



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Sunday, July 11th, 2021 5:00 PM
Game #59, Home Game #30

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Lake Elsinore Storm (26-33)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (31-27)



RHP Jesus Lugo (0-2, 7.23 ERA) vs. RHP Kendall Williams (1-1, 4.93 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Welcome to LoanMart Field for today's series-finale, as your first-place Rancho Cucamonga Quakes host the Lake Elsinore Storm in the last game of the six-game series. Kids will "Run the Bases" after the game today, thanks to Smile Generation. After an off-day on Monday, the Quakes will continue their 12-game home stand, opening a series against Inland Empire on Tuesday. Tickets are available for all Quakes' home games online at rcquakes.com.

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: The Quakes dominated the Storm again on Saturday night, as they rolled to a 9-5 win, their season-high sixth straight overall. Diego Cartaya smashed a three-run homer (his ninth) and finished with a game-high four RBIs. Eddys Leonard also went deep (his tenth) for Rancho in the win. On the mound, Jimmy Lewis allowed two runs on two hits over three innings, while Hyun-Il Choi (6-3) recorded the win, allowing three runs on four hits over five relief innings. Lake Elsinore's Gilberto Vizcarra (1) and Jarryd Dale (2) both blasted two-run homers for the Storm. Storm starter Noel Vela (1-6) was charged with the loss.

HISTORIC BROOMS?: The Quakes have an opportunity to pull off their first six-game sweep in franchise history today with the win over the Storm. With the 2021 schedule looking different than any other year in history (nothing but six-game series), this is the first time the Quakes have been in position to sweep a series. Throughout Cal League history, series have traditionally been three or four games, with the occasional five-game series back in the early days of the franchise's inception in 1993.

DIGGING THE LONG-BALL: The Quakes have now scored 80 runs in their last six home games. In this series, the Quakes have utilized the home run as a main weapon for the offense, hitting at least two round-trippers in each of the five games against the Storm. Eight different Rancho batters have combined for 15 homers in this series, with Eddys Leonard slamming three and Jonny DeLuca crushing a team-leading four bombs. Rancho leads not just their own Low-A West League, but all of Low-A with 84 round-trippers. By contrast, the Storm have hit just 42 home runs, exactly half of Rancho's total.

MISTAKE-FREE BASEBALL: The home runs are the main topic on the offensive side of the ball, but the defense has been incredible over this series against the Storm, as they've gone without an error in a season-best five consecutive games. That brings Rancho's fielding percentage to .970, good enough for fourth in the league. Lake Elsinore's defense on the other hand, has been awful this series, as they've committed nine errors in five games, dropping their league-worst fielding percentage to .957.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS: The Quakes are currently riding their best stretch of the year, winning six straight overall, but five of those have come at LoanMart Field, where they've now won eight straight, dating back to their mid-June series against Visalia. The Quakes are 18-11 in front of the home fans this year with today's game marking the half-way point of the season.

THE FUTURE IS NOW: As part of MLB's All-Star Game festivities, the Futures Game will be held today in Colorado. The Dodgers have two representatives, with former Quake right-hander Andre Jackson joining infielder Michael Busch for today's game. Both players have spent the season at Double-A Tulsa. Jackson went 3-1 with a 3.66 ERA in 15 starts for Rancho back in 2019.

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 three teams in all of Low-A West currently reside up North, where Fresno has a one-game lead over San Jose and a three-game lead over Modesto. The Quakes are currently 6.5 games back of Fresno and 5.5 out of a playoff spot with 62 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.

KENDALL WILLIAMS: The Quakes will send game-one starter Kendall Williams back to the hill for his second start of the series and his 12th overall appearance (11th start) of the year. Williams allowed two run on four hits over three innings just five days ago in game one of this series against the Storm. Williams has only combined for four innings in his last two starts, but he had gone at least four innings in each of his previous nine starts. Williams was acquired in the Ross Stripling trade from Toronto back in 2020.

JESUS LUGO: The Storm will go with Jesus Lugo for the second time in the series, as the game-one starter makes his eighth overall appearance and seventh start of the year, his third against Rancho. In Tuesday's opener, Lugo allowed five runs on seven hits over just three innings in the loss. Prior to that though, Lugo had not allowed a run in his previous three starts (which spanned just seven total innings). Lugo signed with the Padres out of the Dominican Republic in January of 2019.

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 (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 home next week to continue this 12-game home stand, hosting Inland Empire, starting on Tuesday, July 13th. Tuesday is another Temblores Tuesday, as the Quakes will assume the identity of Los Temblores de Rancho Cucamonga with special Temblores jerseys and caps as part of MILB's Copa de la Diversion Program. Tickets available at rcquakes.com.

DIVISION STANDINGS

| NORTH | W | L | PCT | GB |
|----------|----|----|------|----|
| Fresno | 38 | 21 | .644 | - |
| San Jose | 37 | 22 | .627 | 1 |
| Modesto | 35 | 24 | .593 | 3 |
| Stockton | 25 | 34 | .424 | 13 |

| SOUTH | W | L | PCT | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|------|
| RANCHO CUCAMONGA | 31 | 27 | .534 | - |
| Inland Empire | 30 | 28 | .517 | 1 |
| Lake Elsinore | 26 | 33 | .441 | 5.5 |
| Visalia | 13 | 45 | .220 | 18.5 |

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

| NORTH | W | L | PCT | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Fresno | 38 | 21 | .644 | - |
| San Jose | 37 | 22 | .627 | 1 |
| Modesto | 35 | 24 | .593 | 3 |
| RANCHO CUCAMONGA | 31 | 27 | .534 | 6.5 |
| Inland Empire | 30 | 28 | .517 | 7.5 |

** Top two teams qualify for 2021 playoffs, regardless of division

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

RANCHO CUCAMONGA 9 Lake Elsinore 5
Inland Empire 7 Visalia 1
Fresno 5 San Jose 0
Modesto 8 Stockton 5

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

Visalia at Lake Elsinore, 5:35 PM
Inland Empire at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30 PM
Fresno at Stockton, 7:05 PM
San Jose at Modesto, 7:05 PM

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

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| 1st Half Record: | 31-27 |
| 2nd Half Record: | 0-0 |
| vs Lake Elsinore: | 12-5 |
| vs L.E. Home: | 5-0 |
| vs L.E. Road: | 7-5 |
| Home Record: | 18-11 |
| Road Record: | 13-16 |
| Current Streak: | W6 |

Probable Quakes Lineup

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|----|-----|---------------|-----|
| 1. | #3 | S. McWilliams | 2B |
| 2. | #14 | J. Vivas | DH |
| 3. | #10 | E. Leonard | 3B |
| 4. | #6 | A. De Jesus | SS |
| 5. | #15 | J. DeLuca | RF |
| 6. | #18 | I. Vargas | 1B |
| 7. | #25 | A. de Jongh | LF |
| 8. | #33 | W. Chalo | C |
| 9. | #7 | E. Mateo | CF |
| P. | #24 | K. Williams | RHP |

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

| Date | Opp | Pitching Probables | Time | Radio |
|------|------------------|--|---------|--------------|
| 7/13 | vs Inland Empire | RHP John Swanda vs. RHP Carlos Duran | 6:30 PM | RCQuakes.com |
| 7/14 | vs Inland Empire | RHP Jack Kochanowicz vs. RHP Gavin Stone | 6:30 PM | RCQuakes.com |
| 7/15 | vs Inland Empire | LHP Jose Salvador vs. RHP Robbie Peto | 6:30 PM | RCQuakes.com |
| 7/16 | vs Inland Empire | LHP Adam Seminaris vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis | 6:30 PM | RCQuakes.com |