



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #26 | June 2, 2021 | Ron Tonkin Field | Hillsboro, OR

Eugene Emeralds (16-9) vs. Vancouver Canadians (15-10)

RHP Conner Nurse (0-2, 5.40 ERA) vs. RHP CJ Van Eyk (0-1, 5.87 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

It was a dominant performance across the board for the Emeralds in Tuesday's road series opener against the Vancouver Canadians, notching a 7-1 win behind a three-run blast from Tyler Fitzgerald - his second HR in as many games - and 6.0 inning of stellar work from starting pitcher RHP Aaron Phillips. Patrick Bailey tallied three doubles on the evening and Fitzgerald finished with five RBIs. Bryce Tucker pitched the final three frames of the game, allowing just one hit and one walk while striking out two batters to help give the Emeralds pitching staff some much appreciated extra rest.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

It's a matchup of two young pitchers still searching for their first win this season in Eugene's RHP Conner Nurse (21 y.o) and Vancouver's RHP CJ Van Eyk (22 y.o). Nurse hasn't labored in any of his four outings by any means, but he has struggled with the long ball having surrendered a home run in each of his four starts. Meanwhile, save for his first start of the season, Van Eyk has been solid in his three starts since, highlighted by a 6.0 inning performance against Hillsboro on May 20 that saw him allow just 1 ER and 1 BB while striking out 9 batters.

QUICK HITS

Coming And Going

Last week saw the season's first major wave of roster transactions, listed below:

Departures:

- RHP Jasier Herrera (Triple-A Sacramento)
- RHP Caleb Kilian (Double-A Richmond)
- RHP Jose Marte (Double-A Richmond)
- OF Diego Rincones (Olympic Qualifying - Venezuela)
- OF Ismael Munguia (Olympic Qualifying - Nicaragua)

Arrivals:

- OF Tyler Flores (Low-A San Jose)
- RHP Aaron Phillips (Rookie Complex League)
- RHP John Timmins (Rookie Complex League)
- LHP Chris Wright (Low-A San Jose)

Strikeout Savants

Through 20 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (316) while at the plate, Eugene has posted the fewest strikeouts in the league (242). The Eugene pitching staff in particular has been especially dominant in the K's category. Their 316 collective strikeouts are 35 more than the next closest team

Not On Bailey's Watch

2020 First Rounder Patrick Bailey showcased his powerful arm time after time on last Wednesday night by throwing out four would-be Spokane base stealers. After that performance, Bailey has now caught 11 base stealers this season, second-most in all of the Minor Leagues (Israel Pineda - Wilmington Blue Rocks - 14 CS)

Big Knock Bob Makes Debut

San Francisco native, University of San Francisco product, and lifelong Giants fan Robert Emery made his Emeralds debut last Wednesday night, going 2-for-2 with two doubles, a walk and a run scored. Emery joined the team last week in Tri-City but hadn't seen any action until last night. While playing

time might be hard to come by with the likes of Patrick Bailey and Brandon Martorano on the roster, night's like the one Emery had on Wednesday certainly bolster his case for more playing time.

Whiteman Has Got Wheels

INF Simon Whiteman has been a menace on the bases whenever he has reached, which has been relatively often when he has played (.400 OB%). Whiteman is a perfect 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts this season, the only player in the High-A West with double-digit stolen base attempts that hasn't been caught stealing at least once. Only two other players across all of High-A can claim the same feat (Delvin Zinn - South Bend Cubs - 20 SB - 0 CS | Nathan Eaton - Quad City River Bandits - 12 SB - 0 CS).

Kilian Killed It

RHP Caleb Kilian was promoted to Double-A Richmond on Sunday after dominating the High-A West in his four starts as an Emerald. The highlight came last Saturday 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 leaves 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)
- OPP AVG: .122 (1st)
- WHIP: 0.46 (1st)

Rincones Raked

OF Diego Rincones has departed the team to join the Venezuelan National Team for upcoming Olympic Qualifying taking place in mid-June in Florida. Rincones had been a

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	16-9
Home*	6-6
Road	10-3
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-0
Night	15-9
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Runs Scored	125
Runs Against	99
Team AVG	.235
Team ERA	3.65
Hits for/against	192/162
HR for/against	24/23
Strikeouts (pitching)	316
Strikeouts (hitting)	242
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Current Streak	21
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2
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Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	5-1
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May	15-9
June	1-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	10-1
Opponent Scores First	6-8
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Monday	0-2
Tuesday	3-0
Wednesday	1-2
Thursday	3-1
Friday	3-1
Saturday	1-3
Sunday	4-0
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vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro	3-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	0-0
at Everett	0-0
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	1-0
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Series Openers	5-0
Series Finales	4-0

*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.

consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through the first three weeks, with his numbers and league ranks upon his departure as follows:

- AVG: .333 (T-3rd)
- HR: 4 (T-3rd)
- OB%: .413 (5th)
- SLG: .630 (2nd)
- OPS: 1.042 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-5th)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-7th)
- Total Bases: 34 (T-4th)

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.

SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 6 of the organization's top 30 prospects:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #6 C Patrick Bailey
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	16	9	.640	--	125	99
Everett	16	9	.640	--	167	88
Vancouver	15	10	.600	1.0	105	102
Hillsboro	10	15	.400	6.0	91	122
Spokane	9	16	.360	7.0	106	133
Tri-City	9	16	.360	7.0	89	139

#17 1B Logan Wyatt

#18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#35 Conner Nurse (RHP)

Height: 6'6 Weight: 210 lbs Acquired: Round 34, 1026th (2017)
 Hometown: Winter Garden, FL School: Ridge HS (FL)
 Born: July 31, 1999 (21)

throughout. Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, shows balance and ability to repeat, leading to lots of strikes. Medium arm stroke through the back, work to a near over-the-top release point, does a nice job of working on top of the ball to generate nice angle on fastball. Topped out at 90 mph, mostly true in life, tough pitch to elevate due to plane. Curveball shows hammer depth at 79 mph from similar release point, present strength pitch and will manipulate shape/velocity to pitch early in count. Has confidence and feel in his changeup, occasional hard fading life at 74 mph, projects with additional arm speed. Nice feel for a full arsenal and throws off speed pitches for strikes regularly. Righthanded hitter, wide base in the box with a short and inside swing path. Looks to lift and pull the ball, can turn on inner half pitch and flashes pop off the barrel. Named to World Showcase Top Prospect List. Good student. Committed to Seminole State College of Florida."

PITCHES: --

BIO: Signed for \$250,000, \$125,000 over slot. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Just 21-years old, Nurse is pitching in his first full season of pro ball after spending 2018 in Rookie-ball down in Arizona, then splitting time between Arizona and the short-season Northwest league in 2019. Per Perfect Game coming out of high school: "Extra-large, athletic frame with broad shoulders and long limbs, leaner build with room to fill but also has present strength

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	2	5.40	4	4	0	0	0	0	18.1	19	11	11	4	1	9	0	21	.284	0

#15 CJ Van Eyk (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 198 lbs Acquired: Round 2, 42nd (2020)
 Hometown: Tampa, FL School: Florida State
 Born: September 15, 1998 (22)

second round and signed to an above-slot deal. The Blue Jays got another brief look at Van Eyk as part of their fall instructional league, and those within the organization already praise his poise and maturity. Van Eyk comes with a full arsenal that's headlined by a plus curveball, while he spots his fastball well in the low-90s. Van Eyk's changeup is his third pitch, and while it could benefit from some added depth, his arm speed keeps hitters off-balance. The development of that slider will be key long-term, especially late in counts. Van Eyk will have an opportunity to move quickly once he's in full-season ball, given the depth of his arsenal and his maturity on the mound. The athleticism in his delivery, which the Blue Jays always love, leaves evaluators optimistic that he'll keep a clean, repeatable delivery. The Blue Jays are very comfortable with the right-hander sticking as a starter long-term, and the '21 season will offer the first extended look at Van Eyk in pro ball. He's a candidate to make a jump over the next season, especially as some of Toronto's more advanced arms graduate.

PITCHES: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

Notes: Per MLB Pipeline: Van Eyk generated some buzz prior to the 2017 Draft as a high school pitcher out of Florida, but missed time with some arm soreness as a senior and decided to head to Florida State instead of signing with the Mets, who selected him in the 19th Round. After developing into one of the top starters in the 2020 class, Van Eyk was picked by the Blue Jays in the

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	1	5.87	4	4	0	0	0	0	15.1	15	10	10	1	0	7	0	18	.286	2

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, June 3	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	RHP Nick Avila	RHP Luis Quinones
Friday, June 4	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	RHP Travis Perry	RHP Nick Frazee
Saturday, June 5	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Adam Kloffenstein
Sunday, June 6	1:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Paxton Schultz
Tuesday, June 8	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Friday, June 9	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Nick Avila	TBD