



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2024 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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Game #1, Road Game #1

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“The Diamond”  
Lake Elsinore, CA

## RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (0-0)

### AT

## Lake Elsinore Storm (0-0)

**RHP Patrick Copen (0-0, --- ERA) vs. RHP Miguel Mendez (0-0, --- ERA)**

**TODAY'S GAME:** WELCOME TO OPENING DAY at The Diamond in Lake Elsinore, as your Quakes and the Lake Elsinore Storm (SD) open a three-game series. The Quakes' home opener at LoanMart Field will be on Tuesday, as they host the Stockton Ports in the opening game of a six-game series. and tickets are available at rcquakes.com.

**VS THE STORM:** This is the first of 30 match-ups and the first of 15 here at The Diamond. Last season, the Quakes and Storm hooked up 30 times, with Rancho winning the season-series (17-13), but winning just six of 12 in Lake Elsinore.

**LAST YEAR:** The Quakes made it to the Championship Series for the third time as a Dodgers' affiliate in 2023, but fell short, as the Modesto Nuts won their tenth league title in franchise history, sweeping the Quakes, 2-0, in the best-of-three Championship Series. It was a terrific regular season for the Quakes, as they went 39-27 to win the First Half South Division Crown, then defeated the Inland Empire 66ers in a best-of-three, coming from behind for a 2-1 series "W" to advance to the Cal League Championship Series. Rancho finished the regular season at 71-61.

**LOOKING FOR A FOURTH TITLE:** The Quakes came up short last year in their bid for a fourth league title. Rancho's first Cal League Title came in their second year, in 1994 as a Padres' affiliate. Their last two championships have come as a Dodgers' affiliate (2015 and 2018).

**FAMILIAR FACES ON THE FIELD:** The Quakes have 29 active players on their 30-man roster to open the year. Of the 29, 21 have seen time in Rancho within the last two years. Returning Quakes include pitchers Patrick Copen, Carlos Duran (2022), Gabe Emmett, Jorge Gonzalez, Roque Gutierrez, Edgardo Henriquez (2022), Carlos Martinez, Garrett McDaniels, Jose Rodriguez, Christian Ruebeck, David Tiburcio and Reynaldo Yean. Returning position players include Jesus Galiz, Cameron Decker, Wilman Diaz, Jake Gelof, Jeral Perez, Joe Vetrano, Juan Alonso, Josue De Paula and Kendall George.

**THE "SHOE" STILL FITS:** The Quakes are excited to welcome back Manager John Shoemaker, as he returns to Rancho to guide the Quakes for a fourth straight year. The club is 206-178 in three seasons under "Shoe". Returning to Shoemaker's staff are pitching coaches Sean Coyne and Ramon Troncoso and Athletic Trainer Aki Maeda. New to the Quakes' coaching staff are hitting coach Blake Gailen, bench coach Cordell Hipolito and performance coach Walter Lindo.

**PROSPECTS TO WATCH:** The Quakes have four players on their current roster who are rated by MLB Pipeline as Top-30 Dodgers prospects. Three of them play in the outfield, with Josue De Paula (#4), Kendall George (#12) and Zyhir Hope (#21). Infielder Jake Gelof is the other ranked prospect, as he checks in at #23. Former Quake Dalton Rushing is currently the Dodgers' top-ranked prospect.

**PATRICK COPEN:** Right-hander Patrick Copen makes his first start of the year and just his fourth career professional game. Copen appeared in one game for the Arizona Dodgers of the Arizona Complex League last year, before finishing the year with two appearances (both starts) for Rancho. Copen's numbers are a small sample, but he has yet to allow a run over 4.1 innings. Copen was drafted by the Dodgers in the seventh round of the 2023 draft out of Marshall.

**MIGUEL MENDEZ:** Righty Miguel Mendez makes his first appearance of the year. Last season, Mendez started 15 games for the Storm, going 2-3 with a 5.96 ERA, allowing 37 runs (36 earned) on 50 hits over 54.1 innings. Mendez signed with the Padres in 2021 out of the Dominican Republic.

**BROADCAST HOME:** Catch all the 2024 action with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog, from the ease of your phone, smart device or computer. Listen on the iHeartRadio app, the Tune-In Radio app (Keyword: Quakes) or through the MiLB First Pitch app. From your computer, you can listen by visiting iheart.com, tunein.com or by visiting the Quakes website at rcquakes.com. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, tune your portable FM radio to 91.3 FM.

**NEXT HOME GAME:** The Quakes will open their 66-game home schedule on Tuesday night, taking on the Stockton Ports for game one of a six-game set. Tuesday will feature Opening Night Fireworks, thanks to Tam's Burgers. Game time is 6:30pm and tickets will be available at rcquakes.com.

### UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio/TV
4/6	@ Lake Elsinore	RHP Edgardo Henriquez vs RHP Isaiah Lowe	6:45pm	iHeart, Tune-In
4/7	@ Lake Elsinore	RHP Carlos Duran vs RHP Isaiah Lowe	1:15pm	iHeart, Tune-In
4/9	vs Stockton	TBD vs LHP Garrett McDaniels	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In / Bally's App
4/10	vs Stockton	TBD vs RHP Eriq Swan	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In / Bally's App

### 1st HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	0	0	.000	-
Modesto	0	0	.000	-
San Jose	0	0	.000	-
Stockton	0	0	.000	-

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Inland Empire	0	0	.000	-
Lake Elsinore	0	0	.000	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	0	0	.000	-
Visalia	0	0	.000	-

### YESTERDAY'S GAMES

N/A

### TODAY'S GAMES

Visalia at Inland Empire, 6:35pm  
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore, 6:45pm  
Fresno at San Jose, 7:00pm  
Modesto at Stockton, 7:05pm

### TOMORROW'S GAMES

Fresno at San Jose, 5:00pm  
Visalia at Inland Empire, 6:35pm  
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore, 6:45pm  
Modesto at Stockton, 7:05pm

### 2023 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	39-27
2nd Half Record:	32-34
vs Lake Elsinore:	17-13
vs Lake Elsinore at home:	11-7
vs Lake Elsinore on road:	6-6
Home Record:	38-28
Road Record:	33-33
Extra Inning Record:	3-4
One-Run Games:	17-23
Shutouts	7-4
Longest Winning Streak:	10
Longest Losing Streak:	5
Final Streak:	W3

### Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#7	Kendall George	CF
2.	#27	Josue De Paula	RF
3.	#33	Jake Gelof	3B
4.	#30	Joe Vetrano	1B
5.	#6	Zyhir Hope	LF
6.	#44	Jesus Galiz	C
7.	#23	Jeral Perez	2B
8.	#5	Juan Alonso	DH
9.	#13	Wilman Diaz	SS
P.	#25	Patrick Copen	RHP