



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2023 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6:30pm
Game 2 Cal League Championship
Modesto Leads Best-of-Three Series 1-0

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Modesto Nuts (77-55)
AT
RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (71-61)



RHP Michael Morales (5-4, 4.53 ERA) vs. RHP Chris Campos (5-6, 5.06 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: WELCOME TO LOANMART FIELD, as your 2023 South Division Champion Rancho Cucamonga Quakes host the 2023 North Division Champion Modesto Nuts for Game Two of the Cal League Championship. Should the Quakes win tonight, they will force Game Three on Wednesday night at 6:30pm. The Cal League Playoffs are sponsored by PASS Physical Therapy and tickets are available at rcquakes.com.

VS THE NUTS: The Nuts currently lead the Championship Series, 1-0. These two clubs matched up for nine total games in the 2023 regular season, with the Quakes going just 3-6, 2-1 here at home. This is the second time that these two clubs have met in the Championship Series, as Rancho won their first title in 1994 over Modesto, a 3-1 series win.

LAST GAME: The Nuts rallied from a one-run deficit, by scoring all nine of their runs in the fifth inning, as Modesto bested the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes by a final of 9-2 at John Thurman Field on Sunday night. Jake Gelof's solo homer in the third gave the Quakes a 1-0 lead. That lead held until the fateful fifth, as starter Christian Romero (0-2) left with the game tied 1-1 and two men on with only one out. Rancho reliever Joel Ibarra entered and immediately surrendered a three-run homer to Jonny Farmelo. With two outs and the bases loaded, reliever Kelvin Bautista came on and allowed a grand slam to Tatum Levins, capping the nine-run inning. Gelof went deep again in the sixth against eventual winner Tyler Cleveland (1-0), but that's all that Rancho could do, finishing with seven hits.

PLAYOFF LONG-BALLS: Rancho led the Cal League this year, by swatting 111 home runs in 132 games. In four playoff games, they've smacked seven home runs, four of which came in the second inning of Friday's win over the 66ers. The last two were in Sunday's game-one loss, both by Jake Gelof, who finished the year with five homers overall.

POSTSEASON LEADERS: Offensively, Thayron Liranzo and Jake Gelof lead the team with five hits each. Both Gelof and Joe Vetrano have two homers each over four games, with Vetrano leading the club with five RBIs. For Modesto, Michael Arroyo is 6-for-10, while Colt Emmerson leads with seven hits. Five different Nuts have one homer.

MODESTO ONE WIN AWAY: The Modesto Nuts are one win away from their tenth Cal League Championship and first since 2017. Since their inception in 1946, the Modesto franchise has won nine titles.

THREE AND COUNTING: The Quakes are bidding for their fourth championship, in this, their 30th year of existence. Rancho's first Cal League Title came in their second year, in 1994 as a Padres' affiliate. Their last two championships have come as Dodgers' affiliate (2015 and 2018). The Inland Empire franchise has six titles, their last in 2013.

CHRIS CAMPOS: Chris Campos makes his 18th start for Rancho and his 27th overall appearance, his second playoff start. Last Thursday night at LoanMart Field, in his last start, he fired four innings of shutout baseball in a no-decision in what would be a game-two win over Inland Empire to even the series at 1-1. Against Modesto this year, Campos recorded just two outs in his lone start on June 10, walking three batters and giving up a hit, but no runs in a no-decision. Campos was drafted by the Dodgers in the seventh round of the 2022 draft out of St. Mary's in the WCC.

MICHAEL MORALES: Righty Michael Morales makes his 24th start of the year and his second of the playoffs. In two regular-season games against Rancho, he went 0-0 with a 3.65 ERA, allowing five earned runs on ten hits with 13 strikeouts and four walks over 12.1 innings. In his last outing, he started Game One of the North Division Finals against San Jose, allowing two runs on four hits over three innings in a no-decision on September 12. Morales was a third-round choice (#83 overall) of Seattle in the 2021 draft out of East Pennsboro High School, in Enola, PA.

BROADCAST HOME: Catch all the Playoff 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.

NEXT HOME GAME: Should Rancho win tonight, the Quakes will host the Nuts at 6:30pm on Wednesday in the final game of the Championship Series. Tickets will be available at rcquakes.com.

THANK YOU FANS!: From sell-out crowds, to walk-off wins, to a visit from Dodgers' reliever Joe Kelly, this season has been a ton of fun. 2023 has been an amazing ride and isn't over yet! Thanks to all of our fans and MVPs, our corporate partners and sponsors, to all of our staff, as well as the coaches and players. THANK YOU and GO QUAKES!

2ND HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto \$	43	23	.652	-
Fresno	42	24	.636	1.0
San Jose #	28	38	.424	15.0
Stockton	25	41	.379	18.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Inland Empire \$	35	31	.530	-
Rancho Cucamonga #	32	34	.485	3.0
Lake Elsinore	32	34	.485	3.0
Visalia	27	39	.409	8.0

FIRST HALF DIVISION CHAMPION
\$ SECOND HALF DIVISION CHAMPION

LAST GAME

GAME 1 BEST-OF-THREE
CAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

RANCHO CUCAMONGA 2 Modesto 9
(Modesto Leads Series 1-0)

TODAY'S GAME

GAME 2 BEST-OF-THREE
CAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Modesto at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30pm
(Modesto Leads Series 1-0)

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

GAME 3 BEST-OF-THREE 9 (IF NECESSARY)
CAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Modesto at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30pm

2023 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	39-27
2nd Half Record:	32-34
vs Inland Empire:	14-13
vs Inland Empire at home:	6-9
vs Inland Empire on road:	8-4
Home Record:	38-28
Road Record:	33-33
Extra Inning Record:	3-4
One-Run Games:	17-23
Shutouts	7-4
Longest Winning Streak:	10
Longest Losing Streak:	5
Final Streak:	W3

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#6	Kendall George	CF
2.	#8	Thayron Liranzo	DH
3.	#17	Jake Gelof	3B
4.	#50	Josue De Paula	RF
5.	#22	Joe Vetrano	1B
6.	#30	Luis Rodriguez	LF
7.	#44	Jesus Galiz	C
8.	#5	Jordan Thompson	SS
9.	#13	Jose Izarra	2B
P.	#7	Chris Campos	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
9/20	G3 Modesto @ Rancho	(IF NECESSARY)	6:30pm	iHeart / Tune-In App

END OF SEASON