



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 5:35 PM
Game #12, Road Game #6

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"The Diamond" Pete Lehr Field
Lake Elsinore, CA

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (4-7)

AT

Lake Elsinore Storm (7-5)

RHP Robbie Peto (0-1, 5.40 ERA) vs. LHP Noel Vela (0-0, 4.26 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes are back on the road this week as they do battle in a six-game series with their divisional foe, the Lake Elsinore Storm. The Quakes will look to put their last series in the rear-view mirror and get back in the win column against the Storm today.

LAST SUNDAY'S GAME: Rancho came out of the gates hot offensively, but fell just short, as the Modesto Nuts rallied to take Sunday's contest by an 8-7 final. The Quakes blasted three home runs in the first inning, as Lewis, Leonard and Wulff all left the yard combining for five runs in the first inning. This was the first lead the Quakes had held since their win on opening day of the series back on Tuesday. The Modesto Nuts however, fought their way back into the game through consistent scoring in the middle innings. The Nuts would score one in the third, two in the fourth, and two in the sixth to tie the game up at five runs each. The Modesto offense kept the pressure on as they scored one in the seventh and two in the eighth as they took an 8-5 lead. The Quakes finally got the offense going again, as Aldrich de Jongh blasted a two-run home-run in the bottom of the eighth to bring the team to within one run. Modesto would make the one run lead last however, as the Quakes brought the winning run to the plate in the ninth inning. Unfortunately an infield pop-up brought the game to a close, and brought the Quakes their fifth consecutive loss.

EARLY OFFENSE NOT ENOUGH: It was an impressive start to the day as the Quakes would score five runs by way of three long balls to open up this game. The home-runs got the crowd going early in this one, unfortunately the offense was unable to add on insurance runs to separate any further from the Modesto Nuts. The lack of insurance runs gave the Modesto offense a chance to chip away at the Quakes lead, and the Nuts did just that. With the Nuts bullpen holding down the Quakes they were unable to add on to the lead, and Modesto methodically scored against what had been a stingy Quakes bullpen through most of the series.

POSITIVES FROM A TOUGH SERIES: The Quakes ended the series against the Nuts going 1-5 at home. Though, this series was tough on the record for the Quakes, they did have some positives come out of facing adversity every night last week. The Quakes offense mustered some clutch hits in their attempted comebacks against the Nuts, something that the offense had been starved for. This series saw four players tally their first home-runs of the season, which could lead to some more Quakes bats getting hot, and thus a lengthening of the lineup with more players becoming consistent threats to opposing pitchers. Some nights of the series the bullpen looked un-hittable, other nights they stumbled. If the dominant nights of the Quakes bullpen can be the normal, then more leads will be safe down the stretch of games.

ROBBIE PETO: Rancho will hand the ball off to Robbie Peto to get the Quakes back into the win column in their opening game against the Lake Elsinore Storm. Peto suffered his first loss of the season back on Wednesday against the Nuts, but will look to rebound against the Storm. Lake Elsinore boasted a dominant offense in their first week, but they struggled against the Inland Empire last week, as they dropped the majority of the games in that series. Robbie Peto pitched well his last time out, allowing only two runs over three innings. Peto will try to repeat the performance, and after a day off should have the majority of the Quakes bullpen ready to back him up tonight.

NOEL VELA: The Lake Elsinore Storm will be sending Vela onto the hill for his third start of the season. Vela has yet to record a win or loss so far this season, but has tallied a 4.26 ERA over 6.1 innings pitched. Vela has allowed six runs, but only three of them have been earned, showing that if the Quakes can put pressure on the Storm's defense they might be able to force some misplays by the defense. Noel Vela was drafted in the 28th round of the 2017 Draft by the San Diego Padres out of Veterans Memorial High School in Mission, Texas. Vela spent three seasons in Rookie Ball and is now making the jump to A-Ball with the Storm.

AROUND THE FARM: The Quakes are beginning a new series this week with the Storm, and the other affiliates are also starting new six game sets. The Great Lakes Loons will be squaring off against the Lake County Captains, and the Loons will be coming in hot after taking two of the last three games against the Whitecaps. The Tulsa Drillers, who had a successful series against the Naturals, will be doing battle with the Wichita Surge. Oklahoma City was the only affiliate of the Dodgers that played on Monday, and they made the most of it, winning 7-6 against the RiverCats and improving to 3-8 on the season. Oklahoma City will play their final game of the series against the RiverCats tonight before getting a day off tomorrow. The Dodgers dropped a close contest on Sunday, but made up for it with a tight win on Monday. A game in which we saw Albert Pujols make his debut with his new team, and Dodger blue must suit the machine well, as he knocked in an RBI single in what was a 3-1 final. The Dodgers now have the Pujols at their disposal, and with the recent rash of injuries plaguing the team, any help will be much appreciated as the Dodgers are still trying to climb back in the standings as they trail the Giants in the early going of the season.

NEW RADIO HOME: Throughout the 2021 season, you can catch all the action from the ease of your phone or computer. Listen online at rcquakes.com and the iHeartRadio app (Keyword: Quakes) with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Davis Ellington. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, tune your portable FM radio to 91.3 FM.

HOME GAMES: With the Quakes beginning their first home stand against the Modesto Nuts we are excited to welcome fans back to the ballpark. Limited tickets for all Quakes home games are available online at rcquakes.com.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	9	3	.750	-
Fresno	9	3	.750	-
San Jose	7	5	.583	2
Stockton	4	8	.333	5

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	7	5	.583	-
Inland Empire	6	5	.545	.5
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	4	7	.364	2.5
Visalia	1	11	.083	6

TODAY

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore 5:35 PM
Stockton at Visalia, 6:00 PM
San Jose at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Modesto at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW

Stockton at Visalia, 6:00 PM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore 6:35 PM
San Jose, at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Modesto at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD YESTERDAY

No Games Yesterday

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	4-7
vs Lake Elsinore:	0-0
vs L. E. Home	0-0
vs L.E. Road	0-0
Home Record:	1-5
Road Record:	3-2
Current Streak:	L5

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#10	E. Leonard	DH
3.	#23	B. Lewis	3B
4.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
5.	#14	J. Vivas	2B
6.	#5	S. Lao	1B
7.	#15	J. DeLuca	RF
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#7	E. Mateo	LF
P.	#49	R. Peto	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/19	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Hyun-Il Choi vs. RHP Dwayne Matos	6:35 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/20	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Kendall Williams vs. RHP Jesus Lugo	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/21	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Carlos Duran vs. RHP Nick Thwaites	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/22	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Gavin Stone vs. LHP Noel Vela	6:35 PM	RCQuakes.com