



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2023 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Saturday, May 27th 2023 6:30pm
Game #44, Home Game #20

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Lake Elsinore Storm (23-17)
AT
RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (28-15)



RHP Henry Williams (0-1, 0.00 ERA) vs. LHP Luis Valdez (0-2, 3.77 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Welcome to LoanMart Field, as your Quakes host the Lake Elsinore Storm in game five of a six-game series. Tonight will feature post-game Fireworks, thanks to Tam's Burgers! Gates open at 5:30pm and tickets are available at rcquakes.com. Keep in mind, the Quakes are home next week to host the Inland Empire 66ers!

VS THE STORM: Today's game will be the 11th of 30 head-to-head match-ups in 2023, with this being the fifth of 18 at LoanMart Field. After dropping three of the first four to open this series, the Quakes are 5-5 against the Storm this year. Last season, Rancho went 14-16 overall against the Storm.

LAST GAME: Chris Newell's walk-off two-run blast in the bottom of the tenth put the Quakes in the win-column, as Rancho defeated Lake Elsinore on Friday night at LoanMart Field by a final of 10-9. Newell capped a monster game, finishing with four hits, three RBIs and his league-leading 14th home run of the year, his second of the series. The shot came off Storm reliever Dwayne Matos (1-2), who blew the save in the ninth when he allowed a game-tying single to Nick Biddison. David Tiburcio (1-0) earned the win by working the tenth inning. The teams combined for not only 19 runs, but 28 hits, as the Quakes posted 15 of them. The Rancho win halts both three-game streaks to start the series.

THREE IS ENOUGH: Prior to Thursday's loss, the Quakes were the only team in the league to have not suffered a three-game losing streak in 2023. That all changed with Lake Elsinore's third straight victory to open the series. Rancho's lead in the South, which was at 5.5 games, is now back to 3.5 games after last night's Rancho victory, which stopped the three-game skid and now gives the Quakes a chance to split the series with two more wins. Anything less than two more wins will result in Rancho's first series loss of the year, as they're currently 6-0-1 through their first seven series of 2023. Their only split was a six-game set in Visalia on their opening road trip in April.

THE LONG ONES AND THE CLOSE ONES: Prior to this series, Rancho had played in one extra-inning game all year, but now they've played in two in the last four days. Rancho's ten-inning victory last night is their first win in extras all year, as they're now 1-2. They've also played in two one-run games this series, going 1-1 in those contests to improve their record in one-run games to 8-7. Six of their 15 one-run games have come against the Storm, going 4-2.

"BET" ON IT: Quakes' infielder Kenneth Betancourt has been the team's best hitter in the month of May, batting .333 with a home run and 13 RBIs in 20 games. In Thursday's loss, he had his second three-hit game of this series, lifting his season-long average to .306 overall, the highest it's been all year. Last night's 1-for-4 dropped him to .304.

RECENT ROSTER MOVES: Rancho reliever Christian Romero landed on the Injured List today. He was replaced on the active roster by RHP David Tiburcio, who allowed two runs over 4.1 innings in his previous stint with Rancho Cucamonga, before being sent to Extended Spring Training in Arizona.

LUIS VALDEZ: Left-hander Luis Valdez will make his eighth start overall and second against Lake Elsinore. In his lone appearance against the Storm, he took the loss on May 5, despite allowing just one run on three hits over three innings. His last start overall came in Visalia on May 21, where he took a no-decision, allowing one hit and three walks over two scoreless innings. Valdez made just two appearances for the Quakes in 2022, going 0-1 with a 7.20 ERA, while allowing six runs (four earned) on six hits over five innings. Valdez went 3-0 with a 2.86 ERA in eight games for the Arizona Complex League Dodgers to open 2022. The Dodgers signed Valdez out of Mexico in 2019.

HENRY WILLIAMS: Right-hander Henry Williams will make his third start for the Storm and his first against the Quakes. In his last appearance overall, he allowed one hit and one walk while striking out four in a no-decision versus Inland Empire on May 18. Williams is expected to go between two and three innings, before turning it over to the bullpen. Williams was drafted by the Padres in the third round of the 2022 draft out of Duke.

BROADCAST HOME: Catch all the 2023 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 are currently in the middle of a 13-day home stand here at LoanMart Field. Coming up on Sunday, kids will "Run the Bases" after the game! Game time is 2pm. Get tickets at rcquakes.com.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/28	vs Lake Elsinore	RHP Miguel Mendez vs RHP Jared Karros	2:00pm	iHeart / Tune-In App
5/30	vs Inland Empire	LHP Leonard Garcia vs RHP Chris Campos	6:30pm	iHeart / Tune-In App
5/31	vs Inland Empire	RHP Walbert Urena vs RHP Peter Heubeck	6:30pm	iHeart / Tune-In App
6/1	vs Inland Empire	RHP Jorge Marcheco vs RHP Payton Martin	6:30pm	iHeart / Tune-In App

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
San Jose	26	17	.605	-
Fresno	22	21	.512	4.0
Modesto	22	21	.512	4.0
Stockton	15	28	.349	11.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	28	15	.651	-
Lake Elsinore	23	17	.575	3.5
Inland Empire	17	23	.425	9.5
Visalia	16	27	.372	12.0

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Stockton 7 Fresno 2
Lake Elsinore 9 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 10 F/10
Visalia 12 Inland Empire 4
San Jose 2 Modesto 9

TODAY

San Jose at Modesto, 6:05pm
Lake Elsinore at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30pm
Visalia at Inland Empire, 6:35pm
Stockton at Fresno, 6:50pm

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Stockton at Fresno, 1:05pm
Lake Elsinore at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 2:00pm
Visalia at Inland Empire, 2:05pm
San Jose at Modesto, 2:05pm

2023 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	28-15
2nd Half Record:	0-0
vs Lake Elsinore:	5-5
vs Lake Elsinore at home:	1-3
vs Lake Elsinore on road:	4-2
Home Record:	11-8
Road Record:	17-7
Extra Inning Record:	1-2
One-Run Games:	8-7
Longest Winning Streak:	10
Longest Losing Streak:	3
Current Streak:	W1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#9	Chris Newell	CF
2.	#16	Rayne Doncon	SS
3.	#23	Kyle Nevin	3B
4.	#8	Thayron Liranzo	C
5.	#44	Jesus Galiz	DH
6.	#6	Nick Biddison	LF
7.	#22	Juan Alonso	RF
8.	#5	Dayton Dooney	1B
9.	#25	Kenneth Betancourt	2B
P.	#51	Luis Valdez	LHP