



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #45 | June 25, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (28-16) vs. Vancouver Canadians (25-20)

RHP Aaron Phillips (2-3, 5.40 ERA) vs. RHP Luis Quinones (1-2, 2.55 ERA)

Watch live on MiLB.tv | Listen live on 95.3FM The Score or on the MiLB Gameday app



## LAST TIME OUT

Eugene's eight-game winning streak came to a screeching halt last night with the Emeralds falling to the Canadians, 13-9. The ems struck first right out of the gate to take a 2-0 lead and later led 5-3 after four innings, but three runs in the fifth and another six runs in the seventh saw the C's ultimately cruise to a 13-9 win despite a late rally by the Emeralds. Tyler Fitzgerald homers for the second straight game, going 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs and 2 runs scored in the leadoff spot. Brandon Martorano tallied a game-high four hits, going 4-for-4 with 2 doubles, 2 runs scored and a walk. Emeralds starting pitcher Seth Corry had another up-and-down outing, striking out 9 batters over 4.2 innings but allowing 6 earned runs on 5 hits.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene will send changeup extraordinaire Aaron Phillips to the mound to make his sixth start this season and his third against the C's. His first outing against Vancouver (6/1) was perhaps his best pitching performance this season, firing 6.0 innings with 4 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 0 walks and 5 K's. His second outing (6/6) was quite the opposite, lasting only 4.0 innings while allowing a season-high 10 hits and 5 runs (4 earned). On the otherside, Luis Quinones takes the ball for the C's looking to find the success he had in his only prior appearance against the Ems this season. Back on June 3 in Hillsboro, Quinones racked up 11 K's over just 5.0 IP while allowing just one hit, a two-run HR from Logan Wyatt.

## QUICK HITS

### Olympic Additions

The Emeralds saw three players return to the roster - RHP Jasier Herrera, OF Ismael Munguia, and OF Diego Rincones - after 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.

Rincones, who returned to the team briefly following the initial round of Olympic Qualifying, has recently rejoined the Venezuelan National Team in Pueblo, Mexico for the final round of Olympic qualifying.

### Labour Lights It Up

Emeralds outfielder Franklin Labour was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 14-20. The announcement comes on the heels of a five-game stretch that saw Labour post 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.

### Young Flock O' Jays

Vancouver has consistently been one of the top and most consistent performance in the High-A West despite, on paper, not having a full cupboard of top tier talent. All told, the C's boast only three of Toronto's top 30 prospects, per MLB.com:

- #9 RHP Adam Kloffenstein
- #10 RHP CJ Van Eyk
- #22 OF Will Robertson

### 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
- #6 C Patrick Bailey
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng

### Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Tri-City Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds have won nine straight games decided by one run and are now 9-1 in one-run games this season.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 44 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (513). Their 513 collective strikeouts are 36 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 477). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds don't just lead the High-A West, they lead all of High-A, too, with the Cedar Rapids Royals the next closest at 504. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 513 K's rank 5th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 586 K's. San Jose's 586 K's are 53 more than the next closest team (Somerset Patriots).

### So Offensive

The Emeralds offense has seen its numbers creep up and up during the current homestand, and now the Emeralds rank 6th in all of High-A in runs scored (244), 4th in walks (214), 8th in on-base percentage (.344), and 11th in OPS (.741).

### Walk This Way

Both the Ems and the C's enter the day as one of the top teams in terms of working walks in all of the High-A. Eugene's 214 walks at the plate this season rank 4th in High-A while Vancouver's 213 walks drawn rank 5th.

### Canadians Can't Cash In

The C's enter Friday ranked 3rd in all of High-A in runners left on-base (340), trailing the Greenville Drive (342) and the Great Lakes Loons (352).

### C's Love To Steal

Vancouver enters Friday ranked 5th in all of High-A in stolen bases (76).

### Estrada Helps Birds To Collective No-No

Former Emerald RHP Jeremiah Estrada (19) was one of four Myrtle Beach (Low-A | CHC) Pelicans pitchers that combined to fire a collective no-hitter on Thursday evening against the Columbia Fireflies (Low-A | KC). Estrada worked 2.2 IP with no hits, one walk, and seven strikeouts. The Pelicans' pitching staff struck out 16 Fireflies batters while issuing 7 walks.

### 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 17.2 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 39 batters while going 4-for-4 in save opportunities. His K/9 is an eye-popping 19.86.

### NCAA Tournament Teams

With the NCAA Baseball Tournament taking place over the last two weeks, a number of current Emeralds saw their alma maters in action. Teams in bold denote that team is still alive and headed to College World Series.

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	28-16
Home*	14-7
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	27-15
<hr/>	
Runs Scored	244
Runs Against	214
Team AVG	.237
Team ERA	4.34
Hits for/against	339/334
HR for/against	45/38
Strikeouts (pitching)	513
Strikeouts (hitting)	434
<hr/>	
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4
<hr/>	
Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	9-1
<hr/>	
May	15-9
June	13-7
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
<hr/>	
Scoring First	18-6
Opponent Scores First	10-10
<hr/>	
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	6-1
Wednesday	4-3
Thursday	4-4
Friday	6-1
Saturday	3-4
Sunday	5-1
<hr/>	
vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	2-1
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
<hr/>	
Series Openers	7-1
Series Finales	5-1

\*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.

- Tyler Schimpf - **Texas**
- Armani Smith - UC Santa Barbara
- Heath Quinn - Samford
- Will Wilson - **NC State**
- Patrick Bailey - **NC State**
- Brandon Martorano - North Carolina
- Carter Aldrete - Arizona State
- Taylor Rashi - UC Irvine

Note: Jacob Gonzalez was a TCU commit before signing with the Giants. TCU takes on McNeese today.

**League Leaders**

Will Wilson:

- HR: 9 (T-2nd)
- SLG: .506 (5th)
- OPS: .864 (8th)
- XBH: 20 (T-2nd)
- Total Bases: 78 (T-2nd)
- Runs: 30 (9th)

Franklin Labour:

- HR: 6 (T-7th)
- RBI: 28 (T-5th)
- SLG: .491 (8th)

- OPS: .862 (10th)
- BB: 24 (T-9th)
- Ismael Munguia:
- AVG: .281 (10th)
- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- RBI: 29 (4th)
- Runs: 33 (T-5th)
- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 34 (T-1st)
- OBP: .401 (4th)
- Brandon Martorano:
- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

Kai-Wei Teng

- K: 48 (T-6th)

Seth Corry:

- K: 62 (1st)

Ryan Walker:

- Games: 16 (T-4th)

Chris Wright:

- Saves: 4 (T-5th)

**Kilian Killed It**

RHP Caleb Kilian was promoted to Double-A Richmond on at the end of May

**HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS**

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	28	16	.636	-	244	214
Everett	26	17	.605	1.5	282	167
Vancouver	25	20	.556	3.5	230	230
Spokane	20	25	.444	8.5	205	216
Hillsboro	18	25	.419	9.5	180	222
Tri-City	15	29	.341	13.0	141	233

after dominating the High-A West in his four starts as an Emerald. The highlight came in his final outing as an Emerald 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 left 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)

**TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS**

**#49 Aaron Phillips (RHP)**

Height: 6'4 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: Round 9, 276th (2017)  
 Hometown: Rochester, NY School: St. Bonaventure  
 Born: October 11, 1996 (24)

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 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

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	3	5.40	5	5	0	0	0	0	23.1	34	19	14	0	2	6	0	16	.351	2

**#37 Luis Quinones (RHP)**

Height: 6'0 Weight: 205 lbs Acquired: Round 34, 1017th (2019)  
 Hometown: Arecibo, Puerto Rico School: San Jacinto JC (TX)  
 Born: July 2, 1997 (23)

2-2 with a 2.97 ERA in 10 appearances (four starts) while striking out 57 batters and walking 19. Has clean mechanics, a short arm stroke, and a strong lower half which he incorporates into a drop-and-drive delivery, with an arm slot that is between three-quarters and over the top. He uses a slight pause in his delivery, at times, to throw hitters off balance. Quinones' fastball seems to explode on hitters, and he has good arm side run on his fastball. He can spot his fastball to both sides of the plate. The native of Puerto Rico has taken a winding path to get to pro ball. After graduating from high school in Arecibo, he attended Wabash Valley College, an Illinois Junior College. From there, he made his way to San Jacinto, but was under the radar this year because he only threw 18 innings, striking out 23. Scouts didn't have a lot of opportunities to see him pitch this spring, but clearly the Blue Jays liked what they saw, offering a \$50,000 bonus from him to sign. Made 10 APPs (4 starts) for Vancouver in 2019, going 2-2 with a 2.97 ERA and a noteworthy 47 K's in 30.1 IP. Made one appearance against Eugene (8/13/19), firing a scoreless 4.0 innings with 8 K's while only allowing one baserunner, a hit batter on the first batter he faced. Has issued 6 walks in each of his last two outings.

**PITCHES:** TBD

**Notes:** In September of 2019, the Blue Jays right-hander was suspended 80 games after testing positive for Nandrolone, an performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Toronto drafted Quinones in the 34th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Jan Jacinto (Texas) Junior College and assigned him to Rookie-Advanced Bluefield where he posted a 2.84 ERA and struck out 10 in 6.1 innings. He earned a July 2 promotion to Class-A Short-Season Vancouver, and his success continued with the Canadians as he went 2-2 with a 2.97 ERA in 10 appearances (four starts) while striking out 57 batters and walking 19. Has clean mechanics, a short arm stroke, and a strong lower half which he incorporates into a drop-and-drive delivery, with an arm slot that is between three-quarters and over the top. He uses a slight pause in his delivery, at times, to throw hitters off balance. Quinones' fastball seems to explode on hitters, and he has good arm side run on his fastball. He can spot his fastball to both sides of the plate. The native of Puerto Rico has taken a winding path to get to pro ball. After graduating from high school in Arecibo, he attended Wabash Valley College, an Illinois Junior College. From there, he made his way to San Jacinto, but was under the radar this year because he only threw 18 innings, striking out 23. Scouts didn't have a lot of opportunities to see him pitch this spring, but clearly the Blue Jays liked what they saw, offering a \$50,000 bonus from him to sign. Made 10 APPs (4 starts) for Vancouver in 2019, going 2-2 with a 2.97 ERA and a noteworthy 47 K's in 30.1 IP. Made one appearance against Eugene (8/13/19), firing a scoreless 4.0 innings with 8 K's while only allowing one baserunner, a hit batter on the first batter he faced. Has issued 6 walks in each of his last two outings.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	2	2.55	4	4	0	0	0	0	17.2	7	7	5	1	1	17	0	30	.123	4

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS**

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Saturday, June 26	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Paxton Schultz
Sunday, June 27	5:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Brian Rapp
Tuesday, June 29	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, June 30	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 1	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Friday, July 2	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD