



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #46 | June 26, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (28-17) vs. Vancouver Canadians (26-20)

RHP Conner Nurse (1-3, 5.26 ERA) vs. RHP Paxton Schultz (3-0, 3.51 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

The Eugene offense was a lifeless one on Friday night night, mustering only four hits while falling to the Vancouver Canadians, 9-1, on what was PRIDE Night at PK Park. A scary scene unfolded in the third inning when Emeralds catcher Brandon Martorano was hit by a pitch in the side of the head, but fortunately he was able to exit the game under his own power and was replaced in the lineup by Robert Emery. Emery would go on to be the only Emeralds to tally multiple hits on the night, going 2-for-3 at the plate. C's starting pitcher Luis Quinones picked up his second win of the season, both of which have come against the Emeralds. Quinones fired 5.0 innings with 1 hit, 1 ER, 5 BB and 10 K's.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Though not in the lineup tonight, the Emeralds will have C Ricardo Genoves on the roster for the first time today after he was promoted from Low-A San Jose. Eugene who led Everett by 2.5 games in the High-A West standings as recently as Thursday, will look to avoid falling out of first tonight while also looking to avoid seeing their losing skid hit three. RHP Conner Nurse takes the mound for Eugene tonight and he'll be making his second start against the C's so far this season. In his only prior appearance against Vancouver (6/2), Nurse fired a season-high 5.1 IP with 6 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 1 BB and 1 K. That outing on June 2nd was the only start this season that Nurse has not surrendered a home run. C's starter RHP Paxton Schultz will be making his second start against the Ems as well, having fired 6.0 inning with 2 H, 1 ER, 2 BB and a season-high 9 K's on June 6.

QUICK HITS

Roster Additions

On Saturday, the Emeralds made the following roster moves:

- C Ricardo Genoves added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.
- C Patrick Bailey optioned from Eugene to ACL Orange.

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): 5 games | 4-for-19 (.211), 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 R | Hit walk-off HR vs. Columbia in bottom of 9th.

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
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson

- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 Ricardo Genoves

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 45 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (518). Their 518 collective strikeouts are 31 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 487). 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 513. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 518 K's rank 6th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 603 K's. San Jose's 603 K's are 65 more than the next closest team (Somerset Patriots).

So Offensive

The Emeralds offense has seen its numbers creep up and up during the current homestand, and now the Emeralds rank 6th in all of High-A in runs scored (245), 3rd in walks (221), and 8th in on-base percentage (.344).

Walk This Way

Both the Ems and the C's enter the day as one of the top teams in terms of working walks in all of the High-A. Eugene's 221 walks at the plate this season rank 3rd in High-A while Vancouver's 219 walks drawn rank 4th.

Canadians Can't Cash In

The C's enter Friday ranked 3rd in all of High-A in runners left on-base (347), trailing only the Great Lakes Loons (360).

C's Love To Steal

Vancouver enters Friday ranked 5th in all of High-A in stolen bases (76).

Estrada Helps Birds To Collective No-No

Former Emerald RHP Jeremiah Estrada (19) was one of four Myrtle Beach (Low-A | CHC) Pelicans pitchers that combined to fire a collective no-hitter on Thursday evening against the Columbia Fireflies (Low-A | KC). Estrada worked 2.2 IP with no hits, one walk, and seven strikeouts. The Pelicans' pitching staff struck out 16 Fireflies batters while issuing 7 walks.

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

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	28-17
Home*	14-8
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	27-16
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Runs Scored	245
Runs Against	223
Team AVG	.235
Team ERA	4.45
Hits for/against	343/345
HR for/against	45/40
Strikeouts (pitching)	518
Strikeouts (hitting)	447
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Current Streak	L2
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L4
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Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	9-1
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May	15-9
June	13-8
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	18-6
Opponent Scores First	10-11
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Monday	0-2
Tuesday	6-1
Wednesday	4-3
Thursday	4-4
Friday	6-2
Saturday	3-4
Sunday	5-1
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vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	2-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	0-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
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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.

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**
- 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: .491 (7th)
 - XBH: 20 (T-3rd)

- Total Bases: 78 (4th)
- Runs: 30 (10th)
- Franklin Labour:
- HR: 6 (T-7th)
- RBI: 29 (T-4th)
- SLG: .479 (8th)
- OPS: .846 (10th)
- BB: 25 (T-9th)
- Ismael Munguia:
- AVG: .280 (10th)
- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- RBI: 29 (T-4th)
- Runs: 33 (T-8th)
- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 36 (T-1st)
- OBP: .410 (4th)
- Brandon Martorano:
- Triples: 3 (T-2nd)
- Kai-Wei Teng
- K: 48 (T-7th)
- Seth Corry:
- K: 62 (1st)
- Ryan Walker:

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS						
	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	28	17	.622	-	245	233
Everett	27	17	.614	0.5	295	170
Vancouver	26	20	.565	2.5	139	231
Spokane	20	26	.435	8.5	205	218
Hillsboro	19	25	.432	8.5	182	222
Tri-City	15	30	.333	13.0	144	246

- Games: 16 (T-4th)
- Chris Wright:
- Saves: 4 (T-5th)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#35 Conner Nurse (RHP)

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

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.

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. 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. Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, 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."

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	3	5.26	8	8	0	0	0	0	37.2	41	23	22	8	1	19	0	34	.285	1

#38 Paxton Schultz (RHP)

Height: 6'3 Weight: 205 lbs Acquired: Round 14, 443 (2019)
 Hometown: Orem, UT School: Utah Valley
 Born: January 5, 1998 (23)

eight games, pitching 13.2 innings giving up 14 hits and 7 runs (5 earned). But, in that small sample size he struck out 17, powered by his mid-90s fastball, and only walked 1.

PITCHES: TBD

Notes: Signed for the maximum \$125,000 2021 NOTES: Advanced-A debut. Acquired from Milwaukee as PTBNL in deal that sent Derek Fisher to Brewers. Pitched for the Brisbane Bandits in the ABL before trade. LAST SEASON: 9 games (1 start) for Rookie Rocky Mountain (MIL). 1-3, 3.86 ERA across 23.1 innings. 22 strikeouts, 7 walks. PERSONAL: Originally drafted by MIL in 14th round of 2019 draft out of Utah Valley. Hails from Orem, UT. After the cancelled Minor League Baseball season in 2020, the Brewers sent him Down Under to play for the Brisbane Bandits where he pitched in eight games, pitching 13.2 innings giving up 14 hits and 7 runs (5 earned). But, in that small sample size he struck out 17, powered by his mid-90s fastball, and only walked 1.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
3	0	3.51	7	6	0	0	0	0	33.1	25	13	13	3	2	13	0	32	.212	0

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
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
Thursday, July 1	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Friday, July 2	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD