



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #91 | August 17, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (52-38) vs. Everett AquaSox (54-34)

RHP Aaron Phillips (3-7, 6.96 ERA) vs. RHP Taylor Dollard (6-0, 5.36 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

Eugene earned a series split over the Hillsboro Hops last week just outside of Portland behind a 4-3 win, Eugene's 16th one-run win this season. For the second straight day, Eugene gained ground on first place Everett and thereby exited the weekend just three games behind the first place Frogs. For just the second time in the six-game series, Hillsboro scored first as leadoff man Jorge Barrosa homered to right to give the Hops a 1-0 lead right from the jump. However, right-hander Kai-Wei Teng was strong for the third straight start in the month of August, firing 5.1 innings with nine strikeouts while allowing four hits, two walks and two earned runs. Sean Roby played a part in all four of Eugene's runs on Sunday, driving in three and scoring the other as he finished the day 2-for-5 with a homer and a double. The bullpen was stellar once more as Jaiser Herrera, Austin Reich and Chris Wright combined to fire 3.2 hitless, shutout innings with five strikeouts while issuing just two walks.

## TODAY'S STORYLINES

Eugene has only lost three series all season... and all have been at the hands of the Everett AquaSox. Their last meeting (a 7-game series in Everett three weeks ago) was arguably the league's most exciting series to date, one that ultimately ended with the AquaSox taking 4-of-7 and outscoring the Ems by just one single, lone run over the series (44-43). Everett and Eugene enter the series heading in two opposite directions as the Ems have won 6 of their last 10 while the Frogs have dropped 7 of their last 10. Eugene will be bolstered by the addition of OF Jairo Pomares, one of the top 10 prospects in the Giants system per Baseball America's recently updated midseason prospect rankings.

## QUICK HITS

### Pomares Called Up To High-A Eugene

Outfielder Jairo Pomares was officially called up to High-A Eugene from Low-A San Jose on Tuesday, August 17. Just 21-years-old and hailing from Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, the left-handed hitting Pomares has been on a tear of late in Low-A San Jose, batting .429 in the month of August with 5 doubles, 3 HRs, 10 RBIs and an OPS of 1.188. On the season, Pomares is slashing .372/.429/.693 with 14 HRs, 44 RBIs and an insane 1.122 OPS over 51 games played. Per Baseball America's recently updated midseason prospect rankings, Pomares checks in as the eighth-ranked prospect in the San Francisco Giants system, having showcased, "the most power of his short career with San Jose, all without a sacrifice to his hittability or on-base skills." Pomares joins an Emeralds offense that since the start of July ranks in the top ten in all of High-A in numerous offensive categories including batting average (.263 | 6th), runs (249 | 4th), hits (373 | 3rd), home runs (65 | 5th), on-base percentage (.343 | 7th), slugging (.473 | 5th), and OPS (.815 | 5th). His arrival comes right as the Emeralds prepare for the regular season's most crucial series to date, a seven-game showdown against the first place Everett AquaSox starting today at PK Park. Eugene enters the series just 3.0 games behind Everett in the standings with 30 games to go in the regular season. Pomares is the ninth player currently on High-A Eugene's active roster that has been called up from Low-A San Jose to High-A Eugene this season, following C Brett Auerbach, C Robert Emery, C Ricardo Genoves, SS Marco Luciano, RHP Ryan Murphy, RHP Austin Reich, OF Armani Smith, and LHP Chris Wright.

### Quinn Called Up

On Tuesday, August 17, Emeralds outfielder Heath Quinn has been promoted from the High-A West's Eugene Emeralds to the Double-A Richmond Flying Squirrels. The former highly touted prospect has fought tough-luck injuries over the past few seasons, but this season has seen him serve as a consistent contributor, particularly over the past month of play. He departs the Emerald Valley having batted .265 with 8 HRs, 22 RBIs and a .846 OPS in 35 games with the Ems. Emeralds outfielder Heath Quinn has been promoted from the High-A West's Eugene Emeralds to the Double-A Richmond Flying Squirrels. The former highly touted prospect has fought tough-luck injuries over the past few seasons, but this season has seen him serve as a consistent contributor, particularly over the past month of play. He departs the Emerald Valley having batted .265 with 8 HRs, 22 RBIs and a .846 OPS in 35 games with the Ems.

