



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #61 | July 14, 2021 | Avista Stadium | Spokane, WA  
Eugene Emeralds (35-25) at Spokane Indians (28-33)  
RHP Conner Nurse (1-5, 5.81 ERA) vs. RHP Chris McMahon (6-2, 4.28 ERA)  
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## LAST TIME OUT

Now THAT is how you bounce back from a rough series. Having dropped five-of-six against Everett (including five straight to end the series while being outscored 51-12 during said five games), the Emeralds poured it on late to earn a 12-4 victory in game one of six in Spokane. Eugene never trailed at any point, scoring first in the top of the first to make it 2-0, but Spokane cut it to a one-run game on two separate occasions, most notably in the fourth when they made it 4-3 and still had the bases loaded with one out and leadoff man Isaac Collins at the plate. Chaos quickly ensued, though, as Collins roped a liner to center field that appeared to get down in front of Emeralds CF Ismael Munguia, but Munguia was ruled to have made the catch and then threw to the infield to double off a base runner. The Emeralds would go on to score three in the sixth, three in the seventh, and two more in the eighth thanks in-part to homers by Heath Quinn, Franklin Labour and Brett Auerbach. The Emeralds bullpen combined for 5.2 IP and 6 K's while allowing just 3 H, 1 ER, and 3 BB.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Spokane sends out another top Rockies prospect in the form of RHP Chris McMahon who leads the league in innings pitched (61.0). McMahon will be making his third start against the Emeralds this season and is 1-0 against Eugene entering today. Meanwhile, the Emeralds counter with lanky right-hander Conner Nurse who is 0-1 over two previous starts against Spokane. Nurse is looking to put together his first "truly" well-rounded performance this season, but he's gone at least 4.0 innings in all 12 starts in 2021. Eugene enters Wednesday 4.5 games behind first place Everett after the AquaSox fell at home to the last place Tri-City Dust Devils, 9-8, on Tuesday night.

## QUICK HITS

### Roster Additions

Since the turn of the month, the San Francisco Giants have made the following roster moves affecting the Eugene Emeralds:

#### July 6:

- SS Will Wilson promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- OF Diego Rincones promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A.
- RHP Austin Reich added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.

#### July 5:

- INF Nolan Dempsey added to Eugene roster from Giants Black (ACL).

#### July 1:

- C Brandon Martorano promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- C Brett Auerbach added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.

Wilson and Rincones are the sixth and seventh players to be promoted to Double-A Richmond this season, joining RHP Jose Marte, RHP Caleb Kilian, INF Simon Whiteman, RHP RJ Dabovich, and C Brandon Martorano.

After 49 games as an Emerald, Wilson departed the Northwest ranked tied for second in the High-A West in home runs (10), tied for third in extra-base hits (26), fourth in total bases (97), fifth in slugging (.497), tied for sixth in runs scored (37), seventh in doubles (14), tied for eighth in hits (49), and ninth in OPS (.837).

Meanwhile, Rincones leaves Eugene after 25 games as an Emerald having slashed .300/.395/.533 with 5 homers, 6 doubles, 15 RBIs and a .919 OPS. Rincones played just 25 games as an Emerald was not due to injury, but rather due to time spent with the Venezuelan National Team. Rincones, one of three Emeralds to play for their respective national teams this season (OF Ismael Munguia - Nicaragua | RHP Jasier Herrera - Colombia), spent two separate stints with the Venezuelan National Team this summer, first at the WSBG Olympic Qualifying Tournament held in Florida and later at the WSBG 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 Colombia 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.

### Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Kudos to Steven in the Spokane Indians press box for pointing out the absurd splits between Eugene's starters and relievers. Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 13-24 with a 5.72 ERA. Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 22-1 with a 3.90 ERA and 373 K's in 277.0 innings pitched. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 5 bullpen losses (Tampa Bay Tarpons, Charleston RiverDogs).

### 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 23.0 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 47 batters while going 9-for-9 in save opportunities.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 60 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (670). Their 670 collective strikeouts are 25 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 645). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 2nd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Hudson Valley Renegades (NY) who have 678. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 670 K's rank 7th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 762 K's. Entering Wednesday night, San Jose's 762 K's are 51 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 have won ten straight games decided by one run and are now 10-1 in one-run games this season.

