



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #32 | June 9, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA

Eugene Emeralds (19-12) vs. Everett AquaSox (18-12)

RHP Nick Avila (1-4, 7.11 ERA) vs. RHP Matt Brash (1-1, 2.11 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

Coming off a frustrating series finale in Hillsboro against the Vancouver Canadians, the Emeralds kicked off a six-game road series against the Everett AquaSox in what is perhaps the most highly anticipated matchup in the High-A West to date. The Emeralds took the game's first lead on the first batter of the game when Simon Whiteman went the opposite way and belted his first HR of the season, but that would be the only lead the Ems had in the game as Everett tied it in the bottom of the first, took the lead in the third, and then held on the rest of the way, holding off a gritty comeback effort from the Emeralds who ultimately fell, 8-6. The real story of the game was the absurd amount of base on balls dished out by both teams: a whopping 22 total walks, 11 for each side. Sean Roby led the way with a game-high 4 BB. Timely two-out hitting and a number of excellent defensive plays by Everett CF Jack Larson - including robbing Logan Wyatt of extra bases with a full-extension diving grab to lead off the 9th - proved to be the difference between the two heavyweights.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Emeralds have not lost more than two consecutive games this season, but they'll enter tonight's matchup looking to avoid their third consecutive defeat as they face off against the 28th ranked prospect in the Seattle Mariners system (per MLB.com) in RHP Matt Brash. Eugene OF Ismael Munguia is expected to make his return to the lineup after spending the past two weeks with the Nicaragua National Team in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Florida. Munguia departed Eugene as the team's RBI leader, and his last RBI was a big one: a walk-off winner at PK Park on May 27 vs. the Spokane Indians. Eugene will be sending RHP Nick Avila to the mound to make his 4th start of the season having entered the rotation to help fill the void left behind by RHP Caleb Kilian (promotion). Two out hits hurt Avila the last time out, with all 3 runs he surrendered in his last start (6/3 at VAN) coming with two outs.

## QUICK HITS

### Olympic Additions

The Emeralds saw three players return to the roster - RHP Jasier Herrera, OF Ismael Munguia, and OF Diego Rincones - after 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.

Munguia departed the team as the team's RBI leader at the time (14) and, in his final at-bat before leaving, delivered a walk-off hit to defeat the Spokane Indians on May 27. Rincones left the Ems as one of the best statistical sluggers in the High-A West, ranking 2nd in slugging (.630), 2nd in OPS (1.042), T-3rd in batting average (.333), T-3rd in HR (4), and T-5th in OBP% (.413). Herrera, who started the season with the Emeralds, had been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento days prior to his departure to join the Colombian National Team.

### Full Arsenal For The Frogs

While Eugene has been no stranger to seeing top talent from the Giants farm system, including boasting three first rounders to start the season (C Patrick Bailey, OF Hunter Bishop, and INF Will Wilson), the AquaSox boast one of the most robust collections of raw talent on one roster in all of Minor League Baseball, carrying an eye-popping 13 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects, per MLB.com:

- #2 OF Julio Rodriguez
- #3 RHP Emerson Hancock
- #5 RHP George Kirby
- #8 RHP Juan Then
- #9 LHP Brandon Williamson
- #11 RHP Isaiah Campbell
- #12 OF Zach DeLoach
- #13 RHP Levi Stoudt
- #18 INF Austin Shenton
- #24 INF Kaden Polcovich
- #25 RHP Tim Elliott
- #27 INF Tyler Keenan
- #28 RHP Matt Brash

### NCAA Tournament Teams

With the NCAA Baseball Tournament kicking last weekend, a number of current Emeralds saw their alma maters in action.

- Tyler Schimpf - Texas
- Javeyan Williams - Southern
- Will Wilson - NC State

- Patrick Bailey - NC State
- Brandon Martorano - North Carolina
- Carter Aldrete - Arizona State
- RJ Dabovich - Arizona State
- Taylor Rashi - UC Irvine

Note: Jacob Gonzalez was a TCU commit before signing with the Giants. TCU takes on McNeese today.

