



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #16 | May 21, 2021 | Gesa Stadium | Pasco, WA

Eugene Emeralds (9-6) vs. Tri-City Dust Devils (5-10)

RHP Conner Nurse (0-2, 6.48 ERA) vs. RHP Davis Daniel (0-1, 5.40 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

It was a heartbreaker last night in Pasco as the Emeralds fell in 11 innings by a final of 7-6. The Emeralds never led at any point until the 11th when, after tying the game at 4-4 in the top of the 9th, Javeyan Williams roped a two-RBI double down the right field line. However, TC responded in the bottom of the frame with a sac fly followed by a two-RBI bloop double to walk-off with the wild, dramatic win.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

RHP Conner Nurse takes the mound coming off an up-and-down last outing (5/14 vs. Hillsboro) that saw him fire four exceptional innings before struggling in the fifth. Once again, the Emeralds will be facing off a top 30 prospect in the Los Angeles Angels system as RHP Davis Daniel, ranked the 19th best prospect in the LAA system per MLB.com, will take the mound for TC. Both Nurse and Daniel will be looking for their first wins of the season.

## QUICK HITS

### Small Sample Size, But Good Start

Through 15 games, the Ems boast some of the better offensive team numbers in the High-A West.

Team stats with league ranks noted below:

- AVG: .256 (1st)
- Hits: 128 (T-1st)
- Runs: 93 (2nd)
- Total Bases: 217 (2nd)
- HR: 18 (2nd)
- SLG: .434 (2nd)
- OPS: .794 (2nd)
- K: 141 (Fewest)

### 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: .375 (1st)
- HR: 4 (T-2nd)
- OB%: .436 (5th)
- SLG: .708 (1st)
- OPS: 1.145 (1st)
- Hits: 18 (T-2nd)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-4th)
- Total Bases: 34 (3rd)

### Strikeout Savants

Through 15 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (190) while at the

plate, Eugene has posted the fewest strikeouts in the league (141)

### Woah... Wilson is Wicked Good

The Emeralds infielder has a hit in 11 of 13 games played this season and finds himself at-or-near the top of numerous High-A West offensive leaderboards:

- AVG: .340 (2nd)
- HR: 3 (T-5th)
- OB%: .438 (4th)
- SLG: .660 (3rd)
- OPS: 1.098 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-2nd)
- Doubles: 6 (T-2nd)
- Extra Base Hits: 10 (2nd)
- Total Bases: 35 (2nd)
- Runs: 12 (T-4th)

### Kilian Is Killing it

Eugene's Opening Night starter, RHP Caleb Kilian, allowed 2 hits, 0 ER, 0 BB while posting 9 K's in just 4.0 innings of work in his Emeralds debut. The 8th rounder out of Texas Tech followed his stellar debut outing with the Ems by firing 5.0 IP with 2 hits, 1 ER, 0 BB and 5 K's in Sunday's series finale in Spokane. In his home debut, Kilian finally showed he just \*might\* be human, going 5.2 IP with 8 K's while allowing 4 hits, 2 ER, and his first walk of the season, snapping a streak of 14.2 IP to start the year without issuing a base-on-balls. His High-A

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	9-6
Home*	3-3
Road	6-3
Neutral	0-0
Day	0-0
Night	9-6
Runs Scored	93
Runs Against	67
Team AVG	.256
Team ERA	4.17
Hits for/against	128/101
HR for/against	18/16
Strikeouts (pitching)	190
Strikeouts (hitting)	141
Current Streak	L2
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2
Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	1-1
1-Run Games	0-0
May	9-6
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	6-1
Opponent Scores First	3-5
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	2-1
Friday	2-0
Saturday	0-2
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	1-2
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.

West ranks through 3 starts are as follows:

- Wins: 2 (T-1st)
- ERA: 1.84 (6th)
- K: 22 (1st)
- OPP AVG: .154 (3rd)
- WHIP: 0.61 (1st)

### Fitzzy Feeling Frisky

INF Tyler Fitzgerald is one of just three players in the league (DeLoach & Rodriguez - EVE) to place in the top 7 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-6th in the league in RBI (10) and T-4th in runs scored (12).

bases whenever he has reached, which has been often when he has played (.467 OBP%). 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
- #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
Everett	11	4	.733	-	76	53
Vancouver	10	5	.667	1.0	101	50
Eugene	9	6	.600	2.0	93	67
Hillsboro	5	10	.333	6.0	51	73
Spokane	5	10	.333	6.0	59	88
Tri-City	5	10	.333	6.0	60	109

### Whiteman Has Got Wheels

INF Simon Whiteman has been a menace on the

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #35 Conner Nurse (RHP)

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

**PITCHES:** Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

**BIO:** Signed for \$250,000, \$125,000 over slot. 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, and then splitting time between Arizona and the short-season Northwest League in 2019. Per Perfect Game coming out of high school: Ex-

tra-large, athletic frame with broad shoulders and long limbs, leaner build with room to fill but also has present strength 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 strikeout 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.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	2	6.48	2	2	0	0	0	0	8.1	8	6	6	2	1	4	0	10	.276	0

### #13 Davis Daniel (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 190 lbs Acquired: 7th Round, 211th (2019)  
 Hometown: Atlanta, GA School: Auburn  
 Born: June 11, 1997

**PITCHES:** Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** 19th ranked prospect in Los Angeles Angels system per MLB.com. After a solid high school career in Alabama, Daniel stepped right into Auburn's rotation as a freshman, then both started and relieved as a Draft-eligible sophomore when he was taken in the 11th round of the 2018 Draft. He was set to be a part of Auburn's rotation in 2019 but got shut down after two innings

in his first start, undergoing Tommy John surgery in April 2019. The Angels took him in the seventh round of that June's Draft anyway, signing him for a bit under slot. He didn't pitch in any capacity for the organization until instructs last fall, where he made a very strong first impression. A 6-foot-1 right-hander, Daniel uses a very efficient and smooth delivery to deliver a solid, if unspectacular, three-pitch mix. His fastball tops out at around 93 mph, but he gets swings and misses on it thanks to high spin rates up in the zone. He complements his fastball with a solid breaking ball and good feel for a changeup. When he was healthy, Daniel did struggle with his command and control, walking 4.3 per nine innings as a sophomore. His repertoire and feel for pitching point to the potential to start, but his fastball did tick up when he pitched out of the pen for Auburn in 2018.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	1	5.40	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.2	8	4	4	0	0	10	0	8	.333	0

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Saturday, May 22	6:35pm PST	@ Tri-City Dust Devils	RHP Caleb Kilian	RHP Aaron Hernandez
Sunday, May 23	1:30pm PST	@ Tri-City Dust Devils	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Dylan King
Tuesday, May 25	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	TBD	TBD