



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #15 | May 20, 2021 | Gesa Stadium | Pasco, WA

Eugene Emeralds (9-5) vs. Tri-City Dust Devils (4-10)

RHP Nick Morreale (1-0, 3.24 ERA) vs. LHP Hector Yan (0-2, 5.87 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

The Emeralds missed out on a chance to move into a three-way tie for first place in the High-A West on Wednesday, falling to TC by a final of 6-3. Ems starting pitcher LHP Seth Corry carried a no-hitter into the fifth but but was ultimately lifted in the same frame after surrendering a hit and hitting a batter, and TC proceeded to tally five runs in the inning. Tyler Fitzgerald blasted his second homer of the season and Will Wilson's 11-game hit streak to start the year was snapped after going 0-for-3 with a sac fly.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

RHP Nick Morreale takes the mound coming off a stellar last outing on Friday that saw him fire 5.0 innings with a career-high 9 K's while allowing just 2 hits and 0 walks. He'll be facing off against the 10th ranked prospect in the Los Angeles Angels system, LHP Hector Yan, who is coming off an 8 strikeout performance in his last outing on May 14 at Everett.

## QUICK HITS

### Small Sample Size, But Good Start

Through 13 games, the Ems boast the only offense that might rival Everett for being the best offense in the High-A West. Ranks below:

- AVG: .265 (1st)
- Hits: 123 (1st)
- Runs: 87 (2nd)
- Total Bases: 208 (2nd)
- HR: 17 (2nd)
- SLG: .447 (2nd)
- OPS: .809 (2nd)
- K: 130 (Fewest)

### Woah... Wilson is Wicked Good

The Emeralds infielder has a hit in 11 of 12 games played this season and finds himself at-or-near the top of numerous High-A West offensive leaderboards:

- AVG: .375 (2nd)
- OB%: .466 (2nd)
- SLG: .729 (1st)
- OPS: 1.195 (1st)
- Hits: 18 (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 West ranks through 3 starts are as follows:

- Wins: 2 (T-1st)
- ERA: 1.84 (6th)
- K: 22 (1st)
- OPP AVG: .154 (4th)
- WHIP: 0.61 (3rd)

### Fitzzy Feeling Frisky

INF Tyler Fitzgerald is one of just three players in the league (DeLoach & Rodriguez - EVE) to place in the top 6 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).

### 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 (.467 OB%). Whiteman is a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts this

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	9-5
Home*	3-3
Road	6-2
Neutral	0-0
Day	0-0
Night	9-5
Runs Scored	87
Runs Against	60
Team AVG	.265
Team ERA	4.17
Hits for/against	123/91
HR for/against	17/15
Strikeouts (pitching)	171
Strikeouts (hitting)	130
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2
Extra Innings	1-0
Shutouts	1-1
1-Run Games	0-0
May	9-5
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	6-1
Opponent Scores First	3-4
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	2-0
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	1-1
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.

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### Rincones Rakes

Wilson may be stealing the headlines of late, but Rincones has been a constant contributor for the Ems in the middle of the lineup. His notable stats and High-A West ranks are as follows:

- AVG: .378 (1st)
- HR: 3 (T-4th)
- OB%: .420 (9th)
- SLG: .667 (3rd)
- OPS: 1.087 (3th)
- Hits: 17 (T-3rd)
- Extra Base Hits: 7 (T-4th)
- Total Bases: 30 (T-3rd)

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	10	4	.714	--	99	47
Vancouver	10	4	.714	--	74	52
Eugene	9	5	.643	1.0	87	60
Hillsboro	5	9	.357	5.0	50	71
Spokane	4	10	.286	6.0	56	86
Tri-City	4	10	.286	6.0	53	103

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 7 of the

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #50 Nick Morreale (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 220 lbs Acquired: 14th Round (2019)  
 Hometown: Minneapolis, MN School: Georgetown  
 Born: July 7, 1997 (23)

average ranked 2nd. Named to the Big East Honor Roll in his junior season. Attended high school at St. Thomas Academy, serving as a two-year starter and the team's captain during his senior season before spending a post graduate year at the IMG Academy. While at the IMG Academy, Morreale was named the team's best pitcher in 2016 after posting a 1.30 ERA and 79 K's in 50 IP. Was a six-time recipient of the Eagle Award while at St. Thomas Academy for having a 3.67 GPA or higher.

**PITCHES:** TBD

**BIO:** Transitioned from primarily working as a reliever in his sophomore (2018) season before pitching almost exclusively as a starter as a junior (2019). As a junior, Morreale went 4-5 in 15 APPs (11 starts) with a 4.63 ERA and a team-high 82 K's in 68.0 IP. His 82 K's were then the 5th most in single-season school history, and his 10.85 K/9

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	0	3.24	2	2	0	0	0	0	8.1	5	3	3	0	0	3	0	12	.172	0

### #15 Hector Yan (LHP)

Height: 5'11 Weight: 180 lbs Acquired: International FA (2015)  
 Hometown: La Romana, Dominican Republic  
 Born: April 26, 1999 (22)

a spot on the 40-man roster and he spent 2020 continuing to refine his stuff at the Angels' alternate site. Yan has the chance to have an intriguing three-pitch mix, all coming from an unusual and deceptive delivery. His velocity had ticked up to the mid-90s in the Midwest League in 2019, though he was mostly 93-94 mph at the alternate site last summer. His hard curve has excellent depth and misses bats consistently and he's throwing his changeup more consistently for strikes, but still needs to work on the offspeed pitch to create more movement. Using a delivery that features a big leg kick and cross-fire arm action that looks like he's stepping into the first-base dugout, Yan's funk makes for a tough at-bat and he struck out more than a batter per inning at the alternate site. It's also led to command issues, though his control has been trending in the right direction. Some see him as a future reliever because of his delivery and control, but if he can keep showing the ability to throw three pitches for strikes, he has a chance to stay in a rotation.

**PITCHES:** Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** 10th ranked prospect in Angels system per MLB.com. Signed for just \$80,000 in August 2015, Yan has moved slowly but steadily up the Angels' organizational ladder, spending three summers in three Rookie-level leagues from 2016-18 before breaking out in his full-season debut by dominating Midwest League hitters in 2019. That landed him

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	2	5.87	2	2	0	0	0	0	7.2	6	6	5	1	0	8	0	11	.200	1

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Friday, May 21	6:35pm PST	@ Tri-City Dust Devils	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Davis Daniel
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