



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #76 | July 30, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA  
Eugene Emeralds (43-32) at Everett AquaSox (49-25)  
RHP Aaron Phillips (3-6, 6.57 ERA) vs. RHP Tim Elliott (5-2, 5.13 ERA)  
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## LAST TIME OUT

Well, that was wild. WILD. It was a nightmarish start for the Emeralds who saw left-hander Seth Corry last only 0.2 innings while ten AquaSox batters came to the plate in the first inning, six of which came into score. The Emeralds immediately responded in the second, though, bringing eight batters to the plate and scoring five of them, thanks in part to second inning homers from Tyler Fitzgerald and Carter Aldrete. However, the Ems entered the ninth trailing 9-6 and got down to their final two outs. Up stepped Franklin Labour with two runners on, and despite having struck out in each of his previous four at-bats on Thursday, Labour tattooed a three-run bomb to straight away center field to quiet the Funko Field crowd and tie the game for the first time since the first inning. AquaSox manager Louis Boyd then turned to left-hander Ben Onyshko out of the bullpen, but Heath Quinn belted the first offering from Onyshko the opposite way to put the Emeralds in front for the first time. Robert Emery added an RBI single later in the frame to make it a two-run game, and RHP Taylor Rashi closed the door by recording all six outs in the eighth and ninth innings via the strikeout to seal an improbable comeback win.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

In this season's first series between these two teams, Everett outscored the Eugene 35-19 over six games (Everett won 4 of 5). The last time these two met, that margin ballooned up to 54-23 (Everett won 5 of 6). So far in this series, though, the scoring has been perfectly even: 23 runs for the Emeralds, 23 runs for the Frogs, and two wins apiece. Carter Aldrete, who is once again in the lineup today, belted his sixth homer in the month of July yesterday, five of which have gone the opposite way. Three of Aldrete's seven homers this season have come against the Frogs. RHP Aaron Phillips has struggled in his prior two starts against the AquaSox, going 0-2 with a 16.71 ERA. RHP Tim Elliott, on the other hand, has been solid in his two starts against the Emeralds this season going 2-0 with a 3.09 ERA and 14 K's compared to just 2 BB. Coincidentally, both Phillips and Elliott share the same birthday: October 11 (Phillips was born in 1996 while Elliott was born in 1997).

## QUICK HITS

### Ems And AquaSox On The Move

With the trade deadline coming and going this afternoon, both the Emeralds and AquaSox have seen players from their 2021 team on the move to other organizations.

### EMERALDS:

- RHP Caleb Kilian: the High-A West Pitcher of the Month is on his way to the Windy City as part of the package in return for Kris Bryant. Kilian and San Jose OF Alexander Canario will head to the Cubs. In four starts as an Emerald, Kilian went 3-0 with a 1.25 ERA and 33 K's before being promoted to Double-A Richmond where he has gone 3-2 with a 2.43 ERA in 11 starts.

- RHP Jose Marte: the flame-throwing right-hander was the first member of this year's Emerald squad to be promoted to Double-A Richmond after going 3-for-3 in save opportunities with 14 K's in just 6.1 IP. Marte, RHP Ivan Armstrong, and LHP Sam Selman head to the Angels in exchange for LHP Tony Watson. While in Richmond, Marte went 2-0 in 19 relief appearances with one save and 36 K's in 22.2 IP.

### AQUASOX:

- C Carter Bins: Bins was dealt to Pittsburgh along with RHP Joaquin Tejada in exchange for former Oregon Duck LHP Tyler Anderson. In 42 games with Everett, Bins batted .284 with 10 doubles, 7 HRs and 31 RBIs with an OPS of .915.

- 3B Austin Shenton: A native of nearby Bellingham, Shenton was shipped to Tampa Bay along with RHP J.T. Chargois in exchange for RHP Diego Castillo. In 57 games with the Frogs this season, Shenton batted .297 with 24 doubles, 11 HRs and 54 RBIs while posting a .394 OPS.

### Ems Add Minor League Strikeout Leader

Right-hander Ryan Murphy was promoted from the Low-A San Jose Giants to the High-A Eugene Emeralds on Thursday. Murphy, a 5th rounder (114th overall) in the 2020 draft out of Le Moyne (NY), ranked 1st in all of the Minor Leagues in strikeouts (116) at the time of his promotion. He joins the Ems after going 4-2 in 15 starts with Low-A San Jose with a 2.96 ERA and an astounding 116 strikeouts in 76.0 innings of work. The Poughkeepsie, New York native had been simply sensational in the month of July for San Jose, going 3-1 with a 1.74 ERA in five July starts while posting double-digit strikeouts in all five outings. He departs San Jose as the Low-A West leader in ERA (2.96), strikeouts (116) and innings pitched (76.0). Overall, San Jose has seen seven other players promoted to Eugene this season: OF Tyler Flores, LHP Chris Wright, OF Armani Smith, C Ricardo Genoves, C Robert Emery, INF/OF Brett Auerbach, and RHP Austin Reich.

### Dahlberg Debuts For Eugene

Left-hander Jake Dahlberg will make his debut for the Emeralds, and the San Francisco Giants system as a whole, when he takes the mound today against Everett. The southpaw was signed last week from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association and was previously a 21st round selection by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2017. While with Chicago, went 6-2 with a 3.05 ERA and 76 K's with 11 BB over 62.0 IP in 15 APPs (9 starts). His 3.04 ERA ranked 3rd in the American Association upon his signing.

### Bishop Optioned To ACL

2019 1st rounder Hunter Bishop was officially optioned to the ACL on July 29 where it is presumed that he will begin a rehab assignment. Bishop had not played since the first week of the High-A West season.

### Tale Of Two Pitching Staffs

Collectively, Eugene starting pitchers are 14-29 with a 6.19 ERA, the second-worst ERA by a starting pitching staff in High-A (Asheville Tourists). Eugene has only gotten 6.0 innings out of a starting pitcher FOUR times this season:

- Caleb Kilian: May 22 at TC (7.0 IP)
- Kai-Wei Teng: June 22 vs. VAN (6.0 IP)
- Conner Nurse: June 26 vs. VAN (6.1 IP)
- Aaron Phillips: July 1 at HIL (7.0 IP)

Meanwhile, Eugene's bullpen has gone an absurd 29-4 with a 4.03 ERA and 443 K's in 346.1 innings pitched, but this past Friday marked the second time in just over a week that the Emeralds' pen saw a large margin dissipate in just one inning after what was a ten-run eighth inning by Spokane on July 15 that turned a seven-run Eugene lead into a three-run deficit. No other team in the Minor Leagues has fewer than 6 bullpen losses (Tampa Tarpons). Eugene's 443 bullpen K's rank 3rd in all of High-A.

### Strikeout Savants

Through 75 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (800). Their 800 collective strikeouts are 6 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 794), and the Ems rank 5th in all of High-A, too. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 800 K's rank 11th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 940 K's. Entering today, San Jose's 940 K's are 94 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA | Low-A West).

### The Clutch (E)Gene

Eugene has been one of the best teams hitting with two outs in all of High-A. Eugene ranks 3rd in AVG (.251), 3rd in runs (188), 2nd in hits (206), 2nd on OB% (.354), 4th in SLG (.426) and 3rd in OPS (.780) when hitting with two outs. It doesn't stop there, though. Eugene has come up big in late/close situations (definition below). Eugene ranks 5th all of High-A in AVG (.264), 4th in runs scored (51), and 1st in OB% (.398), 2nd in SLG (.486), and 1st in OPS (.883) in late/close situations. The pitching staff has been just as good, too. In late/close situations, the Eugene ranks 3rd in High-A in ERA (3.02) and 1st in opponent's average (.184).

On the other side of the coin, in terms of two out hitting, Everett ranks 3rd in average (.249), 1st in runs (221), 4th in hits (203), 1st in OBP (.380), 1st in SLG (.476), and 1st in OPS (.856).

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.

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	43-32
Home*	20-16
Road	23-16
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	40-31
Runs Scored	415
Runs Against	410
Run Differential	+5
Team AVG	.241
Team ERA	5.05
HR for/against	88/73
Strikeouts (pitching)	800
Strikeouts (hitting)	758
Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L5
Extra Innings	4-1
Shutouts	3-1
1-Run Games	14-5
May	15-9
June	17-8
July	10-15
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	27-12
Opponent Scores First	16-20
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	9-3
Wednesday	8-5
Thursday	7-6
Friday	6-6
Saturday	5-7
Sunday	8-3
vs. Everett	1-5
vs. Hillsboro*	12-6
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	3-6
at Hillsboro	3-3
at Spokane	9-3
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
Series Openers	10-2
Series Finales	8-4

### SF Giants Prospect Watch

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 3 of the organization's top 30 prospects:

- #5 LHP Seth Corry
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

### Seattle Mariners Prospect Watch

The AquaSox boast 9 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects:

- #3 RHP Emerson Hancock
- #4 RHP George Kirby
- #7 RHP Juan Then
- #10 RHP Isaiah Campbell
- #12 RHP Levi Stoudt
- #23 RHP Tim Elliott
- #25 3B Tyler Keenan
- #29 OF Cade Marlowe
- #30 RHP Taylor Dollard

### Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds had won 11 straight games decided by one run before falling to the Hillsboro Hops on July 21, 3-2, with the final out being made at home plate. The Emeralds are 14-5 in one-run games this season, with every game last week between the Emeralds and Hillsboro Hops being decided by just one run.

### Olympic Ems

Diego Rincones, Jasier Herrera and Ismael Munguia each 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.
- Rincones (Venezuela): 5 games | 4-for-19 (.211), 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 R | Hit walk-off HR vs. Columbia in bottom of 9th.

Rincones later suited up for the Venezuelan National Team during the WSBC 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 Columbia 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.

### Olympic News and Notes

The Opening Round of the Olympics kicks off this week with the following matchups (all times PST):

- 7/28: Dominican Republic vs. Japan (8pm)
- 7/29: Israel vs. South Korea (3am)
- 7/30: Mexico vs. Dominican Republic (8pm)
- 7/30: USA vs. Israel (3am)
- 7/31: Japan vs. Mexico (8pm)

## HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	49	25	.662	-	527	326
Eugene	43	32	.573	6.5	415	410
Spokane	35	40	.467	14.5	380	389
Vancouver	34	41	.453	15.5	373	415
Hillsboro	33	40	.452	15.5	318	354
Tri-City	29	45	.392	20.0	291	410

- 7/31: USA vs. South Korea (3am)

Outfielder Julio Rodriguez, who played for the Everett AquaSox earlier this season, will be suiting up for the Dominican Republic. Fellow former AquaSox outfielder Patrick Kivlehan (2012) will be playing for Team USA, as will former Oregon Duck pitcher Scott McGough, who, coincidentally is married to former Emeralds intern, Lauren McGough (formerly Thompson).

## 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 Cleveland 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. 2019: Named a California League Mid-Season All-Star and named California League Pitcher of the Week for the weeks of June 9 and August 18; led San Jose in games started (21).

**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
3	6	6.57	11	11	0	0	0	0	50.2	73	44	37	2	4	23	0	33	.338	2

### #21 Tim Elliott (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 200 lbs Acquired: Round 4, 126th (2019)

Hometown: Loganville, GA School: Georgia

Born: October 11, 1997 (23)

89-94 mph with his fastball and couples that with a solid slider and an above-average changeup ... He throws a lot of strikes, too ... After pitching just 34.2 innings in his first two seasons at Georgia, Elliott enjoyed a breakout campaign in 2019 ... He is also a three-time member of the Academic All-Southeastern Conference Team ... Elliott was the first Bulldog drafted by the Mariners since 2018 when (former AquaSox) outfielder Keegan McGovern was taken in the ninth round ... in the meantime, former Georgia RHP Emerson Hancock was taken by the Mariners in the first round last year ... Via MLB Pipeline: "Elliott was a reliever and swingman over his first two seasons at the University of Georgia, then he got a chance to be part of the Bulldogs' rotation as a junior and took off in a breakthrough season, establishing himself as the best midweek starter in the country. Seattle was on the hunt for college pitching ahead of the 2019 Draft and went with Elliott among five such arms selected. He signed for the below-slot value of \$400,000 and went on to have a solid pro debut in the short-season Northwest League. A lean 6-foot-1, 170 pounds when he began pitching in college, Elliott bulked up to 200 pounds by the time he began his pro career, which allowed his stuff to play up. He throws his fastball in the 89- to 94-mph range and showed he can maintain that velocity deep into starts. But there is a lot of room to create more velocity. He does a nice job mixing in three secondary offerings. His changeup is the best of those, an above-average offspeed pitch, and he makes good use of his average slider and even his fringy curve. Command can sometimes be a concern for Elliott, though he did show strike-throwing improvement during his junior year. If he can keep that up, with his arsenal, he has the chance to eventually develop into a back-end starter."

**PITCHES:** Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

**Notes:** Timothy Aubrey Elliott ... spent 3 seasons at the University of Georgia, 2017-19 ... 2019: Spent first professional season with the AquaSox ... among Northwest League leaders, ranked 110th with 11 starts ... earned first career win on July 26 vs. Tri-City ... averaged 10.38 strikeouts per 9.0 innings (35 K, 30.1 IP) ... 2020: Did not play due to the COVID-19 pandemic...participated in Mariners Player Development Fall League ... U. Georgia 2019: Elliott was part of a staff that set school records for most strikeouts and lowest opponent's batting average, plus he posted the second-best ERA in school history at 3.24 and the second fewest runs allowed ... Elliott sits

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
5	2	5.13	12	5	0	0	0	0	54.1	51	33	31	9	3	24	0	58	.242	8

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Saturday, July 31	7:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Reid Morgan
Sunday, August 1	4:05pm PST	@ Everett AquaSox	LHP Jake Dahlberg	RHP Taylor Dollard
Tuesday, August 3	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, August 4	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Thursday, August 5	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD
Friday, August 6	7:05pm PST	Tri-City Dust Devils	TBD	TBD