



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #18 | May 23, 2021 | Gesa Stadium | Pasco, WA  
Eugene Emeralds (11-6) vs. Tri-City Dust Devils (5-12)  
RHP Kai-Wei Teng (1-1, 4.97 ERA) vs. RHP Dylan King (0-2, 13.97 ERA)  
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## LAST TIME OUT

What else is there to say? Caleb Kilian was as close to perfect as one can be. The Emeralds right-hander, who entered the day leading the league in strikeouts, fired 6.2 perfect innings before allowing the first base runner of the game on a two-out double. Kilian went on to retire the next batter, capping a sensational performance that saw him fire a career-high 7.0 scoreless innings with one hit, no walks, and a career-high ten strikeouts. Ryan Walker pitched a scoreless, hitless eighth and DJ Dabovich followed in the ninth by doing the exact same, capping a 1-0 win and a one-hit performance by the Emeralds pitching staff.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

RHP Kai-Wei Teng makes his second start of the series in today's series finale, and he put forth what is unquestionably his best outing of the season the last time out on Tuesday, firing 5.0 scoreless innings while allowing three hits, one walk, and notching seven strikeouts. The Emeralds enter the day in a three-way tie for first place with Everett and Vancouver, and they'll look to maintain that standing and head home on a three-game win streak before starting a six-game set at PK Park on Tuesday against the Spokane Indians.

## QUICK HITS

### Kilian Is Killing it

Kilian has excelled in all four of his starts this season, with the most recent one being one of the most impressive performances on the mound in the entire Minor Leagues so far in 2021. Kilian fired 6.2 perfect innings on Saturday night 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 ranks at-or-near the top of virtually every notable statistical category in the High-A:

- Wins: 2 (T-1st)
- ERA: 1.84 (4th)
- K: 22 (1st)
- OPP AVG: .154 (3rd)
- WHIP: 0.61 (1st)

### Rincones Rakes

Rincones has been a consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through two weeks, finding himself at-or-near the top of the league in numerous categories:

- AVG: .353 (1st)
- HR: 4 (T-3rd)
- OB%: .424 (5th)
- SLG: .667 (1st)
- OPS: 1.090 (1st)
- Hits: 18 (T-4th)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-6th)
- Total Bases: 34 (4th)

### Strikeout Savants

Through 16 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (215) while at the plate, Eugene has posted the fewest strikeouts in the league (161).

### Holy Jose

After Thursday's wild one, Marte now finds himself tied for

the league lead in saves (3) after working himself in-and-out of a jam by striking out the side. 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.

### Russell Goes Back-To-Back

RHP John Russell became the first Emeralds bullpen arm to work back-to-back nights after firing a scoreless inning of work on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Russell did not allow a single base runner in either outing. In a bullpen full of quality arms, Russell have been one of the best to start the 2021 season, firing 7.0 scoreless innings over five appearances with 11 strikeouts while allowing just two hits and one walk.

### Fitzzy Feeling Frisky

INF Tyler Fitzgerald is one of just two players in the league (Rodriguez - EVE) to place in the top 10 in the High-A West in both runs scored and RBI. After slugging his second homer of the season on Wednesday vs. Tri-City, a two-run bomb, Fitzgerald now ranks T-8th in the league in RBI (10) and T-7th in runs scored (12).

### Whiteman Has Got Wheels

INF Simon Whiteman has been a menace on the bases whenever he has reached, which has been often when he has played (.417 OB%). Whiteman is a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts this season.

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 7 of the organization's top 30 prospects:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #6 C Patrick Bailey

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	11-6
Home*	3-3
Road	8-3
Neutral	0-0
Day	0-0
Night	11-6
Runs Scored	97
Runs Against	69
Team AVG	.246
Team ERA	3.79
Hits for/against	138/106
HR for/against	18/17
Strikeouts (pitching)	215
Strikeouts (hitting)	161
Current Streak	W2
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2
Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	2-1
May	11-6
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	8-1
Opponent Scores First	3-5
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	2-1
Friday	3-0
Saturday	1-2
Sunday	2-0
vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro	3-3
vs. Spokane	0-0
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	0-0
at Everett	0-0
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	3-2
at Vancouver	0-0
Series Openers	3-0
Series Finales	2-0

\*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.

#12 SS/2B Will Wilson  
 #17 1B Logan Wyatt  
 #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng  
 #30 RHP Caleb Kilian

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	11	6	.647	–	97	69
Everett	11	6	.647	–	114	63
Vancouver	11	6	.647	–	82	65
Hillsboro	7	10	.412	4.0	63	79
Spokane	6	11	.353	5.0	72	101
Tri-City	5	12	.294	6.0	62	113

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

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

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MIN (3/31/19)

Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan

Born: December 1, 1998

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

**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. Per MLB Pipeline: 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-80s 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.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	1	4.97	3	3	0	0	0	0	12.2	12	8	7	1	1	7	0	13	.261	1

### #34 Dylan King (RHP)

Height: 6'3 Weight: 190 lbs Acquired: 18th Round (2018)

Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN School: Belmont

Born: December 5, 1996 (24)

**PITCHES:** Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** After being named the 2018 OVC preseason pitcher of the year, King sat out the 2018 season after suffering an injury on opening day but was has been an unstoppable force on the mound during his career for the Bruins. During his sophomore campaign, King logged 77.2 innings of work as a weekend starter for the Belmont pitching staff. He struck out a conference-best

108 batters and orchestrated five double-digit strikeout performances. He ranked among the best in the OVC with a 3.71 ERA, allowing just 32 earned runs, the third fewest in the conference. King was named to the 2017 All-Ohio Valley Conference first team for his efforts. King cemented his name in the Belmont record book as his 108 punch outs a year ago were the second-most any Bruin has recorded in a single season. King is the fifth Bruin to be drafted since 2015 and the 39th Belmont player selected in the MLB Entry Draft.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	2	13.97	3	2	0	0	0	0	9.2	15	18	15	5	1	7	0	11	.333	0

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Tuesday, May 25	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	LHP Seth Corry	TBD
Wednesday, May 26	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	RHP Nick Morreale	TBD
Thursday, May 27	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD