



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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Game #5, Road Game #5

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San Manuel Stadium
San Bernardino, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (3-1)

AT

Inland Empire 66ers (1-3)



RHP Carlos Duran (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. LHP Erik Rivera (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: First and foremost the Quakes would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of the mom's out there!

After a big win last night, Carlos Duran will look to echo the pitching performance by last night's starter Kendall Williams. The Quakes will try to take the last game of this series and ride some momentum into their home opener on Tuesday.

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: Rancho took last night's game by a final of 7-1 as they cruised behind the efforts of starting pitcher Kendall Williams and some big swings from Alex De Jesus and company. Williams is one of the top prospects on the Quakes coming into the season and showed exactly why Baseball America listed him in the Dodgers' top 30 prospect chart. Williams attacked hitters, forcing weak contact over his four shut-out innings. Williams allowed only one hit as he changed speeds with great success, leaning on a devastating changeup and curveball combo to dismantle the Inland Empire line-up. The offense snapped out of their funk for the most part as well, striking out less and blasting balls all over the park. The offensive attack was kicked into gear by Marco Hernandez who blasted a double to the centerfield wall to plate a pair of runs. Then came the breakout performance of Alex De Jesus at the plate. The young shortstop, who Baseball America had as number 17 on the Dodgers' prospect list notched a four-hit game. De Jesus blasted two home-runs to straight away centerfield, along with a pair of singles. The Quakes would again benefit from some fielding mistakes by the 66ers, which would allow them to tack on some insurance runs and that was more than enough for the bullpen. Jose Hernandez (1-0), Braydon Fisher and Franklin De La Paz would back up the starter Williams. They held the lead with no real drama down the stretch as the Quakes took game four of the series.

APPLYING PRESSURE: The Quakes had some big swings, but they wreaked havoc in this game by putting pressure on the Inland Empire defense. A dropped fly ball in rightfield, where the 66ers outfielder got too worried about the runner tagging and failed to squeeze the pop-fly allowed a run to come home to score. Also, some booted groundballs kept innings alive for the Quakes, and they took advantage with some timely swings. The Quakes struck out eight times less in this game than their previous game. They traded those strikeouts for hard hit balls on the ground, and the results speak for themselves. By putting pressure on the defense Rancho forced some defensive missteps and the Quakes took advantage of the opportunities.

QUAKES DEFENSE BACKS PITCHERS: Another theme of this game was the activity on the defensive side of the ball for the Quakes, who committed just one error on a tough ground ball. Sam McWilliams was busy at second base in this one as Kendall Williams got him plenty of action with grounders early and often. There were a few tremendous plays from first baseman Brandon Lewis as well in this one. Lewis made some big plays in foul ground, snagging some tough pop-ups, which ended at-bats and stole some outs for his pitcher. The Rancho defense had their pitchers' backs in this one, which allowed the guy on the mound to pitch to contact and let his defense work for him.

CARLOS DURAN: Another towering right-hander is slated to take the mound for the Quakes in game five of this opening series. This time it's the 6'7" Dominican product Carlos Duran who will be leading the charge for Rancho on the hill. Duran was a free agent signing back in 2018 out of the Dominican Republic, and after a few seasons of Dominican Summer Ball he is making his debut here in the United States for Rancho. Duran finished his previous two seasons with a combined 2.84 ERA and a 1.19 WHIP over 82.1 innings pitched. Duran comes into his first start as a bit of an unknown entity. Not even 20 years-old yet, the righty is the youngest arm on the Rancho pitching staff. Williams and Lewis both just made the jump from high school to the Low-A West League, perhaps they'll have some helpful insights for Carlos as he makes his Quakes debut.

ERIK RIVERA: The Inland Empire will send another left hander to the mound, this time it is the fourth rounder Erik Rivera, who will be looking to end this series on a positive note for his ball club. Erik Rivera was drafted out of Puerto Rico as an outfielder, but since has made the transition to the mound. With a strong frame, the Angels see potential for the young lefty on the hill. It'll be an interesting match-up as he makes his first start for the Inland Empire against a team in the Quakes who are coming off a solid offensive performance.

AROUND THE FARM: The Great Lakes Loons fell to the Dayton Dragons last night as their early struggles continue against Dayton. The Loons only win in the series was a six-inning game a few nights ago. OKC tried to rally against the Express, but fell a run short in their comeback attempt as they lost by a final of 6-5. Tulsa wouldn't fair any better as they fell to the Sod Poodles 5-3. Former Quake Carlos Rincon had a clutch two-RBI hit to bring the Drillers close, but they just couldn't catch Amarillo in this one. Finally, the Dodger, with Kershaw on three days rest got a much needed win against the Los Angeles Angels. The Dodgers led 13-0 at one point, but a rally by the Angels made it an uncomfortable 14-11 lead come the eighth inning. The Dodgers would hold on to that score and secure a much needed victory to keep pace with the division leading Giants.

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 OPENER: Starting the season on the road means that the Quakes will be hosting the Modesto Nuts for their home opener next Tuesday May 11th at LoanMart Field. Limited tickets are available online at rcquakes.com.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	4	1	.800	-
Fresno	3	2	.600	1
San Jose	2	3	.400	2
Stockton	1	4	.200	3

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	5	0	1.000	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	3	1	.750	1.5
Inland Empire	1	3	.250	3.5
Visalia	0	5	.000	5

TODAY

Lake Elsinore at Visalia, 1:00 PM
Stockton at Modesto, 2:05 PM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Inland Empire, 2:05 PM
Fresno at San Jose, 5:00 PM

TOMORROW

No Games Scheduled

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD Yesterday

Lake Elsinore 9 Visalia 8
San Jose 3 Fresno 2
Modesto 5 Stockton 2
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 7 Inland Empire 1

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record: 3-1
vs Inland Empire: 3-1
vs IE Home 0-0
vs IE Road 3-1
Home Record: 0-0
Road Record: 3-1
Current Streak: W1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#10	E. Leonard	DH
2.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
3.	#3	S. McWilliams	2B
4.	#5	S. Lao	1B
5.	#14	J. Vivas	3B
6.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
7.	#15	J. DeLuca	LF
8.	#23	B. Wulff	RF
9.	#33	W. Chalo	C
P.	#27	C. Duran	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/11	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Josias De Los Santos vs. RHP Gavin Stone	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/12	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Connor Phillips vs. RHP Robbie Peto	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/13	vs. Modesto Nuts	LHP Adam Macko vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/14	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Taylor Dollard vs. RHP Kendall Williams	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com