



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2023 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Sunday, September 17, 2023 5:05pm
Game 1 Cal League Championship
Best-of-Three Series Tied 0-0

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John Thurman Field
Modesto, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (71-61)

AT

Modesto Nuts (77-55)



RHP Christian Romero (8-2, 3.17 ERA) vs. RHP Tyler Gough (1-3, 5.70 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Your 2023 South Division Champion Rancho Cucamonga Quakes are at John Thurman Field in Modesto for Game One of the Cal League Championship. Tonight's game is the lone game in Modesto, as the series will shift to LoanMart Field on Tuesday for Game 2 and then on Wednesday for Game 3 (If necessary).

VS THE NUTS: These two clubs matched up for nine total games in the 2023 regular season, with the Quakes going just 3-6, 1-5 here at John Thurman Field. 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, with a 3-1 series win.

LAST GAME: Rancho rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to defeat Inland Empire by a final of 11-6 at LoanMart Field, clinching their berth in the Cal League Championship Series. The LoanMart Field crowd saw the 66ers race to an early 3-0 lead after an inning, helped by Cole Fontenelle's two-run blast off Rancho starter Roque Gutierrez. Trailing 4-0 in the bottom of the second, Joe Vetrano opened the inning with a solo-shot off 66ers' starter Jorge Marcheco (0-1), the first of four home runs in the inning. Vetrano capped the inning with his second homer, a three-run shot to give the Quakes an 8-4 lead. Jordan Thompson connected for his first pro home run, while Josue De Paula's third home run in a Rancho uniform put the Quakes ahead to stay. From there, the game was in the hands of the bullpen. Liam Doolan, Noah Ruen and Garrett McDaniels held the lead, with McDaniels (1-0) getting the win with three scoreless innings.

PLAYOFF LONG-BALLS: Rancho led the Cal League this year, by swatting 111 home runs in 132 games. In three playoff games, they've smacked five home runs, four of which came in the second inning of Friday's win over the 66ers.

LEAGUE-LEADING LIRANZO: Thayron Liranzo finished the year with 24 home runs, tops in the Cal League. Liranzo finished with 70 RBIs, third in the league. Liranzo also led the league in extra-base hits (50), slugging percentage at .562 and OPS (.962). He was fourth in the league with 70 walks and OBP (.400) and fifth in doubles (24).

UP NORTH: The Modesto Nuts rallied from an early 4-0 deficit, scoring the last 13 runs of the game on Thursday in San Jose, advancing to the Cal League Championship Series with a 13-4 victory and a 2-0 series-sweep over the Giants. Since their inception in 1946, the Modesto franchise has won nine titles, with their last coming in 2017.

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 a Dodgers' affiliate (2015 and 2018). The Inland Empire franchise has six titles, their last in 2013.

CHRISTIAN ROMERO: Christian Romero makes his 12th start and 22nd appearance of 2023, his second playoff start. In his last start, he allowed one unearned run over five innings in a loss at Inland Empire, in game one of the playoffs. In one start against Modesto this year, he went 0-0 with a 9.82 ERA, allowing four runs on six hits over 3.2 innings. Romero was signed by the Dodgers in 2021 out of Hermosillo, Mexico.

TYLER GOUGH: Right-hander Tyler Gough makes his first start of the playoffs and his first career appearance against the Quakes. In ten games (nine starts) during the regular season, he allowed 19 runs on 30 hits over 30 innings, with 24 strikeouts and 15 walks. In his last outing overall, he allowed just one hit over two relief innings in a no-decision at Fresno on September 9. Gough was drafted by the Mariners in the tenth round of the 2022 draft out of JSerra High School in San Juan Capistrano, CA.

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 MLB 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: The Quakes return to LoanMart Field on Tuesday night at 6:30pm, for Game Two in the Best-of-Three. Should the series be tied at 1-1, then 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!

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
9/19	G2 Modesto @ Rancho	TBD vs RHP Chris Campos	6:30pm	iHeart / Tune-In App
9/20	G3 Modesto @ Rancho	(IF NECESSARY)	6:30pm	iHeart / Tune-In App
END OF SEASON				

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 GAMES

Inland Empire 6 **RANCHO CUCAMONGA** 11
(Rancho Wins Series 2-1)

Modesto 13 San Jose 4
(Modesto Wins Series 2-0)

TODAY'S GAMES

GAME 1 BEST-OF-THREE
CAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Modesto, 5:05pm
(Series Tied 0-0)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

GAME 2 BEST-OF-THREE
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.	#50	Josue De Paula	RF
2.	#8	Thayron Liranzo	C
3.	#17	Jake Gelof	3B
4.	#44	Jesus Galiz	DH
5.	#22	Joe Vetrano	1B
6.	#30	Luis Rodriguez	LF
7.	#13	Jose Izarra	2B
8.	#5	Jordan Thompson	SS
9.	#6	Kendall George	CF
P.	#31	Christian Romero	RHP