### The Clutch (Eu)Gene

Entering Wednesday, Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 3rd in AVG (.248), 4th in runs (138), 2nd in hits (163), 3rd on OBP (.350) and 3rd in OPS (.758) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene leads all of High-A in AVG (.286), OBP (.411), SLG (.419), and OPS (.931) while ranking 2nd in runs scored (42) in late/close situations.

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

- The San Francisco Giants had two players participate in the recent MLB Futures Game: SS Marco Luciano (San Jose Giants | Low-A) and Heliot Ramos (Richmond Flying Squirrels | Double-A). Luciano went 0-for-1 with walk while Ramos went 0-for-1.

- Former Emerald C Patrick Bailey, who started the season with the Emeralds before being sent down to the ACL on June 26, was promoted to Low-A San Jose yesterday where he made his Low-A debut, going 0-for-4 with 2 K's and an RBI sac fly.

- Another good start for RHP Prelander Berroa for Low-A San Jose on July 13 vs. Modesto. Berroa worked six strong innings tonight with only one unearned run allowed. 5 H, 2 BB, 5 SO. FB was 94-97, top 98. Over his last four starts: 1.96 ERA, 23 IP, 8 BB, 24 SO.

- Over the last seven games since July 6, the Richmond Flying Squirrels have hit 12 home runs, which is the most in the Double-A Northeast. In the last series at Bowie, Vince Fernandez hit three home runs in his five games played. Heliot Ramos and Frankie Tostado homered twice last week. Brandon Martorano, David Villar, Sandro Fabian, Andy Sugilio and Andres Angulo have each hit one home run in the seven-game span. For the season, the Flying Squirrels rank tied for seventh in the circuit with 63 home runs. The team is on pace to hit 124 home runs this season in 120 games.

- In his last six games since July 4, Heliot Ramos is batting .360 (9-for-25) with three home runs, two doubles and eight RBIs while scoring five runs. He began the season hitting .314 with three homers and 12 RBIs in 22 May games. In June, he posted a .155 batting average and homered twice with three RBIs in 26 games.

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 5 of the organization's top 30 prospects, 4 of which are active:

- #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)
- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

### Colorado Rockies Prospect Watch

The Indians boast 7 of the Colorado Rockies top 30 prospects; including 5 of the top 8:

- #3 1B Michael Toglia
- #5 3B Aaron Schunk
- #6 OF Brenton Doyle
- #7 LHP Helcris Olivarez
- #8 RHP Chris McMahon
- #24 OF Niko Decolati
- #29 RHP Shelby Lackey

### Toglia Tees Off In Futures Game

"I'll be honest," Toglia said of the first pitch. "I was swinging no matter what." Toglia, a 2019 first-round draft choice, hammered a first-pitch home run - a third-inning, two-run blast that helped propel the National League to an 8-3 victory over the American League. "That definitely put me on Cloud Nine," said Toglia. "This is the biggest stage that I've ever been in front of... First pitch, I was looking for a fastball. He came in, I stayed in, and then kept it in the middle of the field." Homered off of Cole Ragans (Rangers). "(He) hits for power from both sides," said Ryan Vladek (Triple-A Albuquerque) who also played in Futures Game. "He's a really good athlete and defender. I predict him being a gold glove at first base." Toglia said there is "no timestamp" for when he expects to make his leap to the major leagues. But the 6-foot-5, 226-pound infielder said: "I see myself as an every day, middle-of-the-order

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	35-25
Home*	17-13
Road	18-12
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	32-24

Runs Scored	316
Runs Against	310
Run Differential	+6
Team AVG	.237
Team ERA	4.77
HR for/against	60/57
Strikeouts (pitching)	670
Strikeouts (hitting)	591

Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
I-Run Games	10-1

May	15-9
June	17-8
July	3-8
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	25-8
Opponent Scores First	10-18

Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-1
Wednesday	5-4
Thursday	5-5
Friday	6-4
Saturday	4-6
Sunday	6-3

vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	6-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2

Series Openers	10-1
Series Finales	6-4

\*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 Emeralds dropped both games of that doubleheader.

bat, run producer, and saving a lot of errors at first base ... Seeing that many people in the stands, that's something that I've personally never seen before," Togliola said. "That really told me that: We're here. This is real." Of note, Togliola's former Spokane teammate, Willie MacIver, also played game, and is currently with the Double-A Hartford Yard Goats. MacIver entered the game in the fifth, struck out twice but successfully threw out a runner at third on a steal attempt.

### Olympic Ems

Diego Rincones and the Venezuelan National Team's bid to make the Olympics came up just short on Saturday, with Venezuela falling to the Dominican Republic, 8-5, in the WBSC Baseball Final Qualifier held in Mexico. Rincones made his mark in the Final Qualifier, belting a three-run homer in the 2nd inning to put Venezuela up 3-0 at the time but a six-run 4th inning, helped the Dominican Republic roar back and hold on late for the win. During the Final Qualifier, Rincones went 3-for-14 (.214) with 5 RBI, a double, and a HR in 4 games played. Rincones and two of his current teammates - RHP Jasier Herrera and OF Ismael Munguia - also 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): 3 games | 4-for-19 (.211), 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 R | Hit walk-off HR vs. Columbia in bottom of 9th.

### 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) - OBP: .122 (1st)

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	39	20	.672	-	414	235
Eugene	35	25	.576	5.5	304	306
Vancouver	31	30	.500	10.0	305	312
Spokane	28	33	.467	12.0	271	284
Hillsboro	24	35	.414	15.0	242	295
Tri-City	23	37	.373	17.5	215	319

## HIGH-A WEST LEADERS

NAME	STAT	RANK	NAME	STAT	RANK
Tyler Fitzgerald	7 HR	T-10th	Chris Wright	5 SV	T-3rd
	39 R	7th	Ryan Walker	21 APPs	T-5th
	32 RBI	T-10th	Seth Corry	81 K	1st
Franklin Labour	36 RBI	6th		.199 AVG	1st
	3 3B	T-4th			
	32 BB	T-9th			
	.839 OPS	8th			
Logan Wyatt	405 OBP%	7th			
	40 BB	T-3rd			

## HIGH-A WEST TRANSACTIONS

- July 14:**  
- Vancouver Canadians sent OF Will Robertson on a rehab assignment to FCL Blue Jays (ROK).
- July 13:**  
- Seattle Mariners sent RHP Casey Sadler on a rehab assignment to Everett AquaSox.  
- RHP Matthias Dietz assigned to Tri-City Dust Devils from ACL Angels (ROK).  
- OF Zac Cook assigned to Vancouver Canadians from Dunedin Blue Jays.  
- Hillsboro Hops placed LHP Julio Frias on the 7-day injured list.
- July 12:**  
- C David Sheaffer assigned to Everett AquaSox from Tacoma Rainiers (AAA).  
- RHP Bobby Ay assigned to Hillsboro Hops from Visalia Rawhide (Low-A).
- July 11:**  
- C Carter Bins assigned to Arkansas Travelers (AA) from Everett AquaSox.
- July 10:**  
- 3B LJ Hatch assigned to Albuquerque Isotopes (AAA) from Spokane Indians.  
- C Greg Jones assigned to Hartford Yard Goats (AA) from Spokane Indians.
- July 9:**  
- Hillsboro Hops transferred RHP Conor Grammes from the 7-day IL to the 60-day IL.
- July 8:**  
- 1B Jacob Gonzalez assigned to ACL Giants Black (ROK) from Eugene Emeralds.  
- Spokane Indians placed RHP Derrick Watson on the 7-day injured list.

## TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

### #35 Conner Nurse (RHP)

Height: 6'6 Weight: 210 lbs Acquired: Round 34, 1026th (2017)  
Hometown: Winter Garden, FL School: Ridge H.S. (Davenport, FL)  
Born: July 31, 1999 (21)

Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, shows balance and ability to repeat, leading to lots of strikes. Medium arm stroke through the back, work to a near over-the-top release point, does a nice job of working on top of the ball to generate nice angle on fastball. Topped out at 90 mph, mostly true in life, tough pitch to elevate due to plane. Curveball shows hammer depth at 79 mph from similar release point, present strikeout pitch and will manipulate shape/velocity to pitch early in count. Has confidence and feel in his changeup, occasional hard fading life at 74 mph, projects with additional arm speed. Nice feel for a full arsenal and throws off speed pitches for strikes regularly. Righthanded hitter, wide base in the box with a short and inside swing path. Looks to lift and pull the ball, can turn on inner half pitch and flashes pop off the barrel. Named to World Showcase Top Prospect List. Good student. Committed to Seminole State College of Florida. "Has fired at least 4.0 innings in all 11 starts this season. Has faced Spokane twice this season: May 8 in Spokane (L | 4.0 IP | 4 H | 2 R | 2 ER | 3 BB | 1 K) and May 27 in Eugene (ND | 5.0 IP | 8 H | 3 R | 3 ER | 2 BB | 6 K). Has struggled surrendering the long ball this season, giving up a homer in 8 of 11 outings.

**PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Splitter

**BIO:** Signed for \$250,000, \$125,000 over slot. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Just 21-years old, Nurse is pitching in his first full season of pro ball after spending 2018 in Rookie-ball down in Arizona, then splitting time between Arizona and the short-season Northwest league in 2019. Per Perfect Game coming out of high school. "Extra-large, athletic frame with broad shoulders and long limbs, leaner build with room to fill but also has present strength throughout.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	5	5.81	11	11	0	0	0	0	52.2	55	36	34	9	1	28	0	49	.272	2

### #40 Chris McMahon (RHP)

Height: 6'2 Weight: 217 lbs Acquired: Round 2, 46th (2020)  
Hometown: West Chester, PA School: Miami (FL)  
Born: February 4, 1999 (22)

the second round, where the Rockies went a bit over slot to sign him before watching him throw very well at instructs. During his time in instructional league play, McMahon really stood out with his pitchability, especially his fastball command. He can run it up to the mid-90s with late action when he keeps it down and he's shown the ability to reach back for a bit more when needed. While he has good feel for spin, his breaking ball can be a bit of a slurry hybrid, but should be tight slider with good late three-quarters tilt to it, a potential plus pitch. His changeup gets swings and misses as well as generates weak contact. In addition to the breaking ball consistency, he'll have to continue to work on shortening his deeper arm action to help keep his stuff from flattening out. Thanks to his athleticism and feel for pitching, he has a very good chance to reach his ceiling as a mid-rotation type starter." Has faced Eugene twice this season, on May 5 in Spokane (ND | 5.0 IP | 6 H | 2 ER | 1 BB | 6 K) and on May 28 in Eugene (W | 6.0 IP | 5 H | 1 ER | 0 BB | 7 K). After surrendering a HR in 5 of his first 6 starts, McMahon has surrendered just 1 HR over his last 6 starts. Has fired at least 5.0 innings in 11 of 12 starts (6/3 vs. VAN - 1.0 IP | 3 H | 5 ER | 2 BB). Leads the High-A West in innings pitched.

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

**Notes:** #8 prospect in Colorado Rockies system, per MLB.com. Per MLB.com, "A multi-sport standout in high school out of Philadelphia, McMahon was a solid pitching prospect in 2017, but slid deep into Day 3 of the Draft because of his commitment to the University of Miami. After missing a large chunk of his freshman year with a knee injury and serving as the Saturday starter as a sophomore, McMahon pitched very well for Team USA and continued to throw well during the shortened 2020 season. While he did get some first-round buzz, he landed near the top of the Rockies system in the 2020 draft. McMahon has a very good chance to reach his ceiling as a mid-rotation type starter." Has faced Eugene twice this season, on May 5 in Spokane (ND | 5.0 IP | 6 H | 2 ER | 1 BB | 6 K) and on May 28 in Eugene (W | 6.0 IP | 5 H | 1 ER | 0 BB | 7 K). After surrendering a HR in 5 of his first 6 starts, McMahon has surrendered just 1 HR over his last 6 starts. Has fired at least 5.0 innings in 11 of 12 starts (6/3 vs. VAN - 1.0 IP | 3 H | 5 ER | 2 BB). Leads the High-A West in innings pitched.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
6	2	4.28	12	12	0	0	0	0	61.0	65	31	29	6	3	17	0	60	.275	2

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Thursday, July 15	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Mitch Kilkenny
Friday, July 16	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	TBD Opener, then RHP Nick Avila	RHP Will Ethridge
Saturday, July 17	6:30pm PST	@Spokane Indians	LHP Seth Corry	LHP Breiling Eusebio
Sunday, July 18	5:09pm PST	@Spokane Indians	RHP Aaron Phillips	LHP Helcris Olivarez
Tuesday, July 20	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Wednesday, July 21	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD