



# EUGENE EMERALDS

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### **DUCKS QB JEREMIAH MASOLI TO PITCH FOR THE EMERALDS**

**EUGENE, OR** – The Eugene Emeralds, Class-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, announced today that suspended University of Oregon quarterback Jeremiah Masoli will be keeping his arm fresh by pitching for the Ems this upcoming season.

Masoli recently plead guilty March 12 to a misdemeanor burglary charge involving a theft at a campus fraternity house in January. He was then suspended for the entire 2010 football season.

Masoli, while in suspension, will still need to keep his throwing arm active for his reunion with the Ducks in 2011—and with the Ems' move from Civic Stadium to the University of Oregon's PK Park, the opportunity seemed obvious.

"We're just happy to help," said Emeralds General Manager Allan Benavides. "With all the new things happening with the Ems this season, what a way to cap off the excitement with Ducks superstar Jeremiah Masoli pitching for us this season!"

Front office executives expect season ticket sales to soar with the news of the Ems' new addition. Even with little baseball experience, Masoli holds the keys for the Emeralds in 2010. Coming out of the bullpen, the Ems look to use Masoli's power arm to shut down opposing Northwest League batters.

The Emeralds kick off their inaugural season at PK Park on June 18<sup>th</sup> against the Vancouver Canadians. Game day tickets don't go on sale until after May 1<sup>st</sup>, but season and min-plan ticket packages are currently on sale. Fans will not want to miss a chance to witness Oregon history at PK Park.

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