



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #37 | June 16, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (21-15) vs. Hillsboro Hops (16-19)

RHP Kai-Wei Teng (1-2, 5.03 ERA) vs. RHP Ryne Nelson (3-1, 2.48 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

The Emeralds bounced back from a frustrating end to their recent roadtrip with a 5-1 win over the Hillsboro Hops to kick off a 12-game homestand. Conner Nurse netted his first win of the season, going 5.0 innings while surrendering just one run and striking out 3 Hops batters. Logan Wyatt went 2-for-3 with 2 RBI and a walk, and the bullpen was once again stellar as Jasier Herrera and Chris Wright combined to hold the Hops scoreless over the final four frames while surrendering just four hits and netting 5 strikeouts, highlighted by Wright striking out the side in the 9th to seal the victory. With the win and Vancouver's loss, the Emeralds moved into solo possession of second place yet remain 1.5 games back of first place Everett.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Kai-Wei Teng makes his return to the rotation tonight after being levied a 10-game suspension for using an illegal substance in his last outing on May 29 against Spokane. Teng, the 18th ranked prospect in the San Francisco Giants system, will face off against former Oregon Duck Ryne Nelson, the 19th ranked prospect in the Arizona Diamondbacks system.

QUICK HITS

Recent Roster Moves

It was another busy off day for the Emeralds in terms of player promotions as Eugene saw this season's third and fourth player promotions to Richmond. Full transactions are below:

ADDITIONS:

- OF Heath Quinn from Extended Spring Training
- OF Armani Smith from Low-A San Jose

DEPARTURES:

- RHP RJ Dabovich to Double-A Richmond
- INF Simon Whiteman to Double-A Richmond
- OF Javeyan Williams to Extended Spring Training

Dabovich and Whiteman join their former Emeralds teammates RHP Caleb Kilian and RHP Jose Marte who were both promoted earlier this season.

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.

Munguia departed the team as the team's RBI leader at the time (14) and, in his final at-bat before leaving, delivered a walk-off hit to defeat the Spokane Indians on May 27. Rincones left the Ems as one of the best statistical sluggers in the High-A West, ranking 2nd in slugging (.630), 2nd in OPS (1.042), T-3rd in batting average (.333), T-3rd in HR (4), and T-5th in OBP% (.413). Herrera, who started the season with the Emeralds, had been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento days prior to his departure to join the Columbian National Team.

High Hopes In Hillsboro

Fresh off facing an Everett roster that featured an eye-popping 13 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects (per MLB.com), the Emeralds will be facing off against another roster full of raw talent. The Hillsboro Hops boast 8 of the Arizona Diamondbacks' Top 30 prospects, 7 of which are currently active:

- #1 OF Corbin Carroll (IL)
- #6 RHP Slade Cecconi
- #8 RHP Bryce Jarvis
- #17 INF Blaze Alexander
- #19 RHP Ryne Nelson

- #21 RHP Drey Jameson
- #25 RHP Conor Grammes
- #27 INF/OF Tristin English

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

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.

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 since, Dabovich has fired 10.2 scoreless, hitless innings while allowing just 5 BB, notching 23 K's, and going 4-for-4 in save opportunities. The former ASU Sun Devil is now T-2nd in saves in the High-A West.

Strikeout Savants

Through 36 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (421). Their 421 collective strikeouts are 36 more than the next closest team (Everett - 385). 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 Cedar Rapids Kernels the next closest at 419. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 421 K's rank 6th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 481 K's.

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	21-15
Home*	7-6
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	20-14

Runs Scored	180
Runs Against	163
Team AVG	.228
Team ERA	4.08
Hits for/against	268/265
HR for/against	31/31
Strikeouts (pitching)	421
Strikeouts (hitting)	356

Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	7-1

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

Scoring First	13-5
Opponent Scores First	8-10

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

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

Series Openers	6-1
Series Finales	4-1

*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.

League Leaders

Will Wilson:

- HR: 6 (T-6th)
- SLG: .504 (5th)
- OPS: .874 (8th)
- Doubles: 9 (T-9th)
- XBH: 16 (T-5th)
- Total Bases: 62 (6th)

Ismael Munguia:

- AVG: .291 (7th)

Tyler Fitzgerald:

- Runs: 25 (T-7th)

Logan Wyatt:

- BB: 25 (2nd)

Brandon Martorano:

- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

Travis Perry:

- Wins: 3 (T-1st)

Seth Corry:

- K: 46 (T-2nd)
- ERA: 2.83 (5th)
- OPP AVG: .170 (2nd)

Ryan Walker:

- Games: 12 (T-7th)

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)

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. Rincones had been a consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through the first three weeks weeks, with his numbers and league ranks upon his

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	22	13	.629	-	238	136
Eugene	21	15	.583	1.5	180	163
Vancouver	21	16	.568	2.0	183	180
Hillsboro	16	19	.457	6.0	136	166
Spokane	15	22	.405	8.0	167	190
Tri-City	13	23	.361	9.5	124	193

departure as follows:

- AVG: .333 (T-3rd)
- HR: 4 (T-3rd)
- OBP%: .413 (5th)
- SLG: .630 (2nd)
- OPS: 1.042 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-5th)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-7th)
- Total Bases: 34 (T-4th)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#40 Kai-Wei Teng (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 260 lbs Acquired: Trade w/ MINN (2019)
 Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan School: N/A
 Born: December 1, 1998 (22)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Curveball, Split-Changeup

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. Per MLB.com: "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."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	2	5.03	5	5	0	0	0	0	19.2	16	12	11	2	2	12	0	29	.225	1

#29 Ryne Nelson (RHP)

Height: 6'3 Weight: 170 lbs Acquired: 2nd Round, 56th (2019)
 Hometown: Henderson, NV School: Oregon
 Born: February 1, 1998 (23)

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

Notes: His only pro experience so far has been with Hops: in 2019, he spent his first pro year in Hillsboro: 10g, 7 starts, 0-1, 2.89, 18.2ip, 10bb, 26k, 1hr, 1hb, 2wp. Two excellent relief appearances for Hops in 2019 postseason: 3 innings to earn wins each game, first in South Division Series clincher at Salem-Keizer, then in fifth and deciding game of NWL championship Series at Tri-City: combined 6ip, 3h, 0r, 1bb, 10k. MLBpipeline.com says: He is D-backs' #20 prospect. 2019 as a JR at U of Oregon: was All-Pac 12 in first year exclusively as a pitcher, 23g (4gs), 3-4, 4.29, 4sv, 65ip, 60h, 41bb, 104k, 14.4 strikeouts per 9 inn was 4th in nation—one slot ahead of Hops teammate Drey Jameson—and 2nd among Power Five conf pitchers. Was Ducks starting SS and part-time closer in 2018: hit just .171, 5 extra-base hits (all doubles), 16 relief app, 4 saves, 3-1, 3.86, 23ip, 21h, 14b, 37k. Was exclusively a pitcher in Cape Cod league in 2018: with the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox, 14g as closer, 2-0, 2.65, 6sv, 17ip, 8h, 9bb, 26k. As a two-way player at Basic HS in Henderson NV: led them to a state title as a SR in 2016, hitting .415 and going 7-2 w/1.91 ERA... had game-ending hit in a playoff quarterfinal game. Is the 5th Duck to play for the Hops: joins P Matt Mercer (2018), C Tim Susnara (2017), SS Mark Karavotis (2016), and P Jimmie Sherfy (2013); P Brando Tassar was to be a Hop in 2014, but failed a physical on the eve of his pro debut season and his contract was negated. 5 Ducks, but: only one Beaver has been a Hop, P Scott Schultz (2014). Signing bonus: reported \$1.1 million. Pitches: fastball, curve, slider, change... mid- to upper-90s... curve is best secondary pitch

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	1	2.48	6	6	0	0	0	0	32.2	19	9	9	2	2	10	0	46	.165	1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, June 17	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	TBD	RHP Bryce Jarvis
Friday, June 18	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Slade Cecconi
Saturday, June 19	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Drey Jameson
Sunday, June 20	5:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Tuesday, June 22	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Wednesday, June 23	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD