



GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #50 | July 1, 2021 | Ron Tonkin Field | Hillsboro, OR

Eugene Emeralds (32-17) vs. Hillsboro Hops (19-29)

RHP Aaron Phillips (2-4, 5.76 ERA) vs. RHP Brandon Pfaadt (1-0, 4.50 ERA)

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LAST TIME OUT

Wash, rinse, repeat. Eugene made it four-in-a-row and yet again stayed 0.5 game ahead of the Everett AquaSox in the standings with a 6-3 win in Wednesday's matinee matchup in Hillsboro. LHP Seth Corry fired 5.0 innings for just the second time of the season, allowing 2 hits and 2 ER while issuing 6 BB but striking out 6 batters to earn his second win of the season. Will Wilson and Armani Smith belted back-to-back solo homers in the first inning, and Smith added another homer one inning later in the second, a three-run blast to bust the game open. Three Emeralds relievers - LHP Bryce Tucker, RHP Jasier Herrera, and RHP John Russell - combined over the final four frames to seal the win, Eugene's ninth consecutive victory over Hillsboro.

TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Ems will look to make it ten-in-a-row over Hillsboro and they'll be sending changeup specialist RHP Aaron Phillips to the mound. In Phillips' only prior appearance against Hillsboro (6/19 in Eugene), the right-hander fired 5.0 innings with 5 hits, 4 runs, 2 ER, 3 BB and 4 K's. After walking just one batter over his first three starts with the Ems, Phillips has issued 8 base on balls over his last three starts, including 3 BB's in back-to-back outings. Eugene will be welcome a new addition to the team as well in the form of C Brett Auerbach who today was promoted to the Emeralds from Low-A San Jose. His promotion to Eugene coincides with the promotion of C Brandon Martorano from Eugene to Double-A Richmond. B-Mart is the fifth Emerald to be promoted to the Richmond Flying Squirrels this season.

QUICK HITS

Roster Additions

Last Saturday, the Emeralds made the following roster moves:

- C Ricardo Genoves added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.
- C Patrick Bailey optioned from Eugene to ACL Orange.

Today, the Emeralds made another pair of moves involving catchers:

- C Brandon Martorano promoted to Double-A Richmond from High-A Eugene.
- C Brett Auerbach added to Eugene roster from Low-A San Jose.

Martorano becomes the fifth Emerald to be promoted to Double-A this season, joining RHP Jose Marte, RHP Caleb Kilian, RHP RJ Dabovich, and INF Simon Whiteman. In 25 games as an Emerald, the former 16th round pick out of North Carolina slashed .333/.463/.560 with 5 doubles, 3 triples, 2 homers, and 8 RBIs while posting a 1.023 OPS.

Olympic Ems

Diego Rincones and the Venezuelan National Team's bid to make the Olympics came up just short on Saturday, with Venezuela falling to the Dominican Republic, 8-5, in the WBSC Baseball Final Qualifier held in Mexico. Rincones made his mark in the Final Qualifier, belting a three-run homer in the 2nd inning to put Venezuela up 3-0 at the time but a six-run 4th inning, helped the Dominican Republic roar back and hold on late for the win. During the Final Qualifier, Rincones went 3-for-14 (.214) with 5 RBI, a double, and a HR in 4 games played.

Rincones and two of his current teammates - RHP Jasier Herrera and OF Ismael Munguia - also 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.

Fitzzy Gets Frisky

Emeralds infielder Tyler Fitzgerald was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 21-27, the second consecutive week that an Emerald has received the honor. Playing in all six games during the week, Fitzgerald went 9-for-21 (.429) at the plate with 2 doubles, 3 HRs, and 4 RBIs while posting a 1.407 OPS. Following the week, Fitzgerald ranked T-4th in the High-A West in RBIs (3), T-5th in HRs (7), T-7th in runs (34) and 10th in total bases (73).

Labour Lights It Up

Emeralds outfielder Franklin Labour was named the High-A West Player of the Week for June 14-20. Over five games played during the week, Labour posed

a .455 batting average, nine RBIs, seven walks, and three home runs. Labour slugged 1.364 over the five-game span while also posting an incredible 1.995 OPS.

Former Emerald Trea Turner Hits For Cycle... Again

Washington Nationals infielder and former Emerald (2014) Trea Turner became the first player in the modern era to hit for the cycle on his birthday, doing so on what was his 28th birthday on Wednesday, June 30 against the Tampa Bay Rays. He also became just the fifth player in Major League history to hit for THREE cycles, joining Adrian Beltre, Babe Herman, Bob Meusel, and John Reilly.

Arizona Diamondbacks Prospect Watch

Despite it being a frustrating start to the season so far for the Hops, there's no shortage of top Dbacks talent on the roster. Per MLB.com, Hillsboro boasts 7 of Arizona's top 30 prospects, 6 of which are currently active:

- #1 OF Corbin Carroll (IL)
- #5 LHP Blake Walston
- #6 RHP Slade Secconi
- #17 INF Blaze Alexander
- #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
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng
- #28 C Ricardo Genoves

Living On The Edge

After falling in extra innings to the Tri-City Dust Devils, 7-6, on May 20, the Emeralds have won ten straight games decided by one run and are now 10-1 in one-run games this season.