### Random Not-So-Good Firsts

Tuesday night's loss to the Everett AquaSox marked the Emeralds' first loss on a Tuesday and their first loss in a season opener.

### Walk This Way

Tuesday's game against Everett was a base on balls bonanza featuring 1,980 feet worth of walks, a whopping 22 total walks between both pitching staffs. Each team surrendered 11 base on balls, with Eugene's Sean Roby notching a game-high 4 BB.

### League Leaders

Will Wilson:

- HR: 5 (T-6th)
- SLG: .514 (6th)
- OPS: .872 (9th)
- Doubles: 9 (T-5th)
- XBH: 15 (T-4th)
- Total Bases: 54 (T-6th)

Patrick Bailey:

- Doubles: 8 (T-7th)

Tyler Fitzgerald:

- RBI: 19 (T-4th)

Simon Whiteman:

- AVG: .300 (T-4th)
- OBP%: .451 (3rd)
- SB: 16 (T-3rd)

Brandon Martorano:

- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

Travis Perry:

- Wins: 3 (T-1st)

Seth Corry:

- K: 41 (2nd)

Ryan Walker:

- Games: 11 (T-4th)

### Strikeout Savants

Through 31 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (367) while at the plate, Eugene has posted the second-fewest strikeouts in the league (313). The Eugene pitching staff in particular has

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	19-12
Home*	6-6
Road	13-6
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	18-11

Runs Scored	162
Runs Against	135
Team AVG	.232
Team ERA	3.91
Hits for/against	236/220
HR for/against	28/26
Strikeouts (pitching)	367
Strikeouts (hitting)	313

Current Streak	L2
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	6-1

May	15-9
June	4-3
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	11-3
Opponent Scores First	8-9

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

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

Series Openers	5-1
Series Finales	4-1

\*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.

been especially dominant in the K's category. Their 367 collective strikeouts are 28 more than the next closest team (Everett - 339). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds don't just lead the High-A West, they lead all of High-A, too, with Everett 3rd 2nd in the High-A and the Greenville Drive ranking 2nd (340). Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 367 K's rank 4th, coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco) with 394 K's lead all of Minor League Baseball, followed by Modesto Nuts (Seattle) with 389 and the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels (Minnesota Twins) with 384.

**Not On Bailey's Watch**

2020 First Rounder Patrick Bailey showcased his powerful arm time after time on May 26 by throwing out four would-be Spokane base stealers. After that performance, Bailey has now caught 11 base stealers this season, tied for 7th-most in all of Minor League Baseball..

**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**

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

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

**HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS**

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	19	12	.613	-	162	135
Everett	18	12	.600	0.5	195	113
Vancouver	18	13	.581	1.0	141	139
Hillsboro	14	16	.467	4.5	118	146
Spokane	13	18	.419	6.0	140	154
Tri-City	10	21	.323	9.0	106	174

**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.

**TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS**

**#21 Nick Avila (RHP)**

Height: 6'4 Weight: 195 lbs Acquired: Round 26, 776th (2019)  
 Hometown: Modesto, CA School: Long Beach State  
 Born: July 25, 1997 (23)

before transferring to Long Beach State this year. He had an oblique injury in the fall but bounced back to pitch effectively in the Dirtbags rotation in the spring. Avila pitches at 90-92 mph and touches 94 with sink on his fastball. He holds his velocity deep into his starts and induces a heavy volume of ground balls. His curveball and changeup both flash average and he throws enough strikes to remain a starter. Avila had ulnar nerve transposition surgery earlier in his career, so his health will need to be monitored." Made one appearance with Salem-Keizer in 2019, coincidentally coming against the Emeralds (9/2/19). Fired 4.0 scoreless innings with 2 H, 2 BB, 0 R and 3 K.

**PITCHES:** 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Splitter

**BIO:** Started collegiate career at San Joaquin Delta College for two seasons before transferring to Long Beach State. In his lone season at LBSU, Avila posted an 0-5 record in 12 APPs (8 starts) over 56.1 IP with a 3.99 ERA, 19 BB and 39 K's while holding opposing batters to a .252 average. Avila moved from the bullpen to the starting rotation as the season progressed, posting a 3.19 ERA over 7 starts in Big West play while holding opposing batters to a .224 average during that span. Per Baseball America Draft Profile: "Avila pitched two years at San Joaquin Delta (Calif.) JC before transferring to Long Beach State. He was a top prospect in the 2019 MLB Draft, but a shoulder impingement kept him from pitching at the club's fall developmental camp in Arizona. For a 6-foot-1 righty, Brash has impressive extension down the mound with his fastball, which has been one of the key attributes the Mariners have looked for while assembling Minor League pitching talent in recent years. He sat in the low 90s at Niagara, topping out at 95 mph and there's room for more velocity there as he grows into his body. His changeup is his second-best pitch and one that showed enough velocity variation from his heater. He also throws a slider and curveball. Brash reached full-season ball during his brief debut in '19, but because he's been out of game action for so long and after the shoulder issue last year, he'll need to be built back up slowly in 2021. He has the chance to start, especially if his breaking stuff improves, though he'll have to show he can stay healthy. Drafted in the 4th Round of the 2019 Draft (113th). Above average fastball and changeup. Enters the day T-8th in the High-A West in K (38). Picked up 4-inning save on May 11 at Everett while also posting a season-high 10 K. Coming off longest outing of the season, firing 5.0 IP with 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 HB, 4 BB and 6 K on May 25 at VAN->

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1	4	7.11	6	3	0	0	0	0	19.0	25	16	15	3	1	6	0	14	.316	0

**#11 Matt Brash (RHP)**

Height: 6'1 Weight: 170 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ SD  
 Hometown: Kingston, Ontario School: Niagra  
 Born: May 12, 1998 (23)

for reliever Taylor Williams as a player to be named later at last year's Trade Deadline, but a shoulder impingement kept him from pitching at the club's fall developmental camp in Arizona. For a 6-foot-1 righty, Brash has impressive extension down the mound with his fastball, which has been one of the key attributes the Mariners have looked for while assembling Minor League pitching talent in recent years. He sat in the low 90s at Niagara, topping out at 95 mph and there's room for more velocity there as he grows into his body. His changeup is his second-best pitch and one that showed enough velocity variation from his heater. He also throws a slider and curveball. Brash reached full-season ball during his brief debut in '19, but because he's been out of game action for so long and after the shoulder issue last year, he'll need to be built back up slowly in 2021. He has the chance to start, especially if his breaking stuff improves, though he'll have to show he can stay healthy. Drafted in the 4th Round of the 2019 Draft (113th). Above average fastball and changeup. Enters the day T-8th in the High-A West in K (38). Picked up 4-inning save on May 11 at Everett while also posting a season-high 10 K. Coming off longest outing of the season, firing 5.0 IP with 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 HB, 4 BB and 6 K on May 25 at VAN->

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

**Notes:** #28 prospect in Seattle Mariners system per MLB.com. The Canada native caught scouts' attention ahead of the 2019 Draft with huge strikeout numbers at Niagara University, a whopping 121 in just 14 starts to go with a career 2.97 ERA over three college seasons. In his final year, he earned MAAC Pitcher of the Year honors. The Padres wound up selecting him in the fourth round and he signed for \$512,000. He pitched in just five games of relief during his first pro season, then was impacted by the cancellation of the Minors season in 2020. The Mariners acquired him in the 4th round of the 2019 MLB Draft (113th). Above average fastball and changeup. Enters the day T-8th in the High-A West in K (38). Picked up 4-inning save on May 11 at Everett while also posting a season-high 10 K. Coming off longest outing of the season, firing 5.0 IP with 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 HB, 4 BB and 6 K on May 25 at VAN->

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1	1	2.11	5	4	0	0	1	1	21.1	15	6	5	1	3	13	0	34	.200	0

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS**

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, June 10	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Travis Perry	RHP Levi Stoudt
Friday, June 11	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Emerson Hancock
Saturday, June 12	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP George Kirby
Sunday, June 13	1:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	LHP Brandon Williamson
Tuesday, June 15	7:05pm PST		TBD	TBD
Wednesday, June 16	7:05pm PST		TBD	TBD