



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Friday, September 17th, 2021
6:30 PM Game #118, Home Game #58

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Visalia Rawhide (36-81)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (66-51)



LHP Avery Short (1-5, 7.74 ERA) vs. RHP Nick Nastrini (0-0, 1.93 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes are looking to lock up one last series win before the 2021 season comes to a close. The Quakes have now won four games in a row, and have firmly cemented themselves as the cream of the crop in the South Division. Tonight, is Allstar KIA Night, and Julio Urias bobblehead giveaway. The first 1,500 fans through the gates will receive a bobblehead of Dodgers Pitcher and World Series Champion, Julio Urias. MVP Gate opens at 5:15pm, Main Gate opens at 5:30pm.

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: The Quakes continued their flare for the dramatics in this final series of the season with a late-game comeback win over the Rawhide by an 8-6 final. Visalia used a pair of home runs to take a 3-0 lead right out of the gate against starter Kendall Williams. Williams settled in afterward, and didn't allow a run over his last two innings on the hill. The Quakes took a while to find their way into the run column, as they pushed their first run across in the bottom of the fifth on an Imanol Vargas RBI single.

The Quakes and Rawhide traded runs in the sixth inning, and Rancho went into the bottom of the seventh trailing 4-2. Rancho scored a run in the bottom of the seventh on a Kenneth Betancourt sacrifice fly, and went to the eighth inning chasing a run. The Rawhide were their own worst enemy in the bottom of the eighth inning, as they walked four batters and tied the game for the Quakes. Rancho got one hit in the inning, and it was a game-changer. Luis Diaz tripled with the bases loaded, and later scored on a wild pitch, giving the Quakes an 8-4 lead going into the ninth inning. The Rawhide pushed across two runs before Carlos De Los Santos got Wilderd Patino to fly out and end the game, giving De Los Santos his third save. Braydon Fisher (5-3) got the win in relief.

HERO BALL SAVING QUAKES: For back-to-back games now, the Quakes have won on game-winning hits in the eighth and ninth innings, respectively. Two nights ago, it was a walk-off single by Yeiner Fernandez that gave Rancho the 5-4 win. Last night, it was Luis Diaz who played the role of hero, as he provided the game-winning bases-clearing triple with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning. For Diaz, it was his fourth triple of the season, and his biggest hit as a Quake.

UNCHARACTERISTIC DRY SPELL: The Quakes have not hit a home run yet in the series. The Quakes, who lead the Low-A West in home runs (162) this season have gone the first three games of this series without the help of a long ball. LoanMart Field is very friendly to home runs, as the Visalia Rawhide drilled three homers last night, and have left the yard five times this series already.

LIMITED HITTING SPACE: The Quakes' pitchers, over the first three games, have allowed a combined 13 hits to the Rawhide. The Rawhide have struggled to consistently hit the Quakes pitching through the first half of the series. Though Visalia does have five home runs, those homers account for nearly half of their hits. Quakes' pitchers have helped out a Rancho offense that has struggled to score consistently through the first three games, and the Quakes have won the first three games thanks in large part to the pitching.

SOUTH CHAMPS: The Quakes' 10-0 win over Inland Empire on Sunday night in San Bernardino clinched the 2021 South Division Pennant. Although this will be the first time since 2014 that the Quakes will miss the playoffs, winning the South Division is still a solid accomplishment to cap the 2021 campaign. Due to Covid-19, the 2021 playoffs were modified and will only feature a championship series between the teams with the two best records, regardless of division, meaning San Jose and Fresno will meet for the pennant at the conclusion of the regular season in a best-of-five. The playoffs will return to four teams in 2022.

ROSTER MOVES: The Quakes re-activated Luke McKenzie off the developmental list, and also added a pair of pitchers to the roster. Adam Scoggins, and Ben Casparius both were acquisitions by the Dodgers in 2021 and have been called up to Rancho. All three of these players made it into last night's game, as Casparius and Scoggins made their debuts with the team.

DODGERS UPDATE: The Dodgers were off last night, as they traveled to Cincinnati to begin a series with a Reds team that is battling for the second Wild Card spot. The Dodgers, who have their eye on a division title, picked up half a game in the standings. The Giants lost their second game in a row to the San Diego Padres last night, and now the Dodgers sit just one game back of first place.

NICK NASTRINI: Rancho will go for their fourth win of the series, and Nick Nastrini will get the ball to start the game. Nastrini will be making his sixth start for the club, and his second against the Rawhide. Last time Nastrini faced Visalia, he surrendered two unearned runs on one hit over two innings of work. This will be Nastrini's final start of the season, and though he is unlikely to qualify for a win, Nastrini will look to keep his ERA under two after his final appearance of the season tonight.

EVERY SHORT: The Visalia Rawhide will send Avery Short to the mound as they search for their first win of the series. Short, a 12th-round pick out of Southport High School in Indianapolis will look for his second win of the season. Short is 1-1 against the Quakes this season, and will be making his 14th and final start of the season.

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: Saturday is Smile Generation Corey Seager Bobblehead Giveaway. The first 1,500 fans through the gates will receive a bobblehead of Dodgers Shortstop and World Series MVP, Corey Seager. The Main Gate opens at 5:30pm. Sunday's season-fina-le will begin at 2pm and Kids will "Run the Bases" after the game, thanks to Smile Generation. Get tickets at rcquakes.com!

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno \$	73	39	.652	-
San Jose \$	74	43	.632	1.5
Modesto	61	51	.545	12
Stockton	42	72	.368	32

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	66	51	.564	-
Inland Empire	55	59	.482	9.5
Lake Elsinore	53	64	.453	13
Visalia	36	81	.308	30

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno \$	73	39	.652	+1.5
San Jose \$	74	43	.632	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	66	51	.564	8
Modesto	61	51	.545	12
Inland Empire	55	59	.482	16

** Top two teams qualify for playoffs, regardless of division \$ clinched berth

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Lake Elsinore 5 Inland Empire 3
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 8 Visalia 6
Fresno 7 San Jose 6 F/10
Stockton 10 Modesto 9 F/10

TODAY

Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30 PM
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 6:35 PM
San Jose at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Modesto at Stockton, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30 PM
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 6:35 PM
San Jose at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Modesto at Stockton, 7:05 PM

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	34-24
vs Visalia:	15-6
vs Visalia Home:	7-2
vs Visalia Road:	8-4
Home Record:	33-24
Road Record:	33-27
Current Streak:	W4

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#3	Y. Fernandez	DH
3.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
4.	#5	S. Lao	1B
5.	#10	L. Diaz	3B
6.	#8	I. Alcantara	RF
7.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
8.	#44	L. McKenzie	LF
9.	#25	K. Betancourt	2B
P.	#21	N. Nastrini	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
9/18	vs Visalia	RHP Luke Albright vs. RHP Edgardo Henriquez	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
9/19	vs Visalia	RHP Scott Randall vs. RHP Benony Robles	2:00 PM	RCQuakes.com

END OF 2021 REGULAR SEASON...THANK YOU FANS!