin Shenton

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	34-20
Home*	17-8
Road	17-12
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	31-19
Runs Scored	290
Runs Against	255
Run Differential	+35
Team AVG	.240
Team ERA	4.29
HR for/against	52/46
Strikeouts (pitching)	595
Strikeouts (hitting)	525
Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L4
Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	10-1
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	2-3
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	24-8
Opponent Scores First	10-12
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	8-1
Wednesday	5-3
Thursday	5-4
Friday	6-3
Saturday	4-5
Sunday	6-2
vs. Everett	2-0
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
Series Openers	9-1
Series Finales	6-3

\*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 Emeralds dropped both games of that doubleheader.

- #22 SS Kaden Polcovich
- #23 RHP Tim Elliott
- #25 3B Tyler Keenan
- #26 RHP Matt Brash
- #29 OF Cade Marlowe
- #30 Taylor Dollard

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 5 of the organization's top 30 prospects, 4 of which are active:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

### 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 WBC 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 the Final Qualifier, Rincones went 3-for-14 (.214) with 5 RBI, a double, and a HR

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	34	19	.642	-	363	221
Eugene	34	20	.630	0.5	290	255
Vancouver	28	27	.509	7.0	286	292
Spokane	25	30	.455	10.0	251	265
Hillsboro	22	31	.415	12.0	216	266
Tri-City	19	35	.352	15.5	186	293

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.

## HIGH-A WEST TRANSACTIONS

### July 6:

- Tri-City Dust Devils placed RHP Dylan King on the 7-day injured list.
- SS Will Wilson assigned to Richmond Flying Squirrels from Eugene Emeralds.
- LHP Bryan Valdez assigned to Amarillo Sod Poodles (AA) from Hillsboro Hops.
- LHP Nick Bush assigned to Hartford Yard Goats (AA) from Spokane Indians.
- RHP Stephen Jones assigned to Spokane Indians from Fresno Grizzlies (Low-A).
- 3B LJ Hatch assigned to Spokane Indians from Hartford Yard Goats (AA).
- LHP Breiling Eusebio assigned to Spokane Indians from Fresno Grizzlies (Low-A).
- Tacoma Rainiers (AAA) sent RHP Bryan Pall on a rehab assignment to Everett AquaSox.
- RHP Austin Reich assigned to Eugene Emeralds from San Jose Giants.
- LF Diego Rincones assigned to Richmond Flying Squirrels from Eugene Emeralds.

### July 5:

- 2B Nolan Dempsey assigned to Eugene Emeralds from ACL Giants Black.

### July 3:

- Everett AquaSox placed RHP Brendan McGuigan on the 7-day injured list.
- Vancouver Canadians placed CF Cameron Eden on the 7-day injured list.
- Arizona Diamondbacks sent RHP Taylor Widener on a rehab assignment to Hillsboro Hops.

### July 2:

- RHP Robinson Pina assigned to Tri-City Dust Devils from Inland Empire 66ers (Low-A).

### July 1:

- Hillsboro Hops activated RHP Yaramil Hiraldo from the 7-day injured list.

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #49 Aaron Phillips (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: Round 9, 276th (2017)

Hometown: Rochester, NY School: St. Bonaventure

Born: October 11, 1996 (24)

Baseball America's 2017 Draft Profile: "Phillips was a solid two-way player for St. Bonaventure, but his future is on the mound. He'll need to improve his command and control, and that could come naturally as he focuses exclusively on pitching. Phillips shows an upper 80s fastball and bumps 92 mph. His offspeed stuff is below-average at present and will need refinement." First pro season (2017), Phillips pitched exclusively out of the bullpen (14 APPs for Salem-Keizer) but since has been almost exclusively a starter (45 APPS, 40 starts in 2018-19). Signed with the Giants for \$80,000 after being drafted.

**PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Curveball, Changeup

**BIO:** While at St. Bonaventure, excelled as the team's ace, earning 2017 Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year honors, 2017 ACBA/Rawlings Third Team All-American, and a 2017 John Olerud National Two-Way Player of the Year Finalist after going 9-2 with a 3.04 ERA and 90 K's in 100.2 innings wild batting .251 with 26 RBI and 18 stolen bases in 22 attempts. Highest draft pick in Bonnies history. Father played college football at Ithaca.

Attended Cheveland Hill High School where he set the school record for career strikeouts, single eason strikeouts and single game strikeouts. Per

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	4	4.91	7	7	0	0	0	0	36.2	47	25	20	1	3	12	0	24	.324	2

### #11 Matt Brash (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 170 lbs Acquired: Trade (SD)

Hometown: Kingston, ON, Canada School: Niagra

Born: May 12, 1998 (23)

his pro debut in the Padres organization; appeared in 5 games (1 start) between the AZL Padres and Single-A Fort Wayne, posting a 1.69 ERA (1 ER, 5.1 IP) with 8 strikeouts and 0 walks. 2020: Added to the Mariners 60-man roster after being acquired by Seattle from San Diego as player to be named later on Sept. 17 Per MLB.com, "The Canada native caught scouts' attention ahead of the 2019 Draft with huge strikeout numbers at Niagara University, a whopping 121 in just 14 starts to go with a career 2.97 ERA over three college seasons. In his final year, he earned MAAC Pitcher of the Year honors. The Padres wound up selecting him in the fourth round and he signed for \$512,000. He pitched in just five games of relief during his first pro season, then was impacted by the cancellation of the Minors season in 2020. The Mariners acquired him for reliever Taylor Williams as a player to be named later at last year's Trade Deadline, but a shoulder impingement kept him from pitching at the club's fall developmental camp in Arizona. For a 6-foot-1 righty, Brash has impressive extension down the mound with his fastball, which has been one of the key attributes the Mariners have looked for while assembling Minor League pitching talent in recent years. He sat in the low 90s at Niagara, topping out at 95 mph and there's room for more velocity there as he grows into his body. His changeup is his second-best pitch and one that showed enough velocity variation from his heater. He also throws a slider and curveball. Brash reached full-season ball during his brief debut in '19, but because he's been out of game action for so long and after the shoulder issue last year, he'll need to be built back up slowly in 2021. He has the chance to start, especially if his breaking stuff improves, though he'll have to show he can stay healthy."

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

**Notes:** #28 prospect in Seattle Mariners system, per MLB.com. Originally selected by San Diego in the 4th round of the 2019 MLB First-Year Player Draft. Became the 2nd-highest draft pick in Niagara University baseball history (Doug Farrell, Pittsburgh, 2nd round in 1971 and 3rd round in 1972). During junior year (2019) at Niagara, recorded 121 strikeouts, setting the Niagara and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference single-season records while ranking 10th in the NCAA for the season. His 2.43 ERA was the best in the MAAC in 2019 and 2nd-best in Niagara program history. Completed his career at Niagara with a 2.97 ERA, 2nd-best in program history. 2019: Made

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	2	2.45	9	8	0	0	0	0	36.2	26	14	10	2	4	22	0	51	.200	0

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, July 8	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Levi Stoudt
Friday, July 9	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Tim Elliott
Saturday, July 10	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD Opener, then RHP Nick Avila	RHP George Kirby
Sunday, July 11	5:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Taylor Dollard
Tuesday, July 13	7:05pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Aaron Phillips	TBD
Wednesday, July 14	7:05pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD