

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



Sunday, May 16th, 2021 2:00 PM Game #11, Home Game #6

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Modesto Nuts (8-3) AT RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (4-6)



RHP Damon Casetta-Stubbs (0-0, 2.70 ERA) vs. RHP Gavin Stone (0-0, 2.70 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Welcome to LoanMart Field for the final game of the six-game set against the Modesto Nuts (Seattle Mariners). The Quakes will try to end a tough first series of the year with a win. Rancho has dropped the last four games and will try to right the ship today under the Rancho sun and get their second home win of the season before heading on the road next week to Lake Elsinore.

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: Rancho's repeated rally attempts fell just short as Modesto took their fourth win in a row by a 9-7 final in what was another hard-fought game between these two teams. Rancho's starter, Adolfo Ramirez, wasn't able to record an out in this one as Modesto struck for six consecutive hits to open up the game. After the first half inning, Rancho found themselves looking up at a four run deficit. The Quakes tallied six hits in this one, and with some clutch two-out RBI singles by Brandon Lewis and Alex De Jesus the Quakes were able to trim the Nuts lead all the way down to a single run after seven innings. However, the Nuts offense didn't let up in this one, they added an insurance run in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and ninth innings. Modesto would need all of them, as the Quakes would bring the winning run to the plate in the ninth inning after a Vivas double and a De Jesus walk. It would all be for not however, as their final comeback attempt was thwarted by a game ending strikeout of Jonny DeLuca.

STARTERS STRUGGLES CONTINUE: The Rancho starters have struggled during this four game skid, as none of the starters for the Quakes in those games were able to make it into the fourth inning. The Modesto offense has been lethal in this series, since Wednesday, they haven't tallied less than 11 hits in any game. The Quakes starters struggled early in ball games, which has led to big deficits early in ball games. It has also led to the Quakes bullpen being heavily taxed in this series as they had to record every out of last night's contest. This Monday will be a much needed rest day for the bullpen arms after a hard fought series.

QUAKES OFFENSE BIT BY STRIKEOUTS: The Rancho offense over the last few games has had opportunities to swing their way back into games. Much like their first series in Inland Empire, strikeouts have been a big problem for Quakes hitters. Though they haven't struck out as often in this series, tallying 14 in last nights game, the timing of these punch-outs have been tough to take. The Quakes offense has been able to set the table, through hits or walks, but the Modesto Nuts have been able to get strikeouts to get out of these jams. If Rancho can cut down on the punch-outs, Modesto has shown some shaky defense in this series, and Rancho could capitalize on that with some hard hit balls in play.

GAVIN STONE: The fastest working pitcher in baseball is back on the mound for the Quakes. Gavin Stone was the starter on Tuesday to open this series, the only game that the Quakes have won in this series so far. In his last outing, Gavin worked 3.2 innings and allowed just three hits and a pair of runs. Gavin showed great command of the zone and has been the only starter to get out of the first inning without allowing a run in the opening frame. Gavin Stone so far on the season has pitched 6.2 innings so far this season with a 2.70 ERA. He has only allowed four hits on the season, and has struck out 11 batters. Rancho will need him to come with his good stuff this afternoon as they look to end the series with a win.

DAMON CASETTA-STUBBS: The Modesto Nuts will try to make it five in a row as they send Damon Casetta-Stubbs to the hill in search of his first win of the season. Modesto has gotten good length out of their starters in this series, all have made it into the fourth inning. Three of the starters for the Nuts have pithed five full innings, and have gotten themselves in line for the wins. Casetta-Stubbs has one start under his belt this season, as he lasted 3.1 innings and struck out seven batters. Damon was a victim of some tough defense behind him as he allowed four runs in his last start, but only one of them was earned. He was an 11th round selection by the Mariners in '18 and his starting in on his third season of professional baseball. Over his young career the right-hander has amassed a 5.54 ERA over 126 innings on the mound. He will look to keep the winning ways of the Nuts going as he tries to get them off to a hot start in the final game of the series at LoanMart Field. **AROUND THE FARM:** The Quakes have struggled in this series, and their AAA OKC affiliate has also had a tough run in their series against the Sacramento RiverCats. OKC fell by a lopsided score of 13-1 at home against Sacramento, and have dropped to 1-8 on the season. The Great Lakes Loons lost as well in a tight one to the Whitecaps by a 2-1 final. The Loons were blanked after scoring their lone run in the first inning, and they held the Whitecaps for most of the game. The Whitecaps grabbed a run in the seventh, then walked it off with the game winner in the ninth inning. The Tulsa Drillers were the only affiliate to grab a win last night, as they took another game from the Naturals, this one by a final of 4-3. The Drillers got all of their runs in the first inning, and they were able to make that early lead last. The Dodgers themselves shutout the Marlins behind a great seven inning performance by starter Trevor Bauer. Sadly it wasn't all good news, as Corey Seager was hit by a pitch on the hand and had to leave the game. After they assessed the injury it was determined that Seager suffered a fractured hand and will now miss some time. The Dodgers, winners of four in a row, now need to try to keep pace with the division leading Giants, without one of their most consistent offensive threats.

NEW RADIO HOME: Throughout the 2021 season, you can catch all the action from the ease of your phone or computer. Listen online at requakes.com and the iHeartRadio 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: 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 requakes.com.

		UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES		
Date	Орр	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/18	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Robbie Peto vs. LHP Noel Vela	5:35 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/19	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Hyun-Il Choi vs. RHP Dwayne Matos	6:35 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/20	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Kendall Williams vs. RHP Jesus Lugo	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/21	at Lake Elsinore	RHP Carlos Duran vs. RHP Nick Thwaits	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	8	3	.727	-
Fresno	8	3	.727	-
San Jose	6	5	.545	2
Stockton	4	7	.364	4

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Inland Empire	6	4	.600	-
Lake Elsinore	6	5	.545	.5
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	4	6	.400	2
Visalia	1	10	.091	5.5

TODAY

Visalia at Fresno, 1:05 PM Modesto at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 2:00 PM San Jose at Stockton, 2:09 PM Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 4:05 PM

TOMORROW

No Games Tomorrow

TUESDAY

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore, 5:35 PM Stockton at Visalia, 6:00 PM San Jose, at Fresno, 6:50 PM Modesto at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD YESTERDAY

Modesto 9 **BANCHO CUCAMONGA** 7 Inland Empire 9 Lake Elsinore 3 Fresno 14 Visalia 4 San Jose 2 Stockton 0

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	4-6
vsModesto Nuts:	1-4
vs Modesto Home	1-4
vs Modesto Road	0-0
Home Record:	1-4
Road Record:	3-2
Current Streak:	L4

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#3	S. McWilliams	2B
3.	#23	B. Lewis	DH
4.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
5.	#10	E. Leonard	3B
6.	#5	S. Lao	1B
7.	#29	B. Wulff	RF
8.	#33	W. Chalo	С
9.	#25	A. de Jongh	LF
P.	#44	G. Stone	RHP