



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #73 & 74 | July 28, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA

Eugene Emeralds (41-31) at Everett AquaSox (48-23)

G1: RHP Kai-Wei Teng (2-4, 6.27 ERA) vs. RHP Emerson Hancock (2-0, 2.42 ERA)

G2: RHP Nick Avila (4-6, 6.71 ERA) vs. TBD



## LAST TIME OUT

The second place Eugene Emeralds (41-31) opened a seven-game road series in frustrating fashion on Tuesday, falling to the first place Everett AquaSox (48-23) by a final of 5-4 at Funko Field in Everett, Washington. A pair of throwing errors by Emeralds catcher Ricardo Genoves proved costly in yesterday's one-run defeat, the seventh straight one-run game that the Emeralds have played in (3-4 during span). Brett Auerbach blasted his 7th homer run as an Emerald to extend Eugene's homer streak to 15 games. Tuesday marked just the fourth time this season that the bullpen earned a loss, but three of those losses have come in the month of July. Despite that, Eugene's pen still has the fewest losses in all of Minor League Baseball. LHP Jake Dahlberg was very strong in his debut with the Giants system after being recently signed from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association. The Vancouver, Washington native fired 4.0 innings with 9 K's and 2 ER.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Let's play two! The Ems and AquaSox play a doubleheader today to make up a rain out back on June 13. The Emeralds are just 2-10 against the AquaSox this season, but are 39-21 against the rest of the High-A West. RHP Emerson Hancock will take on RHP Kai-Wei Teng in Game One while RHP Nick Avila will face off against a yet-to-be-determined Everett starter in Game Two. Teng has had an unideal July thus far going 0-2 with a 13.14 ERA in 4 starts. That follows a strong month of June that saw Teng go 1-0 with a 2.35 ERA in 3 starts with 22 K's in just 15.1 IP. Avila has been strong in the role by Eugene's starting pitching standards, firing at least 5.0 innings in five of his last six outings. The right-hander from Modesto has transitioned back to starting games after a spree that saw him as the first man out of the bullpen following an opener.

## QUICK HITS

### Dahlberg Debuts For Eugene

Left-hander Jake Dahlberg made his debut for the Emeralds (and the San Francisco Giants system as a whole) on Tuesday against Everett, firing 4.0 innings with 9 K's and 2 ER. The southpaw was signed last week from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association and was previously a 21st round selection by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2017. While with Chicago, went 6-2 with a 3.05 ERA and 76 K's with 11 BB over 62.0 IP in 15 APP's (9 starts). His 3.04 ERA ranked 3rd in the American Association upon his signing.

### Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 13-27 with a 5.93 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A (Ashville Tourists). Eugene has only gotten 6.0 innings out of a starting pitcher FOUR 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 HLL (7.0 IP)

By contrast, Hillsboro got 6.0 innings out of their starting pitchers in four out of six games in last week's series at PK Park.

Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 28-4 with a 4.17 ERA and 424 K's in 332.0 innings pitched, but this past Friday against Hillsboro marked the second time in just over a week that the Emeralds' pen saw a large margin dissipate in just one inning after what was a ten-run eighth inning by Spokane on July 15 that turned a seven-run Eugene lead into a three-run deficit. 3 of Eugene's 4 bullpen losses have come in the month of July. No other team in the Minor League has fewer than 6 bullpen losses (Tampa Tarpons). Eugene's 424 bullpen K's rank 4th in all of High-A.

### The Wright Sluff

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 28.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an 51 batters while going 10-for-10 in saves.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 72 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (771). Their 771 collective strikeouts are 6 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 765), and the Ems rank 4th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 771 K's rank 13. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 911 K's. Entering today, San Jose's 911 K's are 97 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

### Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Tri-City 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 14-5 in one-run games this season, with every game last week between the Emeralds and Hillsboro Hops being decided by just one run. Eugene has played in 7 straight one-run games and 8 of their last 9.

### The Clutch (Cu)Gene

Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 2nd in AVG (.252), 3rd in runs (181), 2nd in hits (200), 2nd in OBP (.356), 4th in SLG (.428) and 3rd in OPS (.785) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene ranks 7th all of High-A in AVG (.259), 3rd in runs scored (49), and 2nd in OBP (.392), 2nd in SLG (.468), and 1st in OPS (.860) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 4th in High-A in ERA (3.02) and 1st in opponent's average (1.84).

On the other side of the coin, in terms of two out hitting, Everett ranks 4th in average (.248), 1st in runs (212), 3rd in hits (198), 1st in OBP (.382), 1st in SLG (.471), and 1st in OPS (.852).

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.

### Around The Affiliates

- Low-A San Jose (47-26) shutout Inland Empire 9-0 last night. Ryan Murphy 6 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 11 SO. Patrick Bailey 4-for-4 with a double. Luis Matos 3 hits, including his 8th HR. Schmitt & Pomares 2 hits each. Glowenke 2-run double. SJ finished with 16 hits. Marco Luciano returns to the lineup today. Luciano .421 AVG (16-38) last 10 games

Luis Matos .412 AVG (21-51) last 11 games. SJ Giants looking for their 4th straight win.

- Double-A Richmond (39-35) snapped their 6-game losing streak earlier today, downing the Bowie Baysox 5-2 thanks to a run in the 8th and two more in the 9th. Simon Whiteman 2-for-4 with a walk and run scored. Brandon Martorano 1-for-3 with an RBI and a walk. Jose Marte a scoreless 8th inning. RJ Dabovich struck out the side in the 9th to pick up his 8th save with the Flying Squirrels.

### Seattle Mariners Prospect Watch

The AquaSox boast 10 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects: #3 RHP Emerson Hancock, #4 RHP George Kirby, #7 RHP Juan Then, #10 RHP Isaiah Campbell, #12 RHP Levi Stoudt, #22 SS Kaden Polcovich, #23 RHP Tim Elliott, #25 3B Tyler Keenan, #29 OF Cade Marlowe, and #30 RHP Taylor Dollard.

### Olympic Ems

Diego Rincones, Jasier Herrera and Ismael Munguia each 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.
- 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 later suited up for the Venezuelan National Team during the WIBC Final Qualifier held in Mexico. The barrel-chested outfielder made his mark in both stints with the Venezuelan National Team, including a walk-off homer against Columbia in Florida and later a three-run homer against the Dominican Republic in the championship game of the Final Qualifier, a game that Venezuela would go on to lose, 8-5, to just miss out on qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics.

### Olympic News and Notes

The Opening Round of the Olympics kicks off this week with the following matchups (all times PST):

- 7/28: Dominican Republic vs. Japan (8pm)
- 7/29: Israel vs. South Korea (3am)
- 7/30: Mexico vs. Dominican Republic (8pm)
- 7/31: USA vs. Israel (3am)
- 7/31: Japan vs. Mexico (8pm)
- 7/31: USA vs. South Korea (3am)

Outfielder Julio Rodriguez, who played for the Everett AquaSox earlier this season, will be suiting up for the Dominican Republic. Fellow former AquaSox outfielder Patrick Kivlehan (2012) will be playing for Team USA, as will former Oregon Duck pitcher Scott McGough, who, coincidentally is married to former Emeralds intern, Lauren McGough (formerly Thompson).

### Ems Alums

- RHP Ryan Jensen (19): The 2019 first-rounder from Fresno State has struggled at High-A but on Tuesday he struck out a season-high 10 batters over five innings of two-run (one earned) ball while walking one. Jensen is 2-7, 4.97 with 66 strikeouts and 20 walks in 54.1 innings.

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	41-31
Home*	20-16
Road	21-15
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	38-30

Runs Scored	396
Runs Against	392
Run Differential	+4
Team AVG	.239
Team ERA	5.01
HR for/against	84/68
Strikeouts (pitching)	771
Strikeouts (hitting)	729

Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	14-5

May	15-9
June	17-8
July	8-14
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	26-11
Opponent Scores First	15-20

Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-3
Wednesday	7-4
Thursday	6-6
Friday	6-6
Saturday	5-7
Sunday	8-3

vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	12-6
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-5
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	9-3
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
Series Openers	10-3
Series Finales	8-4

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	48	23	.676	-	509	307
Eugene	41	31	.569	7.5	396	392
Spokane	34	39	.466	15.0	360	369
Vancouver	33	40	.452	16.0	353	395
Hillsboro	31	40	.437	17.0	302	351
Tri-City	29	43	.403	19.5	288	394

# TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

## #40 Kai-Wei Teng (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MINN

Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan School: N/A

Born: December 1, 1998 (22)

