



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #35 | June 12, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA

Eugene Emeralds (20-14) vs. Everett AquaSox (20-13)

RHP Aaron Phillips (1-2, 4.61 ERA) vs. RHP George Kirby (1-1, 2.45 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Eugene's four-game skid was snapped in dramatic fashion last night as a two-out, two-strike, three-run homer by Sean Roby in the 7th inning proved to be the difference in a 4-3 win for the Emeralds. The Eugene bullpen once again shined last night as Bryce Tucker, Chris Wright, and RJ Dabovich combined for 11 strikeouts over the game's final four innings. As a staff, Eugene posted 16 strikeouts on the mound as starter Seth Corry went 4.2 IP with 1 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 4 BB and 5 K. Everett only mustered 2 hits against the Emeralds on Friday night, but they were able to work 8 walks and wear 3 HBP.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

Eugene will look to move back into first place with a win tonight, beginning the evening just 0.5 games behind Everett and in a tie for second place with Vancouver (20-14). For the fifth straight night, Eugene will be facing one of the Seattle Mariners' Top 30 prospects (per MLB.com) in the form of RHP George Kirby, a 1st Round selection in the 2019 MLB Draft. Eugene will counter with changeup extraordinaire RHP Aaron Phillips who is coming off a loss against Vancouver his last time out.

QUICK HITS

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.

Full Arsenal For The Frogs

While Eugene has been no stranger to seeing top talent from the Giants farm system, including boasting three first rounders to start the season (C Patrick Bailey, OF Hunter Bishop, and INF Will Wilson), the AquaSox boast one of the most robust collections of raw talent on one roster in all of Minor League Baseball, carrying an eye-popping 13 of the Seattle Mariners' top 30 prospects, per MLB.com:

- #2 OF Julio Rodriguez
- #3 RHP Emerson Hancock
- #5 RHP George Kirby
- #8 RHP Juan Then
- #9 LHP Brandon Williamson
- #11 RHP Isaiah Campbell
- #12 OF Zach DeLoach
- #13 RHP Levi Stoudt
- #18 INF Austin Shenton
- #24 INF Kaden Polcovich
- #25 RHP Tim Elliott
- #27 INF Tyler Keenan
- #28 RHP Matt Brash

NCAA Tournament Teams

With the NCAA Baseball Tournament kicking last weekend, a number of current Emeralds saw their alma maters in action.

- Tyler Schimpf - Texas
- Javeyan Williams - Southern
- Will Wilson - NC State

- Patrick Bailey - NC State
- Brandon Martorano - North Carolina
- Carter Aldrete - Arizona State
- RJ Dabovich - Arizona State
- Taylor Rashi - UC Irvine

Note: Jacob Gonzalez was a TCU commit before signing with the Giants. TCU takes on McNeese today.

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 9 APPs since, Dabovich has fired 10.2 scoreless, hitless 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.

Strikeout Savants

Through 24 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (407). Their 407 collective strikeouts are 37 more than the next closest team (Everett - 370). 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 Cedar Rapids Royals the next closest at 383. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 407 K's rank 4th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 433 K's.

League Leaders

Will Wilson:
- Hits: 30 (T-10th)
- HR: 6 (T-3rd)
- SLG: .509 (6th)
- OPS: .871 (8th)
- Doubles: 9 (T-5th)
- XBH: 16 (T3rd)
- Total Bases: 59 (6th)

Patrick Bailey:
- Doubles: 8 (T-9th)

Tyler Fitzgerald:
- RBI: 19 (T-8th)
- Runs: 24 (T-7th)

Simon Whiteman:
- AVG: .278 (9th)
- OBP%: .426 (3rd)
- BB: 19 (T-6th)
- SB: 17 (3rd)

Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 24 (2nd)

Brandon Martorano:

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	20-14
Home*	6-6
Road	14-8
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	19-13

Runs Scored	174
Runs Against	156
Team AVG	.230
Team ERA	4.10
Hits for/against	257/247
HR for/against	31/29
Strikeouts (pitching)	407
Strikeouts (hitting)	344

Current Streak	W1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	7-1

May	15-9
June	5-5
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	12-4
Opponent Scores First	8-10

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

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

Series Openers	5-1
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.