Strikeout Savants

Through 50 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (551). Their 551 collective strikeouts are 23 more than the next closest High-A West team (Everett - 528). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds ranked 3rd in all of High-A, too, trailing only the Cedar Rapids Kernels (MINN) who have 553 and the Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY) who have 566. Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 543 K's rank 8th. Coincidentally, the San Jose Giants (San Francisco - Low A) lead all of Minor

EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	32-17
Home*	16-8
Road	16-9
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-1
Night	29-16
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Runs Scored	270
Runs Against	233
Team AVG	.238
Team ERA	4.26
Hits for/against	379/369
HR for/against	50/42
Strikeouts (pitching)	551
Strikeouts (hitting)	478
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Current Streak	W4
Longest W Streak	W8
Longest L Streak	L4
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Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	10-1
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May	15-9
June	17-8
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
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Scoring First	22-6
Opponent Scores First	10-11
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Monday	0-2
Tuesday	7-1
Wednesday	5-3
Thursday	4-4
Friday	6-2
Saturday	4-4
Sunday	6-1
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vs. Everett	0-0
vs. Hillsboro*	9-3
vs. Spokane	3-3
vs. Tri-City	0-0
vs. Vancouver	4-2
at Everett	1-4
at Hillsboro	2-0
at Spokane	5-1
at Tri-City	4-2
at Vancouver	4-2
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Series Openers	8-1
Series Finales	6-2

*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.

League Baseball with 652 K's. San Jose's 652 K's are 72 more than the next closest team (Modesto Nuts | SEA).

So Offensive

The Emeralds offense has seen its numbers creep up and up during the current homestand, and now the Emeralds rank 7th in all of High-A in runs scored (270), 3rd in walks (237), 7th in on-base percentage (.345), and 9th in OPS (.744).

Hops Hauling A**

The Hops just won't stop running. Hillsboro leads ALL of the Minor Leagues in stolen bases with 136 through 48 games played. Their 136 SBs are 21 more than the next closest team, the Down East Wood Ducks (TEX | Low-A).

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 19.1 innings pitched this season between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene, Wright has struck out an astounding 41 batters while going 4-for-4 in save opportunities.

League Leaders

Will Wilson:

- HR: 10 (T-1st)
- Doubles: 12 (T-7th)
- SLG: .517 (4th)
- OPS: .866 (10th)
- XBH: 24 (T-2nd)
- Total Bases: 92 (T-1st)
- Runs: 35 (T-7th)
- Franklin Labour:
- HR: 6 (T-9th)
- RBI: 30 (T-6th)
- BB: 28 (T8th)
- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- HR: 7 (T-5th)
- RBI: 30 (T-6th)
- Runs: 35 (T-7th)
- Logan Wyatt:
- BB: 38 (T-1st)
- OBP: .401 (8th)
- Ryan Walker:
- Games: 17 (T-5th)
- Chris Wright:
- Saves: 4 (T-5th)

HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS						
	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	32	17	.653	-	270	233
Everett	31	17	.646	0.5	330	190
Vancouver	26	24	.520	6.5	255	259
Spokane	22	28	.440	10.5	227	237
Hillsboro	19	29	.396	12.5	195	252
Tri-City	17	32	.347	15.0	164	270

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)

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

Bonnie's 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
2	4	5.76	6	6	0	0	0	0	29.2	40	24	19	1	2	9	0	20	.333	2

#20 Brandon Pfaadt (RHP)

Height: 6'4 Weight: 220 lbs Acquired: Round 5, 149th (2020)
 Hometown: Louisville, KY School: Bellarmine (D2 & D1)
 Born: October 15, 1998 (22)

PITCHES: N/A

Notes: Bio via Hillsboro Hops: Joined Hops on June 21st: came from Low-A Visalia. In Low-A Visalia rotation from Opening Day to June 20th: 7 starts, 2-2, 3.12, 40.1ip, 29h, 7bb, 57k, 5hr, 1hb, 0wp, 0.89 WHIP. 2020 as JR at then-D2 Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY: 5 starts in shortened season, 3-1, 1.38, 28ip, 18h, 4bb, 27k 2019 last full college season as SO at Bellarmine: 23g (2 starts), 3-3, 4.03, 38ip, 38h, 14bb, 50k. Bellarmine U was D2 when Pfaadt pitched there 2018-20...: in the Great Lakes Valley Conf; but in summer 2020 transitioned to D1 Southern Conference. Elevated his draft status in the Cape Cod league in the summer of the 2019: pitching for the Wareham Gatemen, 9g (2 starts), 2-1, 2.81, 32ip, 19k, 8bb, 34k; Dusty Baker's son Darren also on that team. Brandon was a college teammate of his brother Brady: who was a senior catcher at Bellarmine in 2018 when Brandon was a freshman; the two were batterymates. Grandfather Robert a history teacher at Bellarmine U: Brandon's brother Brady said, "he led the whole family to Bellarmine University; he's a history teacher here, and he also teaches the history of sports"; Brandon said his grandfather was always teaching them baseball. Prior to the 2020 draft: Perfect Game called him one of the top 30 D2 prospects. Trinity HS in St. Matthews, KY (part of Louisville metro area): has a big rivalry with St. Xavier HS; their annual football meeting is said to be the most well-attended high school game in the county, with more than 30,000 fans in attendance. Also from Trinity HS: Seahawks player and radio announcer Steve Raible

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.0	8	3	3	1	0	1	0	6	.308	3

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Friday, July 2	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Conner Nurse	RHP Slade Cecconi
Saturday, July 3	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	RHP Kai-Wei Teng	TBD
Sunday, July 4	7:05pm PST	@ Hillsboro Hops	TBD	LHP Kenny Hernandez
Tuesday, July 6	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, July 7	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 8	7:05pm PST	Everett AquaSox	TBD	TBD