



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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Game #69, Road Game #33

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Valley Strong Ballpark  
Visalia, CA

## RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (37-31)

AT

## Visalia Rawhide (16-53)

RHP Braydon Fisher (2-2, 6.23 ERA) vs. RHP Liam Norris (0-6, 8.41 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** Rancho has taken the first three games of the series, and will now look to lock up a series win tonight with another victory. The Quakes offense has stayed hot, as they have scored at least nine runs in all three of the contests against Visalia this series. The Quakes will look to Braydon Fisher and Kendall Williams to do the majority of the work on the mound tonight.

**LAST NIGHT'S GAME:** The Quakes took last night's contest by a 9-4 score, as the offense continued to roll in this series. Rancho opened the scoring with a solo home run from Eddys Leonard. For Leonard it was his 13th home run of the season, which now leads the team. The Visalia Rawhide answered back with a pair of runs in the first inning, as they have scored in the first inning of each of the first three games of the series. Rancho responded quickly with a big four-run third inning. The Quakes got a solo home run from their newest arrival Jose Ramos. It was his first hit in just his second at-bat as a Quakes, and Rancho would continue to score, as Alex De Jesus doubled in a pair of runs in the frame as well. The Rawhide retaliated in the fourth inning with a solo blast from Elian Miranda to make it a 5-3 score. Pitching dominated the middle innings of this one, as Hyun-Il Choi and the Rawhide relievers posted scoreless innings until the eighth. The Quakes and Rawhide traded solo home runs in the eighth inning, as Ismael Alcantara knocked his fifth of the season. The Quakes added some more insurance runs in the ninth inning, as they took advantage of three walks in the ninth and plated three more runs to put the game out of reach. Carlos Alejo registered the save as he worked a scoreless ninth inning. With the win, Rancho held onto their sole possession of first place in the South Division.

**NEW ARRIVAL MAKES IMPACT:** The Quakes had to say goodbye to Jonny DeLuca, as he was called up to High-A Great Lakes. This led to the call up of Jose Ramos from the Arizona Complex League. Ramos was batting .383 with three home runs over 15 games in the ACL. He debuted in right field and hit in the leadoff spot last night for the Quakes. It didn't take Ramos long to ingratiate himself to his new teammates, as he homered in just his second at-bat of the game. Ramos recorded a pair of hits in last night's game.

**LEAGUE LEADERS:** The Quakes have a pair of league leaders on their roster at the moment. With his win last night, Hyun-Il Choi leads the Low-A West in wins with eight on the season. Choi also leads the league with a 3.10 ERA, a 0.79 WHIP and a batting average against off .195. On the offensive side of the ball Jorbit Vivas leads the Low-A West in runs batted in with 54.

**ROSTER MOVES:** Jonny DeLuca, who led the Quakes in home runs with 15 as been called up to High-A Great Lakes. With the call-up of DeLuca the Quakes have brought up Jose Ramos from the Arizona Complex League.

**DODGERS UPDATE:** It has been a tough couple of days for the Dodgers, as they lost another nail-biter against the San Francisco Giants. The Giants now own a three game lead in the NL West after taking three of four from the Dodgers at Dodger Stadium.

**PLAYOFFS? YES, PLAYOFFS!:** At the beginning of the 2021 season, it was understood that there would be no playoffs across the country for all of Minor League Baseball, due to the ongoing global pandemic. Major League Baseball will now implement a "revised" playoff plan, allowing each league to crown a champion with a playoff series. The playoffs will be shortened to a single series, that features the top two teams (by record), regardless of division. The top two teams in all of Low-A West currently reside up North, where Fresno has a three-game lead over San Jose. The Quakes have now moved into third in the playoff race, and are currently 9.5 games back of Fresno and 6.5 out of a playoff spot with 51 games remaining in the 120-game season. The 2022 season will see the league move to a 132-game schedule and the first-half and second-half winners of each respective division meet in the playoffs.

**BRAYDON FISHER:** The Quakes are looking for the series win today with Braydon Fisher starting on the mound. This will be Fisher's second start of the season, as he has been featured this season in a long relief role behind Kendall Williams. Today these two are trading roles, with Williams backing up Fisher for today's game. In his last appearance Fisher surrendered three runs on four hits against the Inland Empire through three innings of work. Fisher got the win in his lone appearance against the Rawhide back on June 18th. Fisher held Visalia to a run on just two hits over four innings of play. Fisher was a fourth round selection by Los Angeles out of Clear Falls High School in League City, Texas back in 2018.

**LIAM NORRIS:** Visalia looks to get their first win of the series, as they send Liam Norris to the mound in game four. Norris got saddled with the loss his last time out against the Lake Elsinore Storm, as he went just 1.1 innings and gave up six runs on four hits. Norris has struggled with walks as of late, allowing ten in just his last eight innings of work. Norris is 0-1 against Rancho this season, as he got hit around by the Quakes for six runs over just two innings of work. He was a third round selection in the 2020 draft by the Diamondbacks out of Green Hope High School in Cary, North Carolina.

**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 or the Tune-In Radio 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:** The Quakes are hitting the road for two straight series. After this series in Visalia, they will head to Modesto for a rematch with the Nuts. It will be the Quakes first time in Modesto this season as well. The Quakes next home series will be on August 3rd, when they will kick off a series against the Lake Elsinore Storm. Tickets available at rcquakes.com.

### DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	47	22	.681	-
San Jose	44	25	.638	3
Modesto	37	32	.536	10
Stockton	27	42	.391	20

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Rancho Cucamonga	37	31	.537	-
Inland Empire	36	32	.522	1
Lake Elsinore	31	38	.456	6.5
Visalia	16	53	.235	21.5

### 2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	47	22	.681	-
San Jose	44	25	.638	3
Rancho Cucamonga	37	31	.537	9.5
Modesto	37	32	.536	10
Inland Empire	36	32	.522	10.5

### YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Rancho Cucamonga 9 Visalia 4  
Inland Empire 8 Lake Elsinore 7 F/12  
Stockton 10 San Jose 5  
Modesto 8 Fresno 4

### TODAY

Rancho Cucamonga at Visalia, 6:00 PM  
Stockton at San Jose, 6:30 PM  
Modesto at Fresno, 6:50 PM  
Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

### TOMORROW

Rancho Cucamonga at Visalia, 6:00 PM  
Stockton at San Jose, 6:00 PM  
Modesto at Fresno, 6:50 PM  
Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

### 2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	5-4
vs Visalia:	7-2
vs Visalia Home:	4-2
vs Visalia Road:	3-0
Home Record:	21-15
Road Record:	16-16
Current Streak:	W3

### Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#15	J.Ramos	RF
2.	#3	S. McWilliams	2B
3.	#10	E. Leonard	3B
4.	#14	J. Vivas	DH
5.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
6.	#18	I. Vargas	1B
7.	#7	E. Mateo	CF
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#8	I. Alcantara	LF
P.	#22	B. Fisher	RHP

### UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
7/24	at Visalia	RHP Carlos Duran vs. LHP Avery Scott	6:00 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/25	at Visalia	RHP Gavin Stone vs. RHP Adrian Del Moral	1:00 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/27	at Modesto	RHP Robbie Peto vs. LHP Adam Macko	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/28	at Modesto	RHP Jimmy Lewis vs. RHP Connor Phillips	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com