**BIO:** Ranked as the #18 prospect in the San Francisco Giants system, per MLB.com. Acquired from the Minnesota Twins along with Jaylin Davis and Prelander Berroa in exchange for Sam Dyson. Signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. Went undefeated over 14 appearances in 2019 despite being traded mid-season, going 7-0 between Augusta (SAL) and Cedar Rapids (MWL) with a 1.58 ERA and 88 K's in 79.2 IP. Per MLB.com: "When they traded Sam Dyson to the Twins in July 2019, the Giants received three potentially useful pieces in Teng, slugger Jaylin Davis and live-armed righty Prelander Berroa. Teng originally signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. He dominated low Class A at age 20, going 7-0 with a 1.58 ERA and a .510 opponent OPS, but did not come to the United States amid the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. Teng works with four mostly average pitches, starting with a four-seam fastball that ranges from 90-94 with riding action up in the strike zone. Some scouts believe his fading changeup is his best secondary offering, while others point to his low-80s slider. He also mixes in an upper-70s curveball. Teng's repertoire plays better than the sum of its parts because he possesses tremendous feel for his craft. He has a knack for reading swings and sequencing his pitches, keeping hitters off balance while locating his offerings with precision. He already carries 260 pounds on his 6-foot-4 frame, so he'll have to keep his body in check to reach his ceiling as a back-of-the-rotation workhorse." Per FanGraphs, "Teng was one of two players, along with Junior Severino, who the Twins signed after voiding amateur shortstop Jelfy Marte's \$3 million deal due to vision issues. It didn't take long for them to flip Teng to San Francisco as part of the package that netted Sam Dyson. He has a thick lower half and is a middling athlete, but he's very well balanced over his blocking leg and otherwise has a smooth delivery that should not only enable him to throw enough strikes to remain a starter, but perhaps develop plus command, as well. There's already strong breaking ball utility here, the ability to vary shape based on location, and competitive, arm-side changeup feel, too. Teng's frame is maxed out, so he probably won't add velo, but that's still a No. 4/5 skillset."

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

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	4	6.27	12	12	0	0	0	0	47.1	43	34	33	8	7	32	0	69	.244	7

## #17 Emerson Hancock (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 213 lbs Acquired: Round 1, 6th (2020)

Hometown: Thomasville, GA School: Georgia

Born: May 31, 1999 (22)

**BIO:** 2016 Region 1-4A Player of the Year, All-Area Player of the Year, All-State Honorable Mention and team's Golden Glove Award ... originally selected by Arizona in the 38th round of the 2017 MLB First-Year Player Draft, but did not sign ... attended the University of Georgia (2018-20) ... became the 11th Bulldog in school history to be drafted in the First Round ... highest Georgia selection in an MLB Draft since pitcher Derek Lilliquist went 6th overall to Atlanta in 1987... in 2020 was named to several postseason teams, including being named an Academic All-American ... also in 2020 named Vince Dooley Athlete of the Year (UGA) ... in 2019 as a sophomore went 8-3 with a 1.99 ERA, which ranked 8th best (ERA) in Georgia history ... 2020: Named to the Mariners 60-man roster prior to the start of the 2020 season ... spent season playing at the Mariners Alternate site in Tacoma...participated in the Mariners Player Development Fall League. Ranked as the #54 overall prospect in baseball by Baseball America.

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

**Notes:** Good fastball (93-97) with heavy sinking action, slider, changeup, curveball (seldom used) ... Exhibited outstanding control in college ... Emerson Christian Hancock ... graduated from Cairo (KAY-RO) (GA) High School in 2017... named Player of the Year by the Thomasville Times-Enterprise after going 11-1 with a 0.75 ERA, 125 strikeouts and 8 walks in 65 innings pitched as a senior as the Syrupmakers won their 2nd region title in school history... Accolades: named the 2017 Region 1-AAAA Pitcher of the Year, All Area Player of the Year and First Team All-State ... named

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	0	2.42	7	7	0	0	0	0	26.0	16	10	7	0	2	11	0	25	.178	1

## #31 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 (24)

**BIO:** 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 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." High School: Had a 2.33 ERA in his final two high school seasons for the Turlock Bulldogs. Made eight starts as a senior in 2015, going 4-3 with a 1.72 ERA. Pitched 40.2 innings including three complete games, collecting 46 strikeouts.

**PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Sinkier, Cutter, Slider, Changeup

**Notes:** 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

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
4	6	6.71	14	6	0	0	0	0	57.2	80	47	43	8	1	20	0	52	.333	3

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, July 29	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Levi Stoudt
Friday, July 30	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Tim Elliott
Saturday, July 31	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Reid Morgan
Sunday, August 1	4:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Jake Dahlberg	RHP Taylor Dollard
Tuesday, August 3	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Wednesday, August 4	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	RHP Nick Avila	TBD