



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #40 | June 19, 2021 | PK Park | Eugene, OR

Eugene Emeralds (24-15) vs. Hillsboro Hops (16-22)

RHP Aaron Phillips (1-3, 5.89 ERA) vs. RHP Drey Jameson (0-3, 4.40 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

The Ems made it four-in-a-row last night, scoring ten runs for the second consecutive game to down the Hops by a final of 10-7. Diego Rincones stole the show last night, single-handedly matching Hillsboro's offensive output by driving home 7 runs thanks to a 4th-inning grand slam and a 5th-inning bases loaded, bases clearing double. Taylor Rashi was exceptional out of the bullpen last night, earning his third win of the season while retiring 9 of 10 batters faced, the lone blemish being a 7th-inning solo homer by Buddy Kennedy. Tyler Schimpf worked a 1-2-3 scoreless ninth inning to earn his second save in as many opportunities. Logan Wyatt had another Logan Wyatt-esque night, going 1-for-2... with 3 BB.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene is looking to set up a chance at just the second six-game sweep this season in the High-A West (Everett over Tri-City; May 11-16). Hillsboro will send another top pitching prospect to the mound in the form of 2019 1st rounder Drey Jameson. The talented right-hander is still in search of his first win of the season (0-3, 4.40 ERA) despite having allowed 2 ER or less in four of his six starts. Jameson has struggled with the long ball of late, having allowed 4 HRs over his last 3 starts after allowing none in his first 3. He'll face off against changeup extraordinaire Aaron Phillips who will be aiming to bounce back after rough back-to-back outings having allowed 19 hits and 9 ER over his last two combined starts. San Francisco native Robert Emery is slated to make a rare start behind home plate today.

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 Colombian 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

Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Tri-City Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds have won eight straight games decided by one run and are now 8-1 in one-run games this season.

Strikeout Savants

Through 39 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (454). Their 454 collective strikeouts are 37 more than the next closest team (Everett - 417). 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 450. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 454 K's rank 6th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 512 K's.

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 15.2 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 36 batters while going 2-for-2 in save opportunities. His K/9 is an eye-popping 20.68.

Off And Running

Hillsboro has shown no fear when it's come to putting runners in motion this season. Their collective 106 stolen bases this season lead the High-A West (Vancouver Canadians - 64), lead High-A as a whole (Wisconsin Timber Rattlers - 87) and lead all of Minor League Baseball (Wisconsin) by a HEAVY margin.

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

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	24-15
Home*	10-6
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	23-14
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Runs Scored	207
Runs Against	183
Team AVG	.229
Team ERA	4.20
Hits for/against	290/287
HR for/against	34/34
Strikeouts (pitching)	454
Strikeouts (hitting)	384
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Current Streak	W4
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4
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Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	8-1
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May	15-9
June	9-6
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	14-5
Opponent Scores First	9-10
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Monday	0-2
Tuesday	5-1
Wednesday	3-3
Thursday	4-3
Friday	6-1
Saturday	2-4
Sunday	4-1
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vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	7-3
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
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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.

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.

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.

League Leaders

- Will Wilson:
- HR: 6 (T-6th)
 - OPS: .819 (10th)

- Doubles: 9 (T-10th)
- XBH: 16 (T-7th)
- Total Bases: 62 (10th)

Franklin Labour:

- RBI: 22 (T-10th)

Tyler Fitzgerald:

- RBI: 24 (8th)
- Runs: 28 (T-8th)

Logan Wyatt:

- BB: 30 (2nd)

Brandon Martorano:

- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

John Russell:

- Wins: 3 (T-2nd)

Travis Perry:

- Wins: 3 (T-2nd)

Taylor Rashi:

- Wins: 3 (T-2nd)

Kai-Wei Teng

- K: 39 (T-10th)

Seth Corry:

- K: 53 (2nd)
- OPP AVG: .179 (3rd)

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	24	15	.615	-	207	183
Everett	23	15	.605	0.5	255	151
Vancouver	23	17	.575	1.5	198	197
Spokane	17	23	.425	7.5	179	199
Hillsboro	16	22	.421	7.5	156	193
Tri-City	14	25	.359	10.0	133	205

Ryan Walker:
- Games: 13 (T-7th)

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#49 Aaron Phillips (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: Round 9, 276th (2017)
Hometown: Rochester, NY School: St. Bonaventure
Born: October 11, 1996 (24)

history. Father played college football at Ithaca. Attended Cheveland Hill High School where he set the school record for career strikeouts, single eason strikeouts and single game strikeouts. Per Baseball America's 2017 Draft Profile: "Phillips was a solid two-way player for St. Bonaventure, but his future is on the mound. He'll need to improve his command and control, and that could come naturally as he focuses exclusively on pitching. Phillips shows an upper 80s fastball and bumps 92 mph. His offspeed stuff is below-average at present and will need refinement." First pro season (2017), Phillips pitched exclusively out of the bullpen (14 APPs for Salem-Keizer) but since has been almost exclusively a starter (45 APPs, 40 starts in 2018-19). Signed with the Giants for \$80,000 after being drafted.

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

BIO: While at St. Bonaventure, excelled as the team's ace, earning 2017 Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year honors, 2017 ACBA/Rawlings Third Team All-American, and a 2017 John Olerud National Two-Way Player of the Year Finalist after going 9-2 with a 3.04 ERA and 90 K's in 100.2 innings wild batting .251 with 26 RBI and 18 stolen bases in 22 attempts. Highest draft pick in Bonnies

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	3	5.89	4	4	0	0	0	0	18.1	29	15	12	0	2	3	0	12	.372	2

#15 Drey Jameson (RHP)

Height: 6'0 Weight: 165 lbs Acquired: Round 1, 34th (2019)
Hometown: Greenfield, IL School: Ball State
Born: August 17, 1997 (23)

nation, one slot behind Hops teammate Ryne Nelson. Prospect status rose quickly in 2019: with more than 100 people affiliated w/ML teams in the stands to watch him pitch against a prospect-laden Stanford team, Jameson threw six no-hit innings and K'd 9. In 2018 as a FR at Ball State: Freshman All-American, MAC freshman pitcher of the year, 18g (12 starts), 7-2, 3.88, 72ip, 54h, 44bb, 97k Also used as pinch-runner at Ball State: is a fast runner. Had 32 AB as FR in 2018 (though none in 2019): 3-for-32 with a double and a HR. His hometown, Greenfield IN: 25 miles east of downtown Indianapolis, the county seat of Hancock County, named for John Hancock, the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. His high school, Greenfield Central: known as the Cougars, they compete in the Hoosier Heritage Conference. Also from Greenfield Central HS: RHP Kyle Gibson (1st round, 22nd overall from U of Missouri by Twins in 2009), was in the starting rotation for the Twins 2013-19, and with the Rangers 2020-21. Motivated by being an underdog: not only is he undersized, but he told the Star Press newspaper after he was drafted, "I grew up with not the best life; financially we struggled. Stuff wasn't just handed to me. I had to really work for what I had back in the day." Reported signing bonus: \$1.4 million. Pitches: fastball, curve, slider, change... FB sits in the mid-90s, has hit 100... added a sinker in middle of spring 2021.

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

Notes: 21st ranked prospect in Arizona Diamondbacks system per MLB.com. 2019 in first pro year with Hillsboro: limited to 8 starts and just 11.2 ip because of his college workload, 0-0, 6.17, 14h, 9bb, 12k. Started Game 1 of 2019 NWL Championship Series for Hops: no decision in 5-3 win, worked 3 shutout innings with 2h, 1bb and 4k. MLBpipeline.com says: 2019 as a draft-eligible sophomore at Ball State U.: 2nd-tm All-American,

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	2	5.03	5	5	0	0	0	0	19.2	15	12	11	2	1	9	0	21	.211	1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
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
Thursday, June 24	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD
Friday, June 25	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD
Saturday, June 26	7:05pm PST	Vancouver Canadians	TBD	TBD