



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #57 | July 9, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (34-22) vs. Everett AquaSox (36-19)

RHP Kai-Wei Teng (2-3, 5.11 ERA) vs. RHP Tim Elliott (3-1, 5.03 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

It was a second straight lopsided loss for the Emeralds on Thursday night as Eugene surrendered 10 runs for the second straight night, falling 10-4 in front of just over 2,500 fans at PK Park. The Frogs jumped out to an early lead with three runs in the first, but Eugene responded with three in the second to tie it and another run in the third to take a 4-3 lead, but the lead was shortlived as Everett tied the game in the fourth, scored 3 in the 5th, and added runs in the seventh, eighth, and ninth to pull away late. Sean Roby homered on what was his 23rd birthday, his seventh homer of the season and his second homer in as many days. Brett Auerbach finished with a team-high 3 hits in a 3-for-4 night at the plate, and Nolan Dempsey made his Emeralds debut after being recently called up from the Arizona Complex League, going 1-for-3 with a 2-RBI double in his very first at-bat as an Emerald.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene's deficit in the standings has ballooned to 2.5 games and they'll now need to sweep the remaining three games of the six-game series against Everett to move back into first place. For the fourth straight night, Everett will be sending one of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects (per MLB.com) to the mound as RHP Tim Elliott, the 23rd ranked prospect in the Seattle system, will take the ball for the Frogs tonight. Eugene will counter with one of San Francisco's top 30 prospects in the form of RHP Kai-Wei Teng, the 18th ranked prospect in the Giants system. Teng will be making his first appearance of the season against Everett while Elliott previously faced Eugene on June 9, firing just 3.2 innings with 6 strikeouts while allowing 6 hits, 2 earned runs, and one walk. Elliott is coming off his roughest outing of the season to date, allowing 11 hits and 7 runs (6 earned) his last time out on July 2 vs. Vancouver.

## QUICK HITS

### Roster Additions

Since the turn of the month, 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.
  - 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.

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 - Colombia), spent two separate stints with the Venezuelan National Team this summer, first at the WIBC Olympic Qualifying Tournament held in Florida and later at the WISC 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 Friday ranked 7-12th in all of Minor League Baseball in walks, still sitting on 40 BBs after leaving Tuesday's game early due to injury.

### 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 56 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (623). Their 623 collective strikeouts are 20 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 603). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 2nd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Hudson Valley Renegades (NY) who have 625. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 623 K's rank 7th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 723 K's. Entering Wednesday night, San Jose's 723 K's are 53 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 Thursday night, the Frogs rank 3rd in all of Minor League Baseball in runs scored (383), 1st in doubles (42), 7th in triples (19), 2nd in on-base percentage (.377), and 7th in OPS (.831). Everett's absurd amount of doubles lead the

Minors by a wide margin, with the Reno Aces (Triple-A West | Arizona Diamondbacks) the next closest team at 121. Everett's 383 runs scored lead all of High-A by a wiiiiiiiide margin, 45 more than the next closest High-A team (Ashville Tourists | High-A East | Houston Astros).

### 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.

### Notes on Everett

- Kaden Polcovich and Austin Shenton both enter today tied for the most runs scored in all of High-A ball (49). Zach DeLoach ranks 5th (45) and Carter Bins ranks 6th (162).
- Austin Shenton leads all of High-A in doubles (22) while Zach DeLoach and Jack Larsen both rank T-2nd (19).
- Austin Shenton ranks T-3rd in all of High-A in RBIs (46) while Kaden Polcovich ranks 6th (43).

### 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 Thien
- #10 RHP Isaiah Campbell
- #11 OF Zach DeLoach
- #12 RHP Levi Stoudt
- #17 3B Austin Shenton
- #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 (7-14y 11)
- #5 LHP Seth Curry
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

### Olympic Emcs

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 WIBC 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 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.

### Kilian Killed It

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

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	34-22
Home*	17-10
Road	17-12
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	31-21

Runs Scored	296
Runs Against	275
Run Differential	+21
Team AVG	.239
Team ERA	4.49
HR for/against	54/49
Strikeouts (pitching)	623
Strikeouts (hitting)	550

Current Streak	L2
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L4

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
I-Run Games	10-1

May	15-9
June	17-8
July	2-5
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	24-8
Opponent Scores First	10-14

Monday	0-2
Tuesday	8-1
Wednesday	5-4
Thursday	5-4
Friday	6-3
Saturday	4-5
Sunday	6-2

vs. Everett	1-2
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 Emcs dropped both games of that doubleheader.

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)  
 - OBP: .122 (1st)  
 - WHIP: 0.46 (1st)

### Can't Touch Dabo

RJ Dabovich allowed a HR in each of his first two outings of the season (5/4 & 5/7 at SPD). He did not allow a hit in any of his remaining outings as an Emerald. Yes, you read that correctly. In 8 APPs as an Emerald before being promoted, Dabovich fired 10.2 scoreless, hitless innings while allowing just 5 BB, notching 23 K's, and going 4-for-4 in save opportunities.

### 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.

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	36	19	.655	-	383	227
Eugene	34	22	.607	2.5	296	275
Vancouver	28	29	.491	9.0	292	300
Spokane	27	30	.474	10.0	259	271
Hillsboro	23	32	.418	13.0	228	281
Tri-City	20	36	.357	16.5	201	201

## HIGH-A WEST LEADERS

NAME	STAT	RANK	NAME	STAT	RANK		
Ismael Munguia	.281	AVG	10th	Chris Wright	5	SV	T-2nd
Tyler Fitzgerald	7	HR	T-8th	Ryan Walker	19	APPs	T-5th
Franklin Labour	38	R	7th				
	32	RBI	7th				
	3	3B	T-4th				
			31				
			10th				
Logan Wyatt	.405	OBP%	6th				
	40	BB	2nd				
Seth Corry	75	K	1st				
	.182	AVG	2nd				

## HIGH-A WEST TRANSACTIONS

**July 9:**  
 - Hillsboro Hops transferred RHP Conor Grammes from the 7-day injured list to the 60-day injured list.

**July 8:**  
 - 1B Jacob Gonzalez assigned to ACL Giants Black (RDK) from Eugene Emeralds.  
 - Spokane Indians placed RHP Derrick Watson on the 7-day injured list.

**July 7:**  
 - Eugene Emeralds released RHP John Timmins.

**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.

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #40 Kai-Wei Teng (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MINN  
 Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan School: N/A  
 Born: December 1, 1998 (22)

**PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Curveball, Split-Changeup

**BIO:** Ranked as the #18 prospect in the San Francisco Giants system, per MLB.com. Acquired from the Minnesota Twins along with Jaylin Davis and Prelander Berroa in exchange for Sam Dyson. Signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. Went undefeated over 14 appearances in 2019 despite being traded mid-season, going 7-0 between Augusta (SAL) and Cedar Rapids (MWL) with a 1.58 ERA and 88 K's in 79.2 IP. Per MLB.com: "When they traded Sam Dyson to the Twins in July 2019, the Giants received three potentially useful pieces in Teng, slugger Jaylin Davis and

live-armed righty Prelander Berroa. Teng originally signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. He dominated low Class A at age 20, going 7-0 with a 1.58 ERA and a .510 opponent OPS, but did not come to the United States amid the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. Teng works with four mostly average pitches, starting with a four-seam fastball that ranges from 90-94 with riding action up in the strike zone. Some scouts believe his fading changeup is his best secondary offering, while others point to his low-90s slider. He also mixes in an upper-70s curveball. Teng's repertoire plays better than the sum of its parts because he possesses tremendous feel for his craft. He has a knack for reading swings and sequencing his pitches, keeping hitters off balance while locating his offerings with precision. He already carries 260 pounds on his 6-foot-4 frame, so he'll have to keep his body in check to reach his ceiling as a back-of-the-rotation workhorse." Per Fan-Graphs, "Teng was one of two players, along with Junior Severino, who the Twins signed after voiding amateur shortstop Jelly Marte's \$3 million deal due to vision issues. It didn't take long for them to flip Teng to San Francisco as part of the package that netted Sam Dyson. He has a thick lower half and is a middling athlete, but he's very well balanced over his blocking leg and otherwise has a smooth delivery that should not only enable him to throw enough strikes to remain a starter, but perhaps develop plus command, as well. There's already strong breaking ball utility here, the ability to vary shape based on location, and competitive, arm-side changeup feel, too. Teng's frame is maxed out, so he probably won't add velo, but that's still a No. 4/5 skillset."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	3	5.11	9	9	0	0	0	0	37.0	32	22	21	6	4	22	0	53	.239	2

### #21 Tim Elliott (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 200 lbs Acquired: Round 4 (2019)  
 Hometown: Loganville, GA School: Georgia  
 Born: October 11, 1997 (23)

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

**Notes:** #23 prospect in Seattle Mariners system, per MLB.com. Spent 3 seasons at the University of Georgia, 2017-19 ... 2019: Spent first professional season with the AquaSox ... among Northwest League leaders, ranked 11.0th with 11 starts ... earned first career win on July 26 vs. Tri-City ... averaged 10.38 strikeouts per 9.0 innings (35 K, 30.1 IP) ... 2020: Did not play due to the COVID-19 pandemic...participated in Mariners Player Development Fall League ... U. Georgia 2019: Elliott was part of a staff that set school records for most strikeouts and lowest opponent's batting average, plus he posted the second-best ERA in school history at 3.24 and the second fewest

runs allowed ... Elliott sits 89-94 mph with his fastball and couples that with a solid slider and an above-average changeup ... He throws a lot of strikes, too ... After pitching just 34.2 innings in his first two seasons at Georgia, Elliott enjoyed a breakout campaign in 2019 ... He is also a three-time member of the Academic All-Southeastern Conference Team ... Elliott was the first Bulldog drafted by the Mariners since 2018 when (former AquaSox) outfielder Keegan McGovern was taken in the ninth round ... in the meantime, former Georgia RHP Emerson Hancock was taken by the Mariners in the first round last year ... Per MLB.com: "Elliott was a reliever and swingman over his first two seasons at the University of Georgia, then he got a chance to be part of the Bulldogs' rotation as a junior and took off in a breakthrough season, establishing himself as the best midweek starter in the country. Seattle was on the hunt for college pitching ahead of the 2019 Draft and went with Elliott among five such arms selected. He signed for the below-slot value of \$400,000 and went on to have a solid pro debut in the short-season Northwest League. A lean 6-foot-1, 170 pounds when he began pitching in college, Elliott bulked up to 200 pounds by the time he began his pro career, which allowed his stuff to play up. He throws his fastball in the 89- to 94-mph range and showed he can maintain that velocity deep into starts. But there is a lot of room to create more velocity. He does a nice job mixing in three secondary offerings. His changeup is the best of those, an above-average offspeed pitch, and he makes good use of his average slider and even his fringy curve. Command can sometimes be a concern for Elliott, though he did show strike-throwing improvement during his junior year. If he can keep that up, with his arsenal, he has the chance to eventually develop into a back-end starter."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	1	5.03	9	2	0	0	0	0	34.0	37	21	19	5	0	17	0	42	.266	8

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
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
Thursday, July 15	7:05pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Friday, July 16	7:05pm PST	@Spokane Indians	TBD Opener, then RHP Nick Avila	TBD