



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2024 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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Game #90, Road Game #50

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San Manuel Stadium
San Bernardino, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (14-11, 44-45)

AT

Inland Empire 66ers (11-14, 36-54)



RHP Christian Zazueta (0-2, 13.02 ERA) vs. LHP Francis Texido (3-6, 7.13 ERA)

TONIGHT'S GAME: The Quakes continue a six-game road trip tonight, with game two of a six-game set against the Inland Empire 66ers at San Manuel Stadium. The Quakes will return home on Tuesday, July 30 to face San Jose.

VS THE 66ERS: Today's game is the 20th of 24 head-to-head meetings between the two clubs and the eighth of 12 at home in 2024. The Quakes are currently 13-6 against the 66ers in 2024 (6-1 here in San Bernardino). Last year, the Quakes went 8-4 at San Manuel Stadium, 14-13 overall against the 66ers.

LAST GAME: The Quakes raced to an early lead, then held on for a wild finish and a 9-7 win over the Inland Empire 66ers on Tuesday night at San Manuel Stadium. Leading 9-2, the Quakes allowed the 66ers to score the next five runs, then saw them put runners at second and third in the bottom of the ninth with no outs. Inland Empire would make the first out on the bases, and with two outs and runners at first and second, Rancho closer Christian Ruebeck would pick off Capri Ortiz at second base to end the game, leaving former Quake Imanol Vargas stranded at the plate. Reliever Felix Cabrera (5-2) would be credited with the win with 1.1 innings of scoreless relief, while Ruebeck notched his fourth save. Samuel Munoz had three of Rancho's 12 hits, while Cameron Decker had a three-run triple to help lead Rancho's attack. Inland Empire starter Riley Bauman (1-6) took the loss.

THE PITCHING: Entering this series, the Quakes and the 66ers have the two worst ERAs in the league, with Rancho at 5.74 and Inland Empire just slightly better at 5.57. The second half of the year has been more brutal to Inland Empire, as they have a league-worst ERA of 6.36 in 24 second-half games, while the Quakes are at 5.86. The root of the cause is walks issued, as these two teams have issued more walks than anyone else in the Cal League in 2024. Rancho has walked a league-high 492 batters in just 771.1 innings. Inland is next with 458 walks in 787.1 innings.

ON "DECK"ER: Cameron Decker has been a steady presence offensively since rejoining the Quakes on June 25, hitting .317 (20-for-63). He's also slugged four home runs and has 15 RBIs over 17 games. Decker opened the year in Rancho, but struggled, hitting just .143 with two RBIs in nine games before being sent to the Arizona Complex League.

FOUR-HORSE RACE: While the San Jose Giants are trying to distance themselves from everyone else in the North (currently a ten-game lead over non-playoff teams), the South Division is a much closer race. Coming into the week, the four teams are separated by just three games and just two games ago, they were separated by only one game. Should first-half South champ Lake Elsinore win the division in the second half, the final playoff spot goes to the team with the next best record in the second half.

CHRISTIAN ZAZUETA: Right-hander Christian Zazueta makes his fourth start and seventh appearance for the Quakes, his second against the 66ers. In his one game against Inland Empire, he allowed six runs (five earned) on six hits over just 1.2 innings in a loss at LoanMart Field on June 20. In his last outing overall, he allowed seven runs on seven hits over three innings in a no-decision at Stockton on July 10. Zazueta went 3-0 with an ERA of 1.93 over 18.2 innings in the ACL before joining Rancho. Zazueta was acquired by the Dodgers in a trade with the Yankees in February of 2024 for former Quake Caleb Ferguson. Zazueta was originally signed by the Yankees in 2022 out of Mexico.

FRANCIS TEXIDO: Left-hander Francis Texido makes his 18th appearance and 17th start for Inland Empire this year, his fifth appearance and fourth start against the Quakes. In his four appearances against Rancho, he's 0-3 with a 5.94 ERA, allowing 13 runs (11 earned) on 17 hits over 16.2 innings. In his last start overall, he allowed three runs on six hits with four walks over five innings in a win vs Modesto on July 12. Last year, he went 6-1 with a 2.31 ERA over 12 starts and 50.2 innings. Texido signed with the Angels in 2023 out of Havana, Cuba.

BROADCAST HOME: Catch all the 2024 action with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Linskog, 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. Home games are now available to WATCH for free via the Bally Live app!

NEXT HOME GAME: The Quakes return home on Tuesday, July 30 to host San Jose for a Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday. Fans who visit our website can score a FREE Club Seat Ticket to the game. Tickets are available at rcquakes.com.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio/TV
7/25	at Inland Empire	RHP Alex Makarewich at RHP Christian Young	6:35pm	iHeart, Tune-In
7/26	at Inland Empire	LHP Luke Fox at RHP Barrett Kent	6:35pm	iHeart, Tune-In
7/27	at Inland Empire	LHP Wyatt Crowell at RHP Andre Sanchez	6:35pm	iHeart, Tune-In
7/28	at Inland Empire	RHP Cam Day at RHP Riley Bauman	5:35pm	iHeart, Tune-In

2ND HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
San Jose	19	6	.760	-
Modesto \$	11	14	.440	8.0
Stockton	9	16	.360	10.0
Fresno	8	17	.320	11.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Visalia	15	10	.600	-
Rancho Cucamonga	14	11	.560	1.0
Lake Elsinore \$	13	12	.520	2.0
Inland Empire	11	14	.440	4.0

\$ - Clinched First Half Division Title

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Modesto 4 San Jose 5
Visalia 9 Lake Elsinore 7
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 9 Inland Empire 7
Fresno 5 Stockton 15

TODAY'S GAMES

Modesto at San Jose, 1:00pm
Visalia at Lake Elsinore, 6:05pm
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Inland Empire, 6:35pm
Fresno at Stockton, 7:05pm

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Visalia at Lake Elsinore, 6:05pm
Modesto at San Jose, 6:30pm
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Inland Empire, 6:35pm
Fresno at Stockton, 7:05pm

2024 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	30-34
2nd Half Record:	14-11
vs Inland Empire:	13-6
vs Inland Empire at home:	7-5
vs Inland Empire on road:	6-1
Home Record:	21-19
Road Record:	23-26
Extra Inning Record:	2-6
One-Run Games:	13-8
Shutouts	6-2
Longest Winning Streak:	7
Longest Losing Streak:	7
Current Streak:	W1
Largest Division Lead	5.0

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#7	Kendall George	CF
2.	#23	Jeral Perez	SS
3.	#57	Sean McLain	2B
4.	#27	Cameron Decker	1B
5.	#44	Jesus Galiz	C
6.	#36	Samuel Munoz	LF
7.	#35	Jose Meza	DH
8.	#5	Juan Alonso	RF
9.	#13	Wilman Diaz	3B
P.	#45	Christian Zazueta	RHP