- Triples: 3 (T-1st)
 Travis Perry:
 - Wins: 3 (T-1st)
 Seth Corry:
 - K: 46 (T-2nd)
 - ERA: 2.83 (5th)
 DJ Dabovich:
 - SV: 4 (T-2nd)
 Ryan Walker:
 - Games: 12 (T-5th)

- K: 32 (1st)
 - OBP AVG: .122 (1st)
 - WHIP: 0.46 (1st)

Rincones Raked

OF Diego Rincones has departed the team to join the Venezuelan National Team for upcoming Olympic Qualifying taking place in mid-June in Florida. Rincones had been a consistent force in the Emeralds lineup through the first three weeks weeks, with his numbers and league ranks upon his departure as follows:
 - AVG: .333 (T-3rd)
 - HR: 4 (T-3rd)
 - OBP: .413 (5th)
 - SLG: .630 (2nd)
 - OPS: 1.042 (2nd)
 - Hits: 18 (T-5th)
 - Extra Base Hits: 8 (T-7th)
 - Total Bases: 34 (T-4th)

Holy Jose

Marte was one of a number of notable departures from the Emeralds, and his numbers in Eugene certainly speak for themselves. Upon his departure to join Double-A Richmond, Marte found himself tied for the league lead in

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)

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS						
	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Everett	20	13	.606	-	216	126
Eugene	20	14	.588	0.5	174	156
Vancouver	20	14	.588	0.5	160	153
Hillsboro	15	18	.455	5.0	130	158
Spokane	14	20	.412	6.5	154	173
Tri-City	12	22	.353	8.5	118	186

saves (3) after working himself in-and-out of a jam by striking out the side last Thursday. 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.

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

#49 Aaron Phillips (RHP)

Height: 6'5 Weight: 225 lbs Acquired: Round 23 (2019)
 Hometown: Rochester, NY School: St. Bonaventure
 Born: November 11, 1996 (24)

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

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.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	2	4.61	3	3	0	0	0	0	13.2	20	10	7	0	1	1	0	11	.345	1

#37 George Kirby (RHP)

Height: 6'1 Weight: 215 lbs Acquired: Round 1, 20th (2019)
 Hometown: Rye, NY School: Elon
 Born: February 4, 1998 (23)

PITCHES: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

Notes: #5 prospect in Seattle Mariners system per MLB.com. It's now been five Drafts in a row that the Mariners have gone with a college player in the first round, the last three coming in the form of right-handed pitchers. Kirby, the No. 20 overall pick in 2019, was the first-ever first-round pick out of Elon University and was sandwiched by Logan Gilbert in 2018 and Emerson Hancock in

2020 as the Mariners try to draft and develop a future rotation. Kirby gave a glimpse of what he's about during his pro debut in short-season ball in 2019, then threw well at the Mariners' alternate training site last year. While Kirby is known more for his command than anything else, he has more than enough raw stuff at his disposal. He delivers a four-pitch mix from a 6-foot-4 frame, starting with a fastball that sits in the low-90s with good running life, but that he can get up to 98 mph at times. He's worked on adding strength which will lead to more consistent velocity as well. Kirby throws both a curve and a slider, with the former slightly ahead, and both have the chance to be out pitches. He does a nice job of selling his sinking changeup with excellent arm speed. All of Kirby's stuff plays up because of his command, which might be as good as any pitcher in the Minor Leagues. He walked virtually no one during his last season at Elon and then walked literally no one over 23 innings of his pro debut in 2019. His combination of improving stuff and elite-level control all point to him moving very quickly up the organizational ladder.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	1	2.45	3	3	0	0	0	0	11.0	6	3	3	0	0	3	0	16	.162	1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Sunday, June 13	1:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	LHP Brandon Williamson
Tuesday, June 15	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Wednesday, June 16	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	TBD	TBD
Thursday, June 17	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	LHP Seth Corry	TBD
Friday, June 18	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Aaron Phillips	TBD
Saturday, June 19	7:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD