



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #43 | June 23, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (27-15) vs. Vancouver Canadians (24-19)

RHP Taylor Rashi (3-0, 4.82 ERA) vs. RHP CJ Van Eyk (2-1, 4.45 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Eugene made it seven-in-a-row last night, but it wasn't easy nor without controversy, downing the visiting Canadians, 4-3, at PK Park. Will Wilson homered for the third consecutive game while Teng scattered 9 K's over six scoreless innings. Eugene carried a 4-1 lead into the ninth when closer Chris Wright entered, but after fter striking out the first batter of the frame, Wright surrendered a solo HR to Luis De Los Santos that cut Eugene's lead to 4-2. A walk, a single, a line out and a throwing error all combined to see the C's put runners at second and third with two outs. Rafael Lantigua stepped up and came through - or, so it seemed - tripling down the first base line to score both runners and tie the game at 4-4. However, Emeralds first base coach Lipsa Nava urged Wright to throw to third on an appeal thinking that DJ Neal - who was on second when Lantigua tripled and served as the tying run - hadn't touched the third base bag. Home plate umpire Ray Patchen agreed, ringing up Neal and taking the run off the board, thereby ending the game with the Ems winning, 4-3.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

RHP Taylor Rashi will make his first start of the season for the Emeralds and operate as an 'opener' while the C's counter with RHP CJ Van Eyk, the 10th ranked prospect in the Toronto Blue Jays system, per MLB.com. Eugene once again begins the day 1.5 games clear of the Everett AquaSox in the standings and 3.5 games ahead of the visiting Canadians. Eugene will be bolstered by the return of INF/OF Carter Aldrete to the lineup who had missed the prior two weeks dealing with a lingering injury. Will Wilson will be looking to extend his homer streak to four games.

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.

Rincones, who returned to the team briefly following the initial round of Olympic Qualifying, has recently rejoined the Venezuelan National Team in Pueblo, Mexico for the final round of Olympic qualifying.

Labour Lights It Up

Emeralds outfielder Franklin Labour was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 14-20. The announcement comes on the heels of a five-game stretch that saw Labour post a .455 batting average, nine RBIs, seven walks, and three home runs. Labour slugged 1.364 over the five-game span while also posting an incredible 1.995 OPS.

Young Flock O' Jays

Vancouver has consistently been one of the top and most consistent performance in the High-A West despite, on paper, not having a full cupboard of top tier talent. All told, the C's boast only three of Toronto's top 30 prospects, per MLB.com:

- #9 RHP Adam Kloffenstein

- #10 RHP CJ Van Eyk

- #22 OF Will Robertson

SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 6 of the organization's top 30 prospects, 5 of which are active:

- #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

Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Tri-City Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds have won nine straight games decided by one run and are now 9-1 in one-run games this season.

Strikeout Savants

Through 42 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (489). Their 489 collective strikeouts are 39 more than the next closest team (Spokane - 450). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds don't just lead the High-A West, they lead all of High-A, too, with the Hudson Valley Renegades the next closest at 480. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 489 K's rank 8th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 557 K's. San Jose's 557 K's are 48 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | Seattle).

So Offensive

The Emeralds offense has seen its numbers creep up and up during the current homestand, and now the Emeralds rank 8th in all of High-A in runs scored (228), 4th in walks (205), 8th in on-base percentage (.343), and 10th in OPS (.732).

The Wright Stuff

No Marte? No Dabo? No problem. Wright has slid into the closer role seamlessly after prior Emeralds closers Jose Marte and RJ Dabovich each received promotions to Double-A Richmond. In 17.2 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 39 batters while going 4-for-4 in save opportunities. His K/9 is an eye-popping 19.86.

NCAA Tournament Teams

With the NCAA Baseball Tournament taking place over the last two weeks, a number of current Emeralds saw their alma maters in action. Teams in bold denote that team is still alive and headed to College World Series.

