



Friday, April 26, 2024 6:30pm Game #17, Home Game #9

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**LoanMart Field** Rancho Cucamonga, CA





# **Lake Elsinore Storm (8-8)** RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (12-4)





RHP Eric Yost (0-1, 9.00 ERA) vs. RHP Patrick Copen (1-1, 5.87 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Welcome to LoanMart Field for the fourth game of a six-game set, as your Rancho Cucamonga Quakes take on the Lake Elsinore Storm (Padres). Tonight is Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond Night, as the Quakes will be wearing Marvel-inspired jerseys and caps, and your favorite Marvel characters will be on hand. It's also a Family RV Family Feast Night, with \$2 hot dogs, \$1 Pepsi products and \$1 ice cream sandwiches. Tickets are available at rcquakes.com.

**VS THE STORM:** This is the seventh of 30 match-ups and the fourth of 15 here at LoanMart Field. The Quakes are 4-2 against the Storm in 2024, 3-0 here at home. Last season, the Quakes won the season-series (17-13), and were 11-7 at LoanMart Field.

LAST GAME: In a game that was eerily-similar to Wednesday's results, the Quakes got out to a big lead, then held off a late Storm rally, taking a 12-10 victory over the Storm on Thursday night at LoanMart Field. Rancho held a 12-4 lead, but saw the Storm tally five in the eighth and another in the ninth, pulling to within two runs. With the tying runs aboard, Carlos Martinez got Dillon Head to strike out to wrap it up, giving Rancho a season-best seventh straight win overall. Offensively, Jake Gelof had a two-run triple, Juan Alonso had a two-run single, and both Logan Wagner (1) and Jesus Galiz (2) went deep to pace the offense. Rancho reliever David Tiburcio (1-0) retired all six hitters he faced over two perfect innings, notching the win. Storm starter Harry Gustin (0-1) took the loss.

**ROSTER MOVES:** The Quakes made a roster move on Thursday, adding utilty player Jefferson Valladares from the Arizona Complex League. On Tuesday, Rancho moved OF Cameron Decker to the Arizona Complex League and added INF Logan Wagner to the 30-man roster. Wagner was a sixth-round pick by the Dodgers in 2022 out of P27 Academy (HS) in Lexington, South Carolina.

**SO HOT YOU'LL BURN YOUR FINGERS:** The Quakes have won a season-best seven straight and are now 11-1 in their last 12 games. Coming into last night, Rancho, Modesto and Fresno had all won six straight games, respectively, but only the Quakes continued their streak, which is now the longest in the Cal League this year. While it's obvious it's a two-team race in the North Division, the Quakes have separated from the Storm, as they have a season-high fourgame lead in the South Division, after vesterday's win.

**PEREZ PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** For the second time in as many weeks to start the year, the Quakes have had an offensive player recognized as Cal League Player of the Week. Jeral Perez was named this week's winner, after hitting .360 (9-for-25) with three home runs and eight RBIs last week against Inland Empire. Jake Gelof was recognized as the league's Player of the Week after the first full week of the season.

PATRICK COPEN: Right-hander Patrick Copen makes his third start and fourth appearance of the year, his second against the Storm. In his lone outing against Lake Elsinore, he allowed three runs on two hits over 1.2 innings in an opening-night loss at The Diamond on April 5. In his last outing overall, he allowed one run on three hits over three innings in a win at Inland Empire on April 20. In 2023, Copen made two starts for Rancho and also made two appearances in the playoffs. He was drafted by the Dodgers in the seventh round of the 2023 draft out of Marshall.

**ERIC YOST:** Right-hander Eric Yost makes his second start and fourth appearance for the Storm, his second outing against Rancho. In his first game against the Quakes, he allowed four runs on four hits over two relief innings in a no-decision on April 7. His last game was a start on April 19 versus Visalia, where he allowed one run on four hits over three innings in a no-decision. Yost was a Padres' 2023 17th-round pick out of Northeastern.

**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. Home games are now available to WATCH for free via the Bally Live app!

**NEXT HOME GAME:** Saturday is Fireworks Night, thanks to Children's Dental FunZone. On Sunday, it's another U.S. Bank Youth Clinic and Kids Run the Bases, thanks to San Antonio Regional Hospital. Get tickets at requakes.com.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES				
Date	Орр	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio/TV
4/27	vs Lake Elsinore	RHP Miguel Mendez vs RHP Edgardo Henriquez	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In / Bally Live
4/28	vs Lake Elsinore	RHP Carson Montgomery vs RHP Cam Day	2:00pm	iHeart, Tune-In / Bally Live
4/30	at Modesto	RHP Gabe Emmett at TBD	7:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/1	at Modesto	RHP Carlos Duran at TBD	7:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In

## 1st HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	$\mathbf{W}$	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	12	4	.750	-
Modesto	12	4	.750	-
San Jose	6	11	.353	6.5
Stockton	4	12	.250	8.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	12	4	.750	-
Lake Elsinore	8	8	.500	4.0
Visalia	7	10	.412	5.5
Inland Empire	4	12	.250	8.0

# YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Lake Elsinore 10 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 12 Inland Empire 8 Visalia 9 San Jose 7 Fresno 0 Stockton 3 Modesto 2

# **TODAY'S GAMES**

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

## **TOMORROW'S GAMES**

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

## **2024 QUAKES AT A GLANCE**

1st Half Record:	12-4
vs Lake Elsinore:	4-2
vs Lake Elsinore at home:	3-0
vs Lake Elsinore on road:	1-2
Home Record:	6-1
Road Record:	6-3
Extra Inning Record:	0-0
One-Run Games:	0-0
Shutouts	1-0
Longest Winning Streak:	7
Longest Losing Streak:	2
Current Streak:	W7
Largest Division Lead	4.0

Probable Quakes Lineup					
1.	#23	Jeral Perez	2B		
2.	#3	Logan Wagner	1B		
3.	#6	Zyhir Hope	RF		
4.	#33	Jake Gelof	3B		
5.	#44	Jesus Galiz	DH		
6.	#5	Juan Alonso	CF		
7.	#45	Jefferson Valladares	LF		
8.	#51	Carlos Rojas	C		
9.	#13	Wilman Diaz	SS		
P.	#25	Patrick Copen	RHP		