



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #36 | June 13, 2021 | Funko Field | Everett, WA

Eugene Emeralds (20-15) vs. Everett AquaSox (21-13)

RHP Conner Nurse (0-3, 5.86 ERA) vs. LHP Brandon Williamson (1-1, 3.51 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

Eugene's offensive woes continued on Saturday in what was a 6-1 defeat at the hands of the Everett AquaSox, Eugene's 5th loss in the last 6 games. Eugene sent the minimum three batters to the plate in six of nine innings while mustering only four hits for the second consecutive game. With the loss, Eugene has now officially, finally lost their first six-game series despite being over a month into the season. In the five-game series thus far, Eugene is batting just .194 as a team while Everett has posted a .282 collective batting average at the plate. Despite that, last night's game marked the fourth time in five games against the Frogs that Eugene took the game's first lead. However, in three of those instances, Everett either tied or took the lead in the bottom half of that very same inning.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

For the sixth (!!!) time in the six-game series, Eugene will be facing one of the Seattle Mariners' Top 30 prospects (per MLB.com) in the form of LHP Brandon Williamson, a 2nd Round selection in the 2019 MLB Draft and the 9th ranked Mariners prospect. Williamson is coming off the top two strikeout performances of his pro career to date, collecting a career-high 13 K's on May 29 at VAN (career-high 7.1 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 1 BB) and then posting 12 K's his last time out vs. HIL (5.2 IP, 9 H, 5 ER, 0 BB). Eugene will counter with RHP Conner Nurse who enters the day still searching for his first win on the season. Nurse started the series opener on Tuesday, firing 4.0 IP with 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 4 BB and 4 K. Nurse has gone at least 4.0 IP in all six of his starts this season, but last time out was the first time since his second start of the season (May 15 vs. HIL) that he hadn't fired at least 5.0 innings. Today's game marks the end of a long two-week roadtrip before the Emeralds head home for some much needed home cooking and kick off a two-week homestand on Tuesday.

## 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 35 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (413). Their 413 collective strikeouts are 37 more than the next closest team (Everett - 376). 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 Kernels the next closest at 395. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 413 K's rank 5th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor League Baseball with 451 K's.

### League Leaders

- Will Wilson:
- HR: 6 (T-4th)
  - SLG: .500 (67th)
  - OPS: .859 (9th)
  - Doubles: 9 (T-7th)
  - XBH: 16 (T-4th)
  - Total Bases: 60 (T-5th)
- Patrick Bailey:
- Doubles: 8 (T-10th)
- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- RBI: 19 (T-10th)
  - Runs: 25 (T-5th)
- Simon Whiteman:
- AVG: .268 (10th)
  - OBP%: .413 (6th)
  - BB: 19 (T-7th)
  - SB: 17 (3rd)
- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 24 (2nd)
- Brandon Martorano:
- Triples: 3 (T-1st)

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	20-15
Home*	6-6
Road	14-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-1
Night	19-14
Runs Scored	175
Runs Against	162
Team AVG	.228
Team ERA	4.17
Hits for/against	261/257
HR for/against	31/30
Strikeouts (pitching)	413
Strikeouts (hitting)	350
Current Streak	L1
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L4
Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	7-1
May	15-9
June	5-6
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Scoring First	12-5
Opponent Scores First	8-10
Monday	0-2
Tuesday	4-1
Wednesday	2-3
Thursday	3-3
Friday	5-1
Saturday	2-4
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	1-4
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.

Travis Perry:  
 - Wins: 3 (T-1st)  
 Seth Corry:  
 - K: 46 (T-2nd)  
 - ERA: 2.83 (6th)  
 - OPP AVG: .170 (2nd)  
 DJ Dabovich:  
 - SV: 4 (T-2nd)  
 Ryan Walker:  
 - Games: 12 (T-7th)

- K: 32 (1st)  
 - OPP 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	21	13	.618	-	222	127
Eugene	20	15	.571	1.5	175	162
Vancouver	20	15	.571	1.5	162	158
Hillsboro	15	18	.455	5.5	130	158
Spokane	15	20	.429	6.5	159	175
Tri-City	12	22	.353	9.0	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

**#35 Conner Nurse (RHP)**

Height: 6'6 Weight: 210 lbs Acquired: Round 24, 10/26th (2017)  
 Hometown: Winter Garden, FL School: Ridge HS (FL)  
 Born: July 31, 1999 (21)

Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, 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." Has surrendered a HR in five of six starts this season. Last time out against Everett in series opener (6/8) Nurse fired 4.0 IP with 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 HR, 4 BB and 4 K.

**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. 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.

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	3	5.86	6	6	0	0	0	0	27.2	31	19	18	5	1	14	0	26	.292	1

**#8 Brandon Williamson (LHP)**

Height: 6'6 Weight: 210 lbs Acquired: Round 2, 5/9th (2019)  
 Hometown: Mairmont, MN School: TCU  
 Born: April 2, 1998 (23)

second round in 2019, signing him for below-pick value and watching him strike out 25 of 61 batters in his pro debut at Short Season Class A Everett. That left many in the front office thinking they'd acquired a steal. Williamson has four pitches that fill up the strike zone, and his stuff ticked up during his debut, albeit in a small sample size. In that time, his 91-96 mph fastball had one of the best swing-and-miss rates in all the Minor Leagues, thanks to its riding life and Williamson's excellent extension. In many ways, Williamson grew into his velocity. His curveball is his breaking pitch, which he throws with good depth, and while he didn't throw the slider as much, the Mariners like the cutter-like action the lefty has on it, and the pitch will be a focal point in 2021. He threw his changeup more during his pro debut than he did in college, and it was better than previously advertised. In his final year at TCU, Williamson wasn't a pure command and control guy, but he was outstanding in these areas during his pro debut. Floor wise, Williamson's development will come down to command, but that's an area that can improve with Minor League development. That gives the organization more hope that he can advance as a starter, with a ceiling of perhaps a No. 3 in a big league rotation.

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

**Notes:** #9 prospect in Seattle Mariners system per MLB.com. Left-handers with a 6-foot-6 frame and overpowering stuff are the types of pitchers organizations dream on. Texas Christian had two of them in 2019 in Nick Lodolo (who went No. 7 overall to the Reds) and Williamson, who had transferred from North Iowa Area Community College. He showed good stuff across the board, but he was inconsistent, and he came with the risk of having had surgery to repair both hip labrums the previous fall. But the Mariners felt he was worth the risk and drafted him in the

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	1	3.51	5	5	0	0	0	0	25.2	18	10	10	4	3	7	0	51	.196	0

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
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
Sunday, June 20	5:05pm PST	Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD