



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #49 | June 30, 2021 | Ron Tonkin Field | Hillsboro, OR

Eugene Emeralds (31-17) vs. Hillsboro Hops (19-28)

LHP Seth Corry (1-2, 4.95 ERA) vs. LHP Blake Walston (0-0, -- ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Eugene made it three-in-a-row and stayed 0.5 game ahead of the Everett AquaSox in the standings with a 8-2 win in Tuesday's series opener in Hillsboro. The Emeralds needed only two pitchers over the nine innings as 'opener' Solomon Bates fired the first three innings (3.0 IP | 3 H | 2 ER | 2 BB | 5 K) while Nick Avila pitched the final six innings, facing the minimum in all six innings while inducing three double plays and issuing no walks (6.0 IP | 3 H | 0 R | 0 BB | 4 K). Will Wilson tallied a game-high 3 hits and finished a homer short of the cycle while Louisville Cardinals Logan Wyatt and Tyler Fitzgerald each reached base three times.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

It's a matchup of talented southpaws on the rubber today as 5th ranked Dbacks prospect Blake Walston takes on 5th ranked Giants prospect Seth Corry. Walston will be making his first start with the Hops today after being recently promoted from Low-A Visalia where he went 2-2 over 8 starts with a 3.32 ERA and 60 K's in 43.1 IP. Corry will be looking to right the ship after a pair of tough back-to-back starts that saw him surrender a combined 11 earned runs, more than he had surrendered in his previous 7 starts combined. The Utah native continues to be plagued by control issues and currently ranks 4th in all of Minor League Baseball in walks (36), but he's had no problem punching batters out as his 62 K's rank 5th in all of High-A.

QUICK HITS

Roster Additions

Last Saturday, the Emeralds made the following roster moves:

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

Olympic Em's

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 WBSC 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.

Fitzzy Gets Frisky

Emeralds infielder Tyler Fitzgerald was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 21-27, the second consecutive week that an Emerald has received the honor. Playing in all six games during the week, Fitzgerald went 9-for-21 (.429) at the plate with 2 doubles, 3 HRs, and 4 RBIs while posting a 1.407 OPS. Following the week, Fitzgerald ranked T-4th in the High-A West in RBIs (3), T-5th in HRs (7), T-7th in runs (34) and 10th in total bases (73).

Labour Lights It Up

Emeralds outfielder Franklin Labour was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 14-20. Over five games played during the week, Labour posed 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.

Arizona Diamondbacks Prospect Watch

Despite it being a frustrating start to the season so far for the Hops, there's no shortage of top Dbacks talent on the roster. Per MLB.com, Hillsboro boasts 7 of Arizona's top 30 prospects, 6 of which are currently active:

- #1 OF Corbin Carroll (IL)
- #5 LHP Blake Walston
- #6 RHP Slade Seccoin

- #17 INF Blaze Alexander
- #21 RHP Drey Jameson
- #25 RHP Conor Grammes
- #27 INF/OF Tristin English

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
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

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.

Strikeout Savants

Through 49 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (543). Their 543 collective strikeouts are 20 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 523). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked tied for 2nd in all of High-A, too, tied with the Cedar Rapids Kernels (MINN) and trailing only the Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY) who have 553. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 543 K's rank 8th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 642 K's. San Jose's 642 K's are 72 more than the next closest team (Somerset Patriots | NYY).

So Offensive

The Emeralds offense has seen its numbers creep up and up during the current homestand, and now the Emeralds rank T-7th in all of High-A in runs scored (264), 3rd in walks (234), 5th in on-base percentage (.347), and 10th in OPS (.744).

Hops Hauling A**

The Hops just won't stop running. Hillsboro leads ALL of the Minor Leagues in stolen bases with 131 through 47 games played. Their 132 SBs are 29 more than the next closest team, the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (MIL | High-A Central).

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 last Thursday evening against the Columbia Fireflies (Low-A | KC). Estrada

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	31-17
Home*	16-8
Road	15-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	2-1
Night	29-16

Runs Scored	264
Runs Against	230
Team AVG	.239
Team ERA	4.29
Hits for/against	373/365
HR for/against	47/42
Strikeouts (pitching)	543
Strikeouts (hitting)	470

Current Streak	W3
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L4

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

May	15-9
June	16-8
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	21-6
Opponent Scores First	10-11

Monday	0-2
Tuesday	7-1
Wednesday	4-3
Thursday	4-4
Friday	6-2
Saturday	4-4
Sunday	6-1

vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	10-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2

Series Openers	8-1
Series Finales	6-2

*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 Em's dropped both games of that doubleheader.

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 19.1 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 41 batters while going 4-for-4 in save opportunities.

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.

- Tyler Schimpf - Texas
- Armani Smith - UC Santa Barbara
- Heath Quinn - Samford
- Will Wilson - 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 (3rd)
 - Doubles: 12 (T-7th)
 - SLG: .503 (8th)
 - OPS: .851 (10th)
 - XBH: 23 (T-2nd)
 - Total Bases: 87 (T-2nd)
 - Runs: 33 (10th)
- Franklin Labour:
- HR: 6 (T-9th)
 - RBI: 30 (T-6th)
 - BB: 27 (8th)
- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- HR: 7 (T-5th)
 - RBI: 30 (T-6th)
 - Runs: 35 (7th)
- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 37 (T-1st)
 - OBP: .404 (7th)
- Brandon Martorano:
- Triples: 3 (T-2nd)

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS						
	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	31	17	.646	-	264	230
Everett	30	17	.638	0.5	328	189
Vancouver	26	23	.531	5.5	254	257
Spokane	22	27	.449	9.5	224	233
Hillsboro	19	28	.404	11.5	192	146
Tri-City	16	32	.333	15.0	160	167

- Kai-Wei Teng
- K: 51 (T68th)
- Seth Corry:
- K: 62 (2nd)
- Ryan Walker:
- Games: 17 (T-4th)
- Chris Wright:
- Saves: 4 (T-5th)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#14 Seth Corry (LHP)

Height: 6'2 Weight: 195 lbs Acquired: Round 3, 96th (2017)
 Hometown: Alpine, UT School: Lone Peak HS (Highland, UT)
 Born: November 3, 1998 (22)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

BIO: An all-state safety as a Utah prepster, Corry tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee playing football as a junior but rebounded in 2017 to become the state's best high school prospect since Mark Pawelek was a Cubs first-rounder in 2005. Signed for a well-over-slot \$1 million as a third-rounder, Corry broke out in the second half of 2019 and won low Class A South Atlantic

League pitcher of the year honors after leading the circuit in ERA (1.76, second in the Minors), strikeouts (172, fourth), strikeout rate (12.6 per nine innings, fifth), whiff rate (34 percent, fifth) and opponent average (.171, third). The Giants didn't bring their young pitchers to their alternate site last summer, so he worked out at home before reporting to instructional league. Corry has three solid or better offerings, highlighted by an upper-70s curveball with downer action that he often commands better than his fastball. His heater usually operates in the low 90s and tops out at 96 mph with armside run, though he worked at 93-95 in shorter stints during instructional league. He made significant improvements with his changeup in 2019, which helped him do a better job of keeping right-handers in check. Corry finished strong in 2019 once he developed a better and more consistent tempo in his delivery, reducing his walk rate to 2.6 per nine innings in the second half from 6.2 earlier in his career. He does throw with some effort but has the athleticism to make it work. He elicits comparisons to a young Matt Moore, who like Corry repeated Rookie ball and needed time to learn to harness his stuff.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	2	4.95	9	9	0	0	0	0	36.1	24	24	20	2	11	36	0	62	.194	5

Blake Walston (LHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 175 lbs Acquired: Round 1, 26th (2019)
 Hometown: Wilmington, NC School: New Hanover HS (Wilmington, NC)
 Born: June 28, 2001 (20)

PITCHES: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

Notes: The D-backs were thrilled to find the Gatorade North Carolina high school player of the year still on the board for their second pick in the first round and made him New Hanover's highest-drafted player since the Red Sox took Trot Nixon seventh overall in 1993. A quarterback in high school, the D-backs liked his competitive makeup and athleticism. After signing for \$2,450,000, Walston showed an uptick in velocity and stuff across two levels during his pro debut, offering club officials a glimpse of his high ceiling on the mound. He followed that up by spending last summer at the team's alternate training site where he more than held his own against more experienced players before finishing up at Instructional League. Walston's velocity fluctuated between the upper-80s and low-90s during his senior year, but has been more consistently in the mid-to-upper 90s as he's matured physically since the Draft. His plus curveball may already be the best in the system, thrown in the mid- to upper-70s with tight spin and depth that makes it a weapon against hitters on both sides of the plate. He rounds out his four-pitch mix with a lateral-breaking slider and he made great strides with a changeup last summer, giving him the chance to have four above-average offerings. Walston is tall and lanky, but he has a good arm action as well as a clean delivery that continues to improve with physical maturation. He's already added strength since signing and has considerable room to grow into his 6-foot-5 frame. Combine that with the maturity he showed against older competition this spring and the development of the changeup and you can understand why the D-backs see him as a future front-line starter. BA.

Stats with Low-A Visalia:

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	2	2.32	8	8	0	0	0	0	43.1	34	18	16	4	0	17	0	60	.209	6

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, July 1	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Brandon Pfaadt
Friday, July 2	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Slade Cecconi
Saturday, July 3	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Sunday, July 4	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	LHP Kenny Hernandez
Tuesday, July 6	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, July 7	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD