



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #17 | May 22, 2021 | Gesa Stadium | Pacso, WA
Eugene Emeralds (10-6) vs. Tri-City Dust Devils (5-11)
RHP Caleb Kilian (2-0, 1.84 ERA) vs. RHP Aaron Hernandez (0-0, 1.59 ERA)
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LAST TIME OUT

That... was a wild one. After tying the game in the seventh and taking the lead in the top of the ninth, the Emeralds held on in a crazy, controversial bottom of the ninth to snap a mini two-game skid and earn their tenth win of the season by a final score of 3-2. Starting pitcher RHP Conner Nurse fired a season-high 5.0 innings with five K's while allowing three hits, three walks and two earned runs, with both runs coming in the bottom of the third. Brandon Martorano tallied the only multi-hit performance for either side, including a clutch stand-up triple to lead off the ninth before coming in to score what proved to be the game-winning run on a wild pitch. Jose Marte picked up the save, striking out the side despite some wild moments.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

RHP Caleb Kilian gets the ball today for the Emeralds, and Kilian has been nothing short of exceptional through his first few outings as an Emerald. The former Texas Tech Red Raider leads the league in strikeouts (22) and WHIP (0.61) while his 1.84 ERA is tied for fourth. The Emeralds enter the in second in the High-A West, one game behind the Everett AquaSox (11-5) and the red-hot Vancouver Canadians (11-5) in the standings. The Emeralds will be facing another organizational top-30 prospect on the mound today, the FOURTH straight day that's been the case. RHP Aaron Hernandez is currently ranked as the #23 prospect in the Los Angeles Angels system per MLB.com.

QUICK HITS

Kilian Is Killing it

Eugene's Opening Night starter, RHP Caleb Kilian, allowed 2 hits, 0 ER, 0 BB while posting 9 K's in just 4.0 innings of work in his Emeralds debut. The 8th rounder out of Texas Tech followed his stellar debut outing with the Ems by firing 5.0 IP with 2 hits, 1 ER, 0 BB and 5 K's in Sunday's series finale in Spokane. In his home debut, Kilian finally showed he just *might* be human, going 5.2 IP with 8 K's while allowing 4 hits, 2 ER, and his first walk of the season, snapping a streak of 14.2 IP to start the year without issuing a base-on-balls. His High-A West ranks through 3 starts are as follows:

- Wins: 2 (T-1st)
- ERA: 1.84 (4th)
- K: 22 (1st)
- OPP AVG: .154 (3rd)
- WHIP: 0.61 (1st)

Small Sample Size, But Good Start

Through 16 games, the Ems boast some of the better offensive team numbers in the High-A West. Team stats with league ranks noted below:

- AVG: .252 (1st)
- Hits: 134 (2nd)
- Runs: 96 (2nd)
- Total Bases: 226 (2nd)
- HR: 18 (2nd)
- SLG: .425 (2nd)
- OPS: .780 (2nd)
- K: 150 (Fewest)

Rincones Rakes

Rincones has been a consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through two weeks, finding himself at-or-near the top of the league in numerous categories:

- AVG: .353 (2nd)
- HR: 4 (T-3rd)
- OB%: .424 (7th)

- SLG: .667 (2nd)
- OPS: 1.090 (2nd)
- Hits: 18 (T-3rd)
- Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-4th)
- Total Bases: 34 (4th)

Strikeout Savants

Through 16 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (201) while at the plate, Eugene has posted the fewest strikeouts in the league (150).

Holy Jose

After Thursday's wild one, Marte now finds himself tied for the league lead in saves (3) after working himself in-and-out of a jam by striking out the side. The starter-turned-reliever has excelled in his newfound role coming out of the bullpen, starting the season with five straight scoreless outings with 14 K's scattered over 6.1 innings of work. The right-hander has yet to allow a walk this season and has only seen three hits come against him.

Russell Goes Back-To-Back

RHP John Russell became the first Emeralds bullpen arm to work back-to-back nights after firing a scoreless inning of work on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Russell did not allow a single base runner in either outing. In a bullpen full of quality arms, Russell have been one of the best to start the 2021 season, firing 7.0 scoreless innings over five appearances with 11 strikeouts while allowing just two hits and one walk.

Fitzzy Feeling Frisky

INF Tyler Fitzgerald is one of just two players in the league (Rodriguez - EVE) to place in the top 10 in the High-A West in both runs scored and RBI. After slugging his second homer of the season on Wednesday vs. Tri-City, a two-run bomb, Fitzgerald now ranks 7-7th in the league in RBI (10) and T-5th in runs scored (12).

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	10-6
Home*	3-3
Road	7-3
Neutral	0-0
Day	0-0
Night	10-6

Runs Scored	96
Runs Against	69
Team AVG	.252
Team ERA	4.03
Hits for/against	134/105
HR for/against	18/17
Strikeouts (pitching)	201
Strikeouts (hitting)	150

Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2

Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	1-1
1-Run Games	1-1

May	10-6
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	7-1
Opponent Scores First	3-5

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

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

Series Openers	3-0
Series Finales	2-0

*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.

Whiteman Has Got Wheels

INF Simon Whiteman has been a menace on the bases whenever he has reached, which has been often when he has played (.417 OBP%). Whiteman is a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts this season.

Woah... Wilson is Wicked Good

After starting the season with an 11-game hit streak, Wilson is putting together a solid start to his first full season playing in the Giants system. High-A West ranks noted below:

- AVG: .316 (5th)
- HR: 3 (T-6th)
- OBP: .412 (9th)
- SLG: .614 (4th)
- OPS: 1.026 (4th)
- Hits: 18 (T-3rd)
- Doubles: 6 (T-2nd)
- Extra Base Hits: 10 (T-2nd)
- Total Bases: 35 (3rd)
- Runs: 12 (T-5th)

SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 7 of the organization's top 30 prospects:

- #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
- #30 RHP Caleb Kilian

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	11	5	.688	-	109	56
Vancouver	11	5	.688	-	79	57
Eugene	10	6	.625	1.0	96	69
Hillsboro	6	10	.375	5.0	55	76
Spokane	5	11	.312	6.0	65	96
Tri-City	5	11	.312	6.0	62	112

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#39 Caleb Kilian (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 180 lbs Acquired: 8th Round, 236th (2019)
 Hometown: Anaheim, CA School: Texas Tech
 Born: June 2, 1997 (23)

PITCHES: Fastball, Cutter, Curveball, Changeup

BIO: #30 ranked prospect in the Giants system, per MLB.com. Drafted in the 20th round of the 2018 MLB Draft by the Baltimore Orioles. Signed with the Giants for an over-slot \$397,500. Starter on back-to-back College World Series teams while at Texas Tech. As a sophomore, led the Red Raiders in wins (9) while being named First Team All-Big 12 and First Team Academic All-Big

12. As a junior, helped Texas Tech to its deepest run in Omaha in program history, posting a #4 final ranking to match the highest final ranking in team history. Went 7-0 in Big 12 play, amassing 2 more wins than the next closest pitcher. Named both First Team All-Big 12 and First Team Academic All-Big 12 for his second consecutive season. Over his career, Kilian collected 23 wins, third all-time at Texas Tech. As a junior, one of only 3 losses he had came in his first start of the season against Oregon, firing a season-low 3.1 IP while allowing 6 hits, 6 ER, 2 BB and 2 K's in a 9-4 loss. Per Baseball America, Kilian is, "a sum-of-the-parts pitcher with solid but unspectacular stuff that works because of loction and feel." Father, Joel, ran track at California Lutheran University.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
2	0	1.84	3	3	0	0	0	0	14.2	8	3	3	0	0	1	0	22	.154	1

#17 Aaron Hernandez (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 170 lbs Acquired: 3rd Round, 93rd (2018)
 Hometown: Corpus Christi, TX School: Texas A&M - Corpus Christi
 Born: June 11, 1997

PITCHES: Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

Notes: 23rd ranked prospect in Los Angeles Angels system per MLB.com. After a freshman season pitching mostly out of the bullpen for Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Hernandez missed 2017 because of academic issues. He worked his way back to the field for his junior season in 2018, exciting the scouting world with a velocity spike that helped him become the first player in school

history to get taken in the top three rounds of the Draft. His first full season of pro ball in the California League was uneven at best, though he righted the ship some with a solid performance in the Arizona Fall League. He didn't pitch much in 2020, getting only a few innings at instructs. Hernandez was up to the upper 90s during his junior year, but his stuff hasn't returned to those levels as a pro. He sat in the low 90s more often than not in 2019, and even though he would touch a bit higher at times, he didn't hold that velocity throughout a start. There's some arm-side run on the pitch, with more action when it was down in the zone. He does have two distinct breaking balls, though the curve and slider sometimes morph into each other, and he has solid feel for a changeup. Command has been a bit of an issue for Hernandez, even in his college days, though he was more around the strike zone during his stint in the AFL. Not having pitched in over a year, Hernandez will have to prove he's the prospect who was worth the third-round pick in 2018.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	0	1.59	2	2	0	0	0	0	5.2	4	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	.211	0

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Sunday, May 23	1:30pm PST	@ Tri-City Dust Devils	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	RHP Dylan King
Tuesday, May 25	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	LHP Seth Corry	TBD
Wednesday, May 26	7:35pm PST	Spokane Indians	RHP Nick Morreale	TBD