



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #60 | July 13, 2021 | Avista Stadium | Spokane, WA
Eugene Emeralds (34-25) at Spokane Indians (28-32)
RHP Aaron Phillips (3-5, 6.46 ERA) vs. LHP Helcris Olivarez (2-7, 5.50 ERA)
Listen live on 95.3FM The Score or on the MiLB Gameday app



LAST TIME OUT

Thank goodness that is over with.. after winning the first game of a six-game series against first place Everett (and moving within 0.5 game of first place in the process), the Emeralds dropped their next five against the Frogs, all in lopsided fashion, to now see themselves 5.5 games back of the league leaders. Everett outscored the Emeralds 51-12 over the final five games of the series to hand Eugene just their second series loss of the season - both of which have come against the AquaSox. Carter Aldrete was one of the few bright spots for the Emeralds on Sunday, homering the opposite way for the second straight game. High-A West strikeout leader had another roller coaster outing, looking comfortable until walking the bases loaded in the fourth and finishing with 3.2 IP and 6 ER allowed.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Emeralds will be facing LHP Helcris Olivarez for the fourth time this season, and they've had success in the previous three meetings. Olivarez is 0-2 against the Emeralds this season, firing just 4.0 IP in all three starts will allowing a combined 15 hits, 10 runs, 8 ER, 6 BB and 8 K's. However, the Rockies' #7 overall prospect per MLB.com seems to have turned a corner of late, going 1-1 with a 2.14 ER and 30 K's in 21.0 IP over his last four outings. Phillips, meanwhile, will be facing the Indians for just the second time this season. His only previous appearance against Spokane came in his first outing as an Emerald on May 26 when he allowed 6 hits, 4 runs, 3 ER and 1 BB over 3.2 innings with 3 K's. Michael Toglia returns to the Spokane lineup after a quick stint away from the team at the MLB Future's Game where he hit a home run in what he hopes to be his future big league ballpark, Coors Field. The Emeralds will once again be without 1B Logan Wyatt who has been out since exiting the game last Tuesday.

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 .919 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 WIBC 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.

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 23.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 47 batters while going 9-for-9 in save opportunities.

Strikeout Savants

Through 59 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (663). Their 663 collective strikeouts are 30 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 633). 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 665. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 663 K's rank 7th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 754 K's. Entering Tuesday night, San Jose's 754 K's are 53 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

So Offensive

The Everett offense has flexed their muscles all season long, and last week in Eugene was no different. After the six-game series in Eugene, Everett enters Tuesday night ranking 3rd in all of Minor League Baseball in runs scored (104), 1st in doubles (151), 6th in BB (323), 2nd in on-base percentage (.379), and 6th in OPS (.840). 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 130. Everett's 104 runs scored lead all of High-A by a wide margin, 55 more than the next closest High-A team (Quad Cities River Bandits | High-A Central | Kansas City Royals).

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.

Toglia Tees Off In Futures Game

"I'll be honest," Toglia said of the first pitch. "I was swinging no matter what." Toglia, a 2019 first-round draft choice, hammered a first-pitch home run - a third-inning, two-run blast that helped propel the National League to an 8-3 victory over the American League. "That definitely put me on Cloud Nine," said Toglia. "This is the biggest stage that I've ever been in front of... First pitch, I was looking for a fast ball. He came in, I stayed inside, and then kept it in the middle of the field." Homered off of Cole Ragans (Rangers). "(He) hits for power from both sides," said Ryan Vilade (Triple-A Albuquerque) who also played in Futures Game. "He's a really good athlete and defender. I predict him being a gold glove at first base." Toglia said there is "no timestamp" for when he expects to make his leap to the major leagues. But the 6-foot-5, 226-pound infielder said: "I see myself as an every day, middle-of-the-order bat, run producer, and saving a lot of errors at first base... Seeing that many people in the stands, that's something that I've personally never seen before," Toglia said. "That really told me that: We're here. This is real." Of note, Toglia's former Spokane teammate, Willie MacIver, also played game, and is currently with the Double-A Hartford Yard Goats. MacIver entered the game in the fifth, struck out twice but successfully threw out a runner at third on a steal attempt.

Little Giants On Big Stage

The San Francisco Giants had two players participate in the recent MLB Futures Game: SS Marco Luciano (San Jose Giants | Low-A) and Heliot Ramos (Richmond Flying Squirrels | Double-A). Luciano went 0-for-1 with walk while Ramos went 0-for-1.

Colorado Rockies Prospect Watch

The Indians host 7 of the Colorado Rockies top 30 prospects, including 5 of the top 8:

- #3 1B Michael Toglia
- #5 3B Aaron Schunk
- #6 OF Brenton Doyle
- #7 LHP Helcris Olivarez
- #8 RHP Chris McMahon
- #24 OF Niko Decolati
- #29 RHP Shelby Laxey

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 Curry
- #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 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	34-25
Home*	17-13
Road	17-12
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	31-24

Runs Scored	304
Runs Against	306
Run Differential	-2
Team AVG	.236
Team ERA	4.78
HR for/against	57/56
Strikeouts (pitching)	663
Strikeouts (hitting)	580

Current Streak	L5
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5

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

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

Scoring First	24-8
Opponent Scores First	10-18

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

vs. Everett	1-5
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	6-4

*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.

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	39	19	.672	-	414	235
Eugene	34	25	.576	5.5	304	306
Vancouver	30	30	.500	10.0	305	312
Spokane	28	32	.467	12.0	271	284
Hillsboro	24	34	.414	15.0	242	295
Tri-City	22	37	.373	17.5	215	319

HIGH-A WEST LEADERS

NAME	STAT	RANK	NAME	STAT	RANK		
Tyler Fitzgerald	7	HR	T-9th	Ismael Munguia	.278	AVG	10th
	38	R	7th	Chris Wright	5	SV	T-3rd
Franklin Labour	32	RBI	T-8th	Ryan Walker	20	APPs	T-5th
	3	3B	T-4th				
	32	BB	T-9th				
Logan Wyatt	405	OB%	7th				
	40	BB	3rd				
Seth Corry	81	K	1st				
	.199	AVG	st				

HIGH-A WEST TRANSACTIONS

- July 12:**
 - C David Sheaffer assigned to Everett AquaSox from Tacoma Rainiers (AAA).
 - RHP Bobby Ay assigned to Hillsboro Hops from Visalia Rawhide (Low-A).
 - Hillsboro Hops placed LHP Julio Frias on the 7-day injured list.
- July 11:**
 - C Carter Bins assigned to Arkansas Travelers (AA) from Everett AquaSox.
- July 10:**
 - 3B LJ Hatch assigned to Albuquerque Isotopes (AAA) from Spokane Indians.
 - C Greg Jones assigned to Hartford Yard Goats (AA) from Spokane Indians.
- July 9:**
 - Hillsboro Hops transferred RHP Conor Grammes from the 7-day IL to the 60-day IL.
- July 8:**
 - 1B Jacob Gonzalez assigned to ACL Giants Black (ROK) 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.

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)

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 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

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	5	6.46	8	8	0	0	0	0	39.0	55	33	28	1	4	16	0	27	.346	2

#27 Helcris Olivarez (LHP)

Height: 6'2 Weight: 192 lbs Acquired: International FA (8/12/2016)
 Hometown: San Francisco de Macoris, DR School: N/A
 Born: August 8, 2000 (20)

pitcher's body teams covet, especially coming from the left side. He consistently sat 95-97 mph at the alternate site and instructs in 2020, complementing it with good feel for spinning a power curve, which shows glimpses of being a plus pitch and he continues to work on his changeup, which does show good action at times. More than anything, Olivarez needs to work on gaining more consistency, especially in repeating his delivery in a controlled way. He's generally around the strike zone, but he can get sped up, leading to a loss in command. The Rockies love his work ethic and baseball IQ, giving more confidence he'll be able to reach what appears to be a very high ceiling.

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

Notes: #7 prospect in Colorado Rockies system, per MLB.com. Per MLB.com, "The Rockies gave eight players bonuses of six figures or higher during the 2016-17. Some are no longer with the organization and none are on the Rockies' Top 30. But Olivarez, who got just \$77,000 in August of 2016, has as big of an arrow next to his name as any pitching prospect in the organization in some time. Though he's yet to pitch above a rookie-ball level, the left-hander did impress as the youngest player at the team's alternate site in 2020, showing enough to get added to the 40-man roster this offseason. At 6-foot-3 and around 200 pounds, Olivarez has the prototypical

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	7	5.50	12	12	0	0	0	0	55.2	51	38	34	6	12	34	0	61	.250	9

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Wednesday, July 14	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Chris McMahon
Thursday, July 15	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Mitch Kilkenny
Friday, July 16	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	TBD Opener, then RHP Nick Avila	RHP Will Ethridge
Saturday, July 17	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	LHP Seth Corry	LHP Breiling Eusebio
Sunday, July 18	5:09pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Aaron Phillips	LHP Helcris Olivarez
Tuesday, July 20	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD