



Saturday, July 19, 2025 5:45pm Game #89, Road Game #47

**Contact: Mike Lindskog** mlindskog@rcquakes.com

"The Diamond" Lake Elsinore, CA





# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (8-14, 49-39)

Lake Elsinore Storm (11-11, 40-48)





RHP Nicolas Cruz (3-2, 4.28 ERA) vs. RHP Bryan Balzer (13, 8.13 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Quakes continue their first series after the All-Star Break, as they take on the Lake Elsinore Storm (Padres) in game two of a three-game set at "The Diamond". The Quakes will return to LoanMart Field on Tuesday to host the Visalia Rawhide in a six-game series. Tickets are available at rcquakes.com.

**VS THE STORM:** Today's game is the 11th of 24 head-to-head games and the second of nine in Lake Elsinore. The Quakes are 9-1 against the Storm with the two teams having played the first nine games of the series in Rancho. Last season, the Quakes went just 10-20 against the Storm, 3-12 in Lake Elsinore.

LAST GAME: Mairo Martinus had three hits and three RBIs, as the Quakes ended a five-game skid with a 5-1 win over the Lake Elsinore Storm on Friday night at "The Diamond". Rancho starter Aidan Foeller was sharp in a no-decision, tossing four scoreless frames, before turning it over to Jhonny Jimenez (2-1), who fired two scoreless, hitless innings to net the win. Connor Godwin struck out the side in a non-save situation in the ninth, as a total of five Rancho pitchers limited the Storm offense to just six hits. Storm reliever Bernard Jose (0-2) took the loss.

**ROSTER MOVE:** Just prior to Friday's game, the Quakes activated C Angel Diaz from the Injured List. Diaz injured his left hand in a collision at first base on July 6 in Visalia. Rancho's 30-man roster now stands at 29 active players. **SERIES STUFF:** The Quakes have hit a rough patch in the second half, as they've now dropped two straight series, their first two against South Division opponents. Rancho's only series losses prior to that had come against Stockton (twice) and San Jose (twice), a pair of North Division teams. Rancho's overall series record this year is 9-6-1. **ROAD NOT SO FRIENDLY, LATELY:** Last night's win at Lake Elsinore gets the Quakes moving in the right direction, as prior to that, they'd lost seven of their last nine road games overall. The recent San Jose series finished poorly for Rancho, as they dropped decisions of 9-2, 12-4 and 20-2. Friday's win moves them to 24-22 on the road. **FUTURE'S GAME:** Last Saturday's MLB Futures Game in Atlanta was a huge success for a pair of former Quakes. 2024 Quake OF Zyhir Hope and 2023/24 OF Josue De Paula both played in the game. Hope collected a single and was on board when De Paula cracked a three-run homer, as the National League downed the American League by a final of 4-2. De Paula was named the game's MVP. Both players have spent the entire 2025 season in Great Lakes of the High-A Midwest League.

**ALL-STAR RECAP:** The National League bested the American League in this past Tuesday's All-Star Game in Atlanta. Former Quakes Zach McKinstry (DET), Will Smith (LAD) and Clayton Kershaw (LAD) all played in the NL's 7-6 win. Other Dodgers to appear in the game include Yoshi Yamamoto, Freddie Freeman and Shohei Ohtani. NICOLAS CRUZ: 21-year-old Nicolas Cruz makes his second start of the year and his 23rd appearance for the Quakes, his third appearance and first start against the Storm. Against the Storm in two relief outings, Cruz has allowed one run on three hits over three innings. Cruz's last appearance was on July 13 against Inland Empire, when he allowed three runs on five hits in two innings in a no-decision. Cruz signed with the Dodgers in 2022 out of Venezuela. BRYAN BALZER: Righty Bryan Balzer makes his 11th appearance and eighth start of the year, his second start against the Quakes. Balzer's lone outing against the Quakes was back on April 5, when he allowed three runs on three hits over three innings in a loss at LoanMart Field. In his last outing overall, he allowed four runs on three hits, recording just two outs in a loss at Visalia on July 12. Balzer was signed by the Padres as an international free agent in January of 2023, out of Yokosuka, Japan.

**BROADCAST HOME:** Catch all the 2025 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 requakes.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:** The Quakes will return to LoanMart Field on Tuesday, July 22 for a six-game set against the Visalia Rawhide. Tuesday the 22nd will be a Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday, as fans can log on to the website to learn how to score a FREE Club Seat Ticket to the game. Get tickets at RCQuakes.com.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES				
Date	Орр	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio/TV
7/20	at Lake Elsinore	LHP Sterling Patick at RHP Abraham Parra	4:45pm	iHeart, Tune-In
7/22	vs Visalia	TBD at TBD	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In/MILB.TV
7/23	vs Visalia	TBD at TBD	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In/MILB.TV
7/24	vs Visalia	TBD at TBD	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In/MILB.TV

#### SECOND HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
San Jose \$	15	7	.682	_
Fresno	12	10	.545	3.0
Modesto	12	10	.545	3.0
Stockton	7	15	.318	8.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Visalia	12	10	.545	-
Lake Elsinore	11	11	.500	1.0
Inland Empire	11	11	.500	1.0
\$ Rancho Cucamonga	8	14	.364	4.0

- \$ First Half Division Champions
- # Second Half Division Champions

## YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Modesto 11 San Jose 10 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 5 Lake Elsinore 1 Visalia 2 Inland Empire 1 Fresno 4 Stockton 10

## **TODAY'S GAMES**

Modesto at San Jose, 5:00pm RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore, 5:45pm Visalia at Inland Empire, 6:35pm Fresno at Stockton, 7:05pm

## **TOMORROW'S GAMES**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Lake Elsinore, 4:45pm Modesto at San Jose, 5:00pm Visalia at Inland Empire, 5:35pm Fresno at Stockton, 6:05pm

### **2025 QUAKES AT A GLANCE**

1st Half Record:	41-25
2nd Half Record:	8-14
vs Lake Elsinore:	9-1
vs Lake Elsinore at home:	8-1
vs Lake Elsinore on road:	1-0
Home Record:	25-17
Road Record:	24-22
Extra Inning Record:	2-2
One-Run Games:	6-9
Shutouts:	6-3
Longest Winning Streak:	9
Longest Losing Streak:	8
Current Streak:	W1
Largest Division Lead:	11.0

4180	. St D1 1 1 5	ion Lead.	11.0
ij	Proba	ble Quakes Lir	neup
1.	#46	Eduardo Quintero	CF
2.	#41	Jaron Elkins	RF
3.	#23	Samuel Munoz	LF
4.	#27	Jose Meza	1B
5.	#10	Nico Perez	2B
6.	#9	Mairo Martinus	SS
7.	#56	Carlos Avila	DH
8.	#10	Angel Diaz	C
9.	#47	Jackson Nicklaus	3B
P.	#54	Nicolas Cruz	RHI