### Roby Is Rolling

Sean Roby has been mashing in the month August thus far. Through 13 games played, Roby is slashing .352/.435/.741 with a 1.176 OPS, 6 doubles, 5 homers, 14 RBIs and 8 walks. Roby ranks T-4th in High-A in homers (5) and T-5th in RBIs (14).

### Fitz Getting Frisky

Tyler Fitzgerald has been on an absolute tear to start the month of August. Through 13 games played so far this month, Fitzgerald is slashing .375/.435/.750 with a 1.185 OPS, 7 doubles, 1 triple, 4 HRs, 12 RBIs and 14 runs scored. Fitz has tallied multi-hit games in 7-of-13 games played so far this month, highlighted by a 5-for-6 performance on August 6 against Tri-City that saw the former Louisville Cardinal hit for the cycle...

in the first five innings of the game. Among all High-A players in the month of August, Fitzgerald ranks T-2nd in runs scored (14), 3rd in hits (21), T-1st in doubles (7), 10th in SLG (.750), and 9th in OPS (1.185).

### Hitting Our Stride

Since the start of July, the Emeralds have been one of the best offensive teams in all of High-A ranking in the top 10 in numerous categories including batting average (.263 | 6th), runs (249 | 4th), hits (373 | 3rd), home runs (65 | 5th), on-base percentage (.343 | 7th), slugging (.473 | 5th), and OPS (.815 | 5th).

### Strikeout Savants

Through 90 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts with 966. Their 966 collective strikeouts are 39 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 927), and the Ems rank 5th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 966 K's rank 8th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 1,086 K's. Entering today, San Jose's 1,086 K's are 89 more than the next closest team (Hudson Valley Renegades) High-A East | NYY).

### The Clutch (E)Eugene

Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 2nd in AVG (.255), 3rd in runs (228), 2nd in hits (253), 2nd in OBP (.357), 3rd in SLG (.444) and 3rd in OPS (.801) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene ranks 4th all of High-A in AVG (.270), 3rd in runs scored (61), 2nd in OBP (.401), 3rd in SLG (.492), and 2nd in OPS (.893) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 2nd in High-A in ERA (2.91) and 1st in opponent's average (.174).

However, Eugene will be facing off against a formidable foe when it comes to two-out hitting, too. The AquaSox rank 6th in High-A in batting average (.245), 1st in runs (253), 7th in hits (238), 1st in OBP (.370), 1st in SLG (.465), and 1st in OPS (.836).

Late/close definition per MLB.com: Late-inning pressure situations are defined as any at-bat in the seventh inning or later where the batter's team trails by three runs or fewer, is tied or is ahead by only one run. If the bases are loaded and the batting team trails by four runs, this also counts as a late-inning pressure situation.

### Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds had won 11 straight games decided by one run before falling to the Hillsboro Hops on July 21, 3-2, with the final out being made at home plate. The Emeralds are 16-8 in one-run games this season, with each of the last seven contests between the Ems and Hops having been decided by just one run.

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	52-38
Home*	25-17
Road	27-21
Neutral	0-0
Day	4-2
Night	48-36
Runs Scored	519
Runs Against	482
Run Differential	+37
Team AVG	.250
Team ERA	4.90
HR for/against	114/93
Strikeouts (pitching)	965
Strikeouts (hitting)	915
Current Streak	W2
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	5-1
Shutouts	4-2
1-Run Games	16-8
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	11-16
August	8-5
September	0-0
Scoring First	35-16
Opponent Scores First	17-22
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	10-4
Wednesday	9-6
Thursday	9-6
Friday	8-7
Saturday	7-8
Sunday	9-5
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro	12-6
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	5-1
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	4-8
at Hillsboro	6-6
at Spokane	9-3
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2

### Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 19-33 with a 5.93 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A (Asheville Tourists). Eugene has only gotten 6.0 innings out of a starting pitcher seven times this season:

- Caleb Kilian: May 22 at TC (7.0 IP)
- Kai-Wei Teng: June 22 vs. VAN (6.0 IP)
- Conner Nurse: June 26 vs. VAN (6.1 IP)
- Aaron Phillips: July 1 at HIL (7.0 IP)
- Conner Nurse: August 6 vs. TRI (6.0 IP)
- Jake Dahlberg: August 7 vs. TRI (6.0 IP)
- Ryan Murphy: August 14 at HIL (7.0 IP)

Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 33-5 with a 3.91 ERA and 517 K's in 401.0 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 9 bullpen losses (Tampa Tarpons). Eugene's 517 bullpen K's rank 5th in all of High-A.

### Marco Moves Up To High-A

On August 4, the Emeralds added one of baseball's top prospects to the active roster, SS Marco Luciano. Luciano, a 19-year-old phenom that is widely considered one of the top prospects in all of baseball, gets the call up to High-A Eugene after setting the Low-A West ablaze through the first two-thirds of the season. The Dominican Republic native exits San Jose

as the Low-A West home run leader (18) while also ranking second in total bases (148), third in extra-base hits (35), third in RBIs (57), fourth in slugging (.544), and sixth in OPS (.930). With numbers like that, Luciano has been a key reason why the San Jose Giants have been one of the best offensive powers in all of Low-A since the start of the season as they currently rank second in all of Low-A in team batting average (.271), second in home runs (101), third in slugging (.457), third in OPS (.805), and sixth in runs scored (464). Per Baseball America's recently updated midseason prospect rankings, Luciano checks in as the seventh-ranked prospect in all of baseball.

### Ems On The Move

With the trade deadline coming and going on at the end of July, the Emeralds saw two players from their 2021 team on the move to other organizations.

- RHP Caleb Kilian: the High-A West Pitcher of the Month is on his way to the Windy City as part of the package in return for Kris Bryant. Kilian and San Jose OF Alexander Canario will head to the Cubs. In four starts as an Emerald, Kilian went 3-0 with a 1.25 ERA and 33 K's before being promoted to Double-A Richmond where he has gone 3-2 with a 2.43 ERA in 11 starts.

- RHP Jose Marte: the flame-throwing right-hander was the first member of this year's Emerald squad to be promoted to Double-A Richmond after going 3-for-3 in save opportunities with 14 K's in just 6.1 IP. Marte, RHP Ivan Armstrong, and LHP Sam Selman head to the Angels in exchange for LHP Tony Watson. While in Richmond, Marte went 2-0 in 19 relief appearances with one save and 36 K's in 22.2 IP.

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	54	34	.614	-	613	443
Eugene	52	38	.578	3.0	519	482
Spokane	45	44	.506	9.5	466	452
Hillsboro	42	47	.472	12.5	393	424
Vancouver	41	49	.456	14.0	466	505
Tri-City	34	56	.378	21.0	351	502

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per Baseball America's recently updated midseason prospect rankings, the Emeralds boast 4 of San Francisco's Top 30 prospects:

- #1 SS Marco Luciano
- #8 OF Jairo Pomares
- #15 C Ricardo Genoves
- #22 RHP Ryan Murphy
- #27 1B Logan Wyatt

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #49 Aaron Phillips (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: Round 9, 276th (2017)