- Tyler Schimpf - **Texas**

- Armani Smith - UC Santa Barbara

- Heath Quinn - Samford

- Will Wilson - **NC State**

- Patrick Bailey - **NC State**

- Brandon Martorano - North Carolina

- Carter Aldrete - Arizona State

- Taylor Rashi - UC Irvine

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

League Leaders

Will Wilson:

- HR: 9 (T-2nd)

- SLG: .514 (5th)

- XBH: 19 (T-2nd)

- Total Bases: 75 (3rd)

- Runs: 29 (T-8th)

Franklin Labour:

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	27-15
Home*	13-6
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	26-14

Runs Scored	228
Runs Against	196
Team AVG	.234
Team ERA	4.14
Hits for/against	318/312
HR for/against	42/37
Strikeouts (pitching)	489
Strikeouts (hitting)	409

Current Streak	W7
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	9-1

May	15-9
June	12-6
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	17-5
Opponent Scores First	10-10

Monday	0-2
Tuesday	6-1
Wednesday	3-3
Thursday	4-3
Friday	6-1
Saturday	3-4
Sunday	5-1

vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	1-0
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2

Series Openers	7-1
Series Finales	5-1

*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.

- HR: 6 (T-7th)
- RBI: 27 (T-5th)
- SLG: .500 (7th)
- OPS: .885 (8th)
- BB: 24 (T-8th)

Tyler Fitzgerald:

- RBI: 25 (T-8th)
- Runs: 29 (T-8th)

Logan Wyatt:

- BB: 33 (2nd)
- OB%: .399 (9th)

Brandon Martorano:

- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

Kai-Wei Teng

- K: 48 (5th)

Seth Corry:

- K: 53 (2nd)

Ryan Walker:

- Games: 15 (T-4th)

Kilian Killed It

RHP Caleb Kilian was promoted to Double-A Richmond on at the end of May after dominating the High-A West in his four starts as an Emerald.

The highlight came in his final outing as an Emerald 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 left 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)

Can't Touch Dabo

RJ Dabovich allowed a HR in each of his first two outings of the season (5/4 & 5/7 at SPO). He has not allowed a single hit since. Yes, you read that correctly. In 8 APPs as an Emerald before being promoted, Dabovich fired 10.2 scoreless, hitless innings while allowing just 5 BB, notching 23 K's, and going 4-for-4 in save opportunities.

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.

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	27	15	.643	-	228	196
Everett	25	16	.610	1.5	274	162
Vancouver	24	19	.558	3.5	212	214
Spokane	20	23	.465	7.5	199	205
Hillsboro	16	25	.390	10.5	169	216
Tri-City	14	28	.333	13.0	136	225

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)
- OB%: .413 (5th)
- SLG: .630 (2nd)
- OPS: 1.042 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-5th)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-7th)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#23 Taylor Rashi (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 220 lbs Acquired: Round 23, 686th (2019)

Hometown: Torrance, CA School: UC Irvine

Born: January 15, 1996 (25)

3-4 with a 2.97 ERA and 47 K's in 20 APPs (10 starts) and 63.2 IP as a junior (2018), followed by going 5-1 in 25 APPs (4 starts) with 12 saves and 56 K's in 45.2 IP as a senior (2019). During that senior season, Rashi did not allow a run until his 20th appearance of the season. Rashi was named a third-team All-American by the NCBWA and Collegiate Baseball Newspaper in 2019 while also earning All-Big West First Team honors after finishing second in the Big West in saves (12).

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Splitter, Slider, Curveball

BIO: Prior to attending UC Irvine, Rashi attended El Camino College where he was a JC All-American, the South Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, and set the school record for single-season strikeouts (144). At UC Irvine, Rashi split time between starting and relieving as a junior before sliding into the team's closer role as a senior. Rashi posted a sub-3.00 ERA in both seasons, going

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	0	4.74	11	0	0	0	0	0	18.2	12	12	10	3	1	7	0	26	.179	3

#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)

PITCHES: TBD

Notes: 2021 NOTES: Professional debut. Career-high 9 K, 6 IP 5/20 @ HIL. First pro win 6/9 @ SPO

- LAST SEASON: 2nd round pick out of Florida State in 2020. 1-1, 1.31 ERA, 25 K over 20.2 innings in pandemic-shortened FSU season.

- PERSONAL: 2019 - 18 G, 10-4 with a 3.81 ERA. Struck out 129 batters in 99.1 innings pitched. Struck out 10 batters in 3 innings against Pitt. Drafted by NYM in 19th round of '17 draft but did not sign. CJ stands for "Cornelius Johannes."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	1	4.45	7	7	0	0	0	0	30.1	28	16	15	2	0	14	0	33	.250	3

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, June 24	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Adam Kloffenstein
Friday, June 25	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Luis Quinones
Saturday, June 26	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Paxton Schultz
Sunday, June 27	5:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Brian Rapp
Tuesday, June 29	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, June 30	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD