



# GAMEDAY INFO & NOTES

Game #27 | June 3, 2021 | Ron Tonkin Field | Hillsboro, OR

Eugene Emeralds (17-9) vs. Vancouver Canadians (15-11)

RHP Nick Avila (1-3, 6.75 ERA) vs. RHP Luis Quinones (2-2, 2.59 ERA)

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## LAST TIME OUT

On a wild day that was chock full of noteworthy Emeralds news (PK Park Increasing Capacity On June 15 | Caleb Kilian Named High-A West Pitcher of the Month), the evening ended in an equally interesting fashion as the Emeralds held on against the scrappy C's to win, 6-5, in 10 innings. Vancouver tied the game on three separate occasions but never took the lead, pulling even with the Emeralds in the 6th, 7th and 9th innings. As we've seen already a number of times early in the season playing in Hillsboro, the cement-like turf at The Tonk played a significant factor, but the Emeralds overcame both the trampolinesque playing surface and the never-say-die C's to ultimately win their third in a row and take sole possession of first place after Everett lost at home against Hillsboro. Conner Nurse fired a season-high 5.1 innings despite taking the no-decision, Simon Whiteman reached in four-of-five plate appearances while swiping two more bags (now 12-for-12 in SB this season) and Jacob Gonzalez mashed his first home run of the season.

## TONIGHT'S STORYLINES

The Emeralds aim to tie their season-high win streak of 4 and keep at least one game between them and second place Everett (16-10). RHP Nick Avila gets the start and has split time between starting and relieving this season. The right-hander labored his last time out, allowing 9 hits and 4 ER over 4.2 innings while failing to pick up a strikeout. On the other side, RHP Luis Quinones will be making his second start of the season after a dazzling first outing on May 27 that saw him shut down the league's best offense in Everett, firing 5.0 IP while allowing just 1 hit, 1 unearned run, and 2 walks while striking out 5 batters. Quinones is looking to keep the momentum rolling and put the past behind him after being suspended for 80 games in 2019 for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. The Emeralds will be getting to key contributors back in the lineup tonight: SS Will Wilson and INF Sean Roby. Roby has been out for more than a week while Wilson hasn't started since last Sunday.

## QUICK HITS

### Coming And Going

Last week saw the season's first major wave of roster transactions, listed below:

#### Departures:

- RHP Jasier Herrera (Triple-A Sacramento)
- RHP Caleb Kilian (Double-A Richmond)
- RHP Jose Marte (Double-A Richmond)
- OF Diego Rincones (Olympic Qualifying - Venezuela)
- OF Ismael Munguia (Olympic Qualifying - Nicaragua)

#### Arrivals:

- OF Tyler Flores (Low-A San Jose)
- RHP Aaron Phillips (Rookie Complex League)
- RHP John Timmins (Rookie Complex League)
- LHP Chris Wright (Low-A San Jose)

### Sneaky Good Sluggers

The Emeralds offense might not have the eye-popping numbers that Everett has posted so far this season, but it's consistently been one of the best offenses in all of High-A so far this season. Current ranks across all of High-A entering today:

- Runs: 132 (8th)
- Hits: 199 (8th)
- Total Bases: 334 (6th)
- Doubles: 48 (T-5th)
- Triples: 6 (T-7th)
- SLG: .392 (7th)
- OPS: .722 (8th)

### League Leaders

- Will Wilson:
- AVG: .286 (6th)
  - HR: 5 (T-3rd)
  - SLG: .571 (3rd)
  - OPS: .943 (4th)
  - Hits: 24 (T-8th)
  - Doubles: 7 (T-8th)
  - XBH: 13 (4th)
  - Total Bases: 48 (4th)

- Tyler Fitzgerald:
- RBI: 17 (T-3rd)
  - Runs: 18 (T-6th)

- Simon Whiteman:
- OB%: 429 (4th)
  - SB: 12 (3rd)

- Franklin Labour:
- OB%: .385 (9th)

- John Russell:
- Wins: 3 (T-1st)

- Travis Perry:
- Wins: 3 (T-1st)

- Seth Corry:
- K: 38 (T-2nd)

- Kai-Wei Teng:
- K: 29 (T-7th)

- Conner Nurse:
- IP: 32.2 (6th)
  - WHIP: 1.44 (10th)

- Ryan Walker:
- Games: 10 (T-3rd)

### Strikeout Savants

Through 27 games, the Eugene pitching staff leads the High-A West in strikeouts (323) while at the plate, Eugene has posted the second-fewest strikeouts in the league (253). The Eugene pitching staff in particular has been especially dominant in the K's category. Their 323 collective strikeouts are 25 more than the next closest team (Everett - 298). But it doesn't stop there... the Emeralds don't just lead the High-A West, they lead all of High-A (next closest: Hudson Valley Renegades: 311). Across all of Minor League Baseball, Eugene's 323 K's rank 4th.

### Fitzy Feeling Frisky

The former Louisville Cardinal has found his form of late, and the numbers speak for themselves. When the Emeralds are scoring Fitzgerald is often involved. He is one of only two players (Fritz - EVE) ranked in the top 6 in the High-A West in RBI (17 | T-3rd) and runs scored (18 | T-6th).

### Not On Bailey's Watch

2020 First Rounder Patrick Bailey showcased his powerful arm time after time on May 26 by throwing out four would-be Spokane base stealers. After that performance, Bailey has now caught 11 base stealers this season, tied for second-most in all of the Minor Leagues (Israel Pineda - Wilmington Blue Rocks - 14 CS)

### Whiteman Has Got Wheels

INF Simon Whiteman has been a menace on the bases whenever he has reached, which has been relatively often when he has played (.429 OB% - 4th in High-A West). Whiteman is a perfect 12-for-12 in stolen base attempts this season, the only player in the High-A West with double-digit stolen base attempts that hasn't been caught stealing at least once. Only two other players across all of High-A can claim the same feat (Delvin Zinn - South Bend Cubs - 20 SB - 0 CS | Nathan Eaton - Quad City River Bandits - 12 SB - 0 CS). Across all of the Minor Leagues, Whiteman is one of just five players that has not been caught stealing with at least 12 stolen bases.

## EMS BY THE NUMBERS

Overall	17-9
Home*	6-6
Road	11-3
Neutral	0-0
Day	1-0
Night	16-9

Runs Scored	131
Runs Against	104
Team AVG	.233
Team ERA	3.61
Hits for/against	199/170
HR for/against	25/23
Strikeouts (pitching)	316
Strikeouts (hitting)	242

Current Streak	W3
Longest W Streak	W4
Longest L Streak	L2

Extra Innings	2-1
Shutouts	2-1
1-Run Games	6-1

May	15-9
June	2-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0

Scoring First	11-1
Opponent Scores First	6-8

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

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

Series Openers	5-0
Series Finales	4-0

\*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.

**Kilian Killed It**

RHP Caleb Kilian was promoted to Double-A Richmond on Sunday after dominating the High-A West in his four starts as an Emerald. The highlight came last Saturday 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 leaves 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)  
 - 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)
- OB%: .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 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.

**SF Giants Prospect Watch**

Per MLB.com, the Emeralds boast 6 of the organization's top 30 prospects:  
 #4 OF Hunter Bishop (7-Day IL)  
 #5 LHP Seth Corry

**HIGH-A WEST STANDINGS**

	W	L	PCT.	GB	RF	RA
Eugene	17	9	.654	-	131	104
Everett	16	10	.615	1.0	169	94
Vancouver	15	11	.577	2.0	110	108
Hillsboro	11	15	.423	6.0	97	124
Spokane	10	16	.385	7.0	115	134
Tri-City	9	17	.346	8.0	90	148

- #6 C Patrick Bailey
- #12 SS/2B Will Wilson
- #17 1B Logan Wyatt
- #18 RHP Kai-Wei Teng

**TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS**

**#31 Nick Avila (RHP)**

Height: 6'4 Weight: 195 lbs Acquired: Round 26, 776th (2019)  
 Hometown: Modesto, CA School: Long Beach State  
 Born: July 25, 1997 (23)

seasons before transferring to Long Beach State. In his lone season at LBSU, Avila posted an 0-5 record in 12 APPs (8 starts) over 56.1 IP with a 3.99 ERA, 19 BB and 39 K's while holding opposing batters to a .252 average. Avila moved from the bullpen to the starting rotation as the season progressed, posting a 3.19 ERA over 7 starts in Big West play while holding opposing batters to a .224 average during that span. Per Baseball America Draft Profile: "Avila pitched two years at San Joaquin Delta (Calif.) JC before transferring to Long Beach State this year. He had an oblique injury in the fall but bounced back to pitch effectively in the Dirtbags rotation in the spring. Avila pitches at 90-92 mph and touches 94 with sink on his fastball. He holds his velocity deep into his starts and induces a heavy volume of ground balls. His curveball and changeup both flash average and he throws enough strikes to remain a starter. Avila had ulnar nerve transposition surgery earlier in his career, so his health will need to be monitored."

**PITCHES:** 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Splitter

**BIO:** Primarily spent his first pro season (2019) in Rookie ball in Arizona, making 9 APPs (8 starts) and going 0-2 despite posting a 1.11 ERA. Make one appearance with the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (Short-Season A) here in the Northwest, firing four scoreless innings in an outing that, coincidentally, came against Eugene. Started collegiate career at San Joaquin Delta College for two

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
1	3	6.75	5	3	0	0	0	0	16.0	21	13	12	3	1	4	0	11	.318	0

**#37 Luis Quinones (RHP)**

Height: 6'0 Weight: 205 lbs Acquired: Round 34, 1017th (2019)  
 Hometown: Arecibo, Puerto Rico School: San Jacinto JC  
 Born: July 2, 1997 (23)

2-2 with a 2.97 ERA in 10 appearances (four starts) while striking out 57 batters and walking 19. Has clean mechanics, a short arm stroke, and a strong lower half which he incorporates into a drop-and-drive delivery, with an arm slot that is between three-quarters and over the top. He uses a slight pause in his delivery, at times, to throw hitters off balance. Quinones' fastball seems to explode on hitters, and he has good arm side run on his fastball. He can spot his fastball to both sides of the plate. The native of Puerto Rico has taken a winding path to get to pro ball. After graduating from high school in Arecibo, he attended Wabash Valley College, an Illinois Junior College. From there, he made his way to San Jacinto, but was under the radar this year because he only threw 18 innings, striking out 23. Scouts didn't have a lot of opportunities to see him pitch this spring, but clearly the Blue Jays liked what they saw, offering a \$50,000 bonus from him to sign. Made 10 APPs (4 starts) for Vancouver in 2019, going 2-2 with a 2.97 ERA and a noteworthy 47 K's in 30.1 IP. Made one appearance against Eugene (8/13/19), firing a scoreless 4.0 innings with 8 K's while only allowing one baserunner, a hit batter on the first batter he faced.

**PITCHES:** Fastball...

**Notes:** In September of 2019, the Blue Jays right-hander was suspended 80 games after testing positive for Nandrolone, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Toronto drafted Quinones in the 34th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of San Jacinto (Texas) Junior College and assigned him to Rookie Advanced Bluefield, where he posted a 2.84 ERA and struck out 10 in 6 1/3 innings. He earned a July 2 promotion to Class A Short Season Vancouver, and his success continued with the Canadians as he went

W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	AVG	WP
0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	.067	2

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS**

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	EMERALDS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Friday, June 4	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	RHP Travis Perry	RHP Nick Frazee
Saturday, June 5	7:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	LHP Seth Corry	RHP Adam Kloffenstein
Sunday, June 6	1:05pm PST	@ Vancouver Canadians	RHP Aaron Phillips	RHP Paxton Schultz
Tuesday, June 8	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Conner Nurse	TBD
Friday, June 9	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Nick Avila	TBD
Saturday, June 10	7:05pm PST	@Everett AquaSox	RHP Travis Perry	TBD