Hometown: Rochester, NY School: St. Bonaventure

Born: October 11, 1996 (24)

history. Father played college football at Ithaca. Attended Cleveland Hill High School where he set the school record for career strikeouts, single eason strikeouts and single game strikeouts. Per Baseball America's 2017 Draft Profile: "Phillips was a solid two-way player for St. Bonaventure, but his future is on the mound. He'll need to improve his command and control, and that could come naturally as he focuses exclusively on pitching. Phillips shows an upper 80s fastball and bumps 92 mph. His offspeed stuff is below-average at present and will need refinement." First pro season (2017), Phillips pitched exclusively out of the bullpen (14 APPs for Salem-Keizer) but since has been almost exclusively a starter (45 APPs, 40 starts in 2018-19). Signed with the Giants for \$80,000 after being drafted. 2019: Named a California League Mid-Season All-Star and named California League Pitcher of the Week for the weeks of June 9 and August 18; led San Jose in games started (21).

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

**BIO:** While at St. Bonaventure, excelled as the team's ace, earning 2017 Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year honors, 2017 ACBA/Rawlings Third Team All-American, and a 2017 John Olerud National Two-Way Player of the Year Finalist after going 9-2 with a 3.04 ERA and 90 K's in 100.2 innings wild batting .251 with 26 RBI and 18 stolen bases in 22 attempts. Highest draft pick in Bonnies

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	7	6.96	14	14	0	0	0	0	64.2	90	58	50	7	4	30	0	41	.337	2

### #20 Taylor Dollard (RHP)

Height: 6'3 Weight: 195 lbs Acquired: Round 5, 137th (2020)

Hometown: Sherman Oaks, CA School: Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo)

Born: February 17, 1999 (22)

a 1.55 ERA with Yarmouth-Dennis in the Cape Cod league...was the 25th Mustang to be drafted in the top five rounds of the MLB Draft and only the second in the fifth round...2020: Did not play due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Scouting Report via MLB.com: Dollard spent his first two years at Cal Poly, which has produced a fair number of big league arms, most recently Spencer Howard of the Phillies, pitching out of the bullpen and was an All-Big West Conference reliever as a sophomore. A strong performance in the Cape Cod League in 2019, also in relief, served as a springboard for Dollard to enter the Mustangs' rotation in 2020 and while it was short-lived, he showed enough for the Mariners to take him and sign him for full pick value in the fifth round of the Draft, then watched him get off to a strong start during his 2021 pro debut in High-A. The right-hander has an ideally athletic 6-foot-3 pitching frame and a four-pitch mix he uses well, though he is more feel for pitching than pure stuff. His fastball tends to sit around 90 mph and can touch a bit higher, and it plays up because of his command and the sink the pitch has. His upper-70s slider misses bats and will even flash plus occasionally and he folds in a slower curve with decent depth as well. He has good feel for his changeup, giving him four very usable offerings. Dollard walked only 2.2 per nine innings at Cal Poly, 1.3 during his short time as a starter, a trend that continued at the start of his pro career. That command and his feel for keeping hitters off-balance give him the chance to reach his ceiling as a back-end starter in the big leagues."

**PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** Mariners 5th round selection (137th overall) in the 2020 MLB First-Year Player draft; signed by Mariners scout Ryan Holmes. Taylor Joseph Dollard...graduated from Crespi Carmelite (CA) High School in 2017...spent 3 seasons at Cal Poly State University (2018-20)...he began his collegiate career as a reliever before moving into the rotation during junior season...as a sophomore in 2019, earned First-Team All-Big West Conference after going 5-0 with 4 saves and a 2.89 ERA with 48 strikeouts and 13 walks in 19 relief appearances...in the summer of 2019, went 2-1 and 5 saves with

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
6	0	5.36	7	6	0	0	0	0	40.1	45	25	24	7	3	8	0	39	.274	1

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Wednesday, August 18	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Juan Then
Thursday, August 19	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	LHP Jake Dahlberg	RHP Adam Hill
Friday, August 20	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Ryan Murphy	RHP Tim Elliott
Saturday, August 21 (G1)	5:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Kai-Tei Teng	RHP Stephen Kolek
Saturday, August 21 (G2)	TBD	Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Sunday, August 22	5:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Tyler Driver