



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Thursday, May 13th, 2021 6:30 PM
Game #8, Home Game #3

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Modesto Nuts (5-3)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (4-3)



LHP Adam Macko (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis (0-1, 13.50 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Rancho Quakes are looking to regain the lead in their first home series of the season as they take on the Modesto Nuts in game three. Rancho will be looking for their offense to wake up after they were held scoreless in last night's contest. The Quakes will be sending young starter Jimmy Lewis to the mound, as he looks to tally his first win of the season and get his Quakes back in the win column. Tickets are available at rcquakes.com. Capacity is currently limited to 33% at LoanMart Field.

TODAY'S ROSTER MOVES: Jeisson Cabrera to the Injured List, RHP Carlos Alejo transferred to Rancho from Extended Spring Training.

LAST GAME: The Quakes were held to just a pair of singles in last night's game as the Nuts, behind some superb pitching, took game two of the series in shutout fashion. The Nuts came out swinging, grabbing a run in the first and the third innings of the game. Meanwhile, Connor Phillips went five shutout innings en-route to his first win of the season. The Quakes almost caught a break in the bottom of the sixth as the bases were loaded, thanks to three walks by reliever Hunter Jr., who then got the big strikeout of De Jesus to end the threat. The game stayed in reach for most of the contest as Julian Smith authored four scoreless innings out of the Quakes pen. It wasn't until the ninth inning where the Nuts were able to get the insurance runs they were looking for, as Modesto plated a pair of runs in the last frame to put the game out of reach.

QUAKES OFFENSE GOES QUIET: The Rancho offense was kept off-balance by starter Connor Phillips whose mid-90s fastball overloaded the Quakes bats. He coupled it with a mid-70s curveball that he spun for strikes as well. The Quakes struck out a total of 12 times in this one as they were only able to tally two hits off of Phillips. The bullpen provided no relief to the Quakes however, as the Rancho offense saw a barrage of upper-90's fastballs, the likes of which they didn't see in their opening series against the Inland Empire. The Quakes offense will need to rebound, as these two clubs tout excellent bullpens and runs will be hard to come by. The Quakes will try to elevate their team batting average, which is currently .190, and is currently in the cellar of the league rankings.

BULLPEN GIVES QUAKES A CHANCE: If there is one thing that we have learned through the first seven games of the season, it's that the Quakes bullpen doesn't let them fall too far out of the game. Peto only gave up two runs through the first three innings of last night's game. Then, thanks to a combination of De Los Santos and Smith, the Quakes shutout the Modesto offense for five innings. The effort by these bullpen arms to keep the game within reach has been the strength of this team for the beginning of the season. The ability to keep games close, or protect slim leads, is something that skipper John Shoemaker will need to lean on going forward. Having the bullpen arms to win the close games is a strength that can make the differences in where a team may finish in their divisional race.

JIMMY LEWIS: For the second time this season, the Quakes will give the ball to the tall right-hander Jimmy Lewis. Lewis will look to kick the nerves after he made his professional debut against the Inland Empire. Some erratic pitches early cost Lewis in his first start, as he will look to attack the Modesto Nuts lineup in game three of the series. Lewis, a highly sought after high school recruit, has the frame and the arm talent to be a very successful pitcher, not just this season, but for seasons to follow. He will look to settle into his roll as a starter for the Quakes with his first appearance in front of the hometown faithful at LoanMart Field. The top of the order did all the damage in last night's game, so Lewis will need to be on top of his game right out of the gate.

ADAM MACKO: The Modesto Nuts will look to grab the advantage in the series as they send Adam Macko to toe the rubber in game three. Macko, who is from Bratislava, Slovakia, will be making his second start of the season as well. The left-hander pitched four innings of shutout baseball, allowing only two hits while striking out seven against the Stockton Ports. Macko was a seventh round selection back in 2019, and played high school baseball at Vauxhall High School in Alberta, Canada. He was committed to pitch for Purdue, before signing with the Mariners. Macko features a fastball that sits in the upper 80s and can touch the low 90s, he possesses a curveball and changeup as well. Macko can attack the zone with all three of these pitches and that allows him to keep hitters guessing throughout his time on the mound.

AROUND THE FARM: It was a tough night across the farm yesterday as all Dodgers affiliates fell in their respective contests. The Great Lakes Loons had one of the craziest games of the season to date. The West Michigan Whitecaps came out shooting as they struck for a total of seven runs in the first three innings. The Loons clawed their way back as Ward and Vranesh both launched home-runs in this game. The Loons entered the ninth inning trailing by three and proceeded to strike for four runs and grab the lead. It would be short-lived however, as the Whitecaps would score two in the bottom of the ninth to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The Tulsa Drillers lost on the road by a 9-2 final to the North West Arkansas Naturals. The Dodgers themselves took care of business at home against the Seattle Mariners by a final of 7-1. Former Quake Julio Urias got the win and improves to 5-1 on the season for the Dodgers. Another former Rancho Quake, Matt Beaty, tallied a pair of hits and three RBIs in the much needed win.

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 and TuneIn Radio apps with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Davis Ellington.

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	5	3	.625	-
Fresno	5	3	.625	-
San Jose	4	4	.500	1
Stockton	3	5	.375	2

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	6	2	.750	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	4	3	.571	1.5
Inland Empire	3	4	.429	2.5
Visalia	1	7	.125	5

TODAY

Modesto at **RANCHO CUCAMONGA**, 6:30 PM
Visalia at Fresno, 6:50 PM
San Jose at Stockton, 7:05 PM
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW

Modesto at **RANCHO CUCAMONGA**, 6:30 PM
Visalia at Fresno, 6:50 PM
San Jose at Stockton, 7:05 PM
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 7:05 PM

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Yesterday

Modesto 4 **RANCHO CUCAMONGA** 0
Lake Elsinore 10 Inland Empire 9
Fresno 5 Visalia 3
Stockton 7 San Jose 4

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record: 4-3
vs Modesto Nuts: 1-1
vs Modesto Home: 1-1
vs Modesto Road: 0-0
Home Record: 1-1
Road Record: 3-2
Current Streak: L1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#3	S. McWilliams	2B
2.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
3.	#10	E. Leonard	DH
4.	#23	B. Lewis	1B
5.	#14	J. Vivas	3B
6.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
7.	#15	J. DeLuca	LF
8.	#29	B. Wulff	RF
9.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
P.	#19	J. Lewis	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/14	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Taylor Dollard vs. RHP Braydon Fisher	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/15	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Sam Carlson vs. RHP Adolfo Ramirez	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/16	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Damon Casetta-Stubbs vs. RHP Gavin Stone	2:00 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/18	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Robbie Peto vs. TBD	5:35 PM	RCQuakes.com