# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2022 GAME NOTES



Valley Strong Ballpark

Sunday, April 10th, 2022 1:00pm Game #3, Road Game #3 Contact: Mike Lindskog mlindskog@rcquakes.com



LHP Maddux Bruns (0-0, -.-- ERA) vs. LHP Liam Norris (0-0, -.-- ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Quakes complete their three-game road trip in Visalia with the rubber game of the three-game set against the Arizona Diamondbacks' Cal League affiliate, the Visalia Rawhide. Rancho takes a day off on Monday and then opens home action at LoanMart Field on Tuesday in a six-game set against the Inland Empire 66ers.

**VS THE RAWHIDE:** Today's match-up is the third of 30 head-to-head games between the Quakes and Rawhide and the third of 12 here at Valley Strong Ballpark. Last year, Rancho went 16-8 against the Rawhide, 8-4 in Visalia.

**LAST GAME:** The Quakes got out to a big lead and never looked back, earning their first win of the year with a convincing 14-7 victory over the Rawhide on Saturday night at Valley Strong Ballpark. Luis Diaz had a couple of hits and set the tone, blasting the first pitch of the game over the fence for his first round-tripper of the year. Jose Ramos slugged the other Rancho homer, his second in as many games and finished with three hits and four runs scored. Luis Rodriguez finished with three hits and was credited with five RBIs, three of which came on a bases-loaded pop up, which was badly misplayed. Rancho got a scoreless inning out of rehabbing Dodgers' reliever Tommy Kahnle, but it was reliever Benony Robles (1-0) who was credited with the eventual win, after giving up just one run over three innings. Visalia starter Yaifer Perdomo (0-1) took the loss. **WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN:** The Quakes once again play in the CALIFORNIA LEAGUE! After Minor League Base-

ball's dramatic restructuring in 2021, the Quakes and the other seven teams played in what was known for just one season only, as the "Low-A West" League. Minor League Baseball recently secured the rights to all league names throughout Minor League Baseball and so the league names that fans have become familiar with throughout the years are all back in 2022. Welcome back to the Cal League!

**LOADED WITH PROSPECTS:** The Quakes have six players that Baseball America and MLB Pipeline have rated as Top-30 within the organization. They are led by the Dodgers' number-one overall prospect, catcher Diego Cartaya. Cartaya broke out in 2021, as he appeared in 31 games with the Quakes, hitting .299 with 10 homers and 31 RBIs, before suffering a season-ending back injury. Cartaya is back in Rancho to at least start the year and is in good health. He's joined by LHP Maddux Bruns (#12), OF Jose Ramos (#14), INF Alex De Jesus (#20), OF Luis Rodriguez (#25) and OF Jake Vogel (#29).

**2021 RECAP:** The Quakes won the South Division in 2021, but missed the playoffs for the first time since 2014. How's that possible? Well, with 2021 being a year dominated by changes due to Covid-19, the league playoffs, which originally weren't scheduled to take place at all, settled on the top two overall teams meeting in one best-of-five series. San Jose topped Fresno to win the league title last year. 2021 is truly in the rearview mirror though, as the playoffs will be back to four total teams, with the first half champ from each division taking on the second half champ before the championship series.

**REHABBING DODGERS, ALREADY:** Tommy Kahnle was the first Dodgers rehabber of 2022, as he fired a scoreless inning last night in Visalia. He's expected to join the team in Rancho for two more potential appearances. Kahnle underwent Tommy John surgery in August of 2020 after pitching for the New York Yankees. Kahnle was signed by the Dodgers in December of 2020 and has yet to pitch for the big club. He debuted with the Rockies in 2014 and pitched for parts of three seasons for the Yankees. Dodgers rehabbers are sponsored by Yaamava Resort and Casino at San Manuel.

**TODAY'S STARTER:** The Quakes will send left-hander Maddux Bruns to the mound, as he makes his Rancho debut. Bruns was the Dodgers' first-round draft pick last year, as they selected him with the 29th overall pick out of UMS-Wright High School in Mobile, Alabama. Bruns made two appearances last year for the AZL Dodgers, going 0-2, while giving up nine runs on eight hits over five innings.

**LIAM NORRIS:** The Rawhide will run lefty Liam Norris to the mound today, as he makes his season debut. Norris split time in 2021 between the Arizona League Diamondbacks (0-1, 11.57 ERA, 2 G) and Visalia (0-6, 9.08 ERA, 14 G). The North Carolina native was drafted by Arizona in the third round of the 2020 draft out of High School.

**BROADCAST HOME:** Throughout the 2022 season, you can catch all the action from the ease of your phone or computer. Listen on your smartphones and smart devices on the iHeartRadio app or the Tune-In Radio app (Keyword: Quakes) or through the MILB First Pitch app with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog. From your desktop, 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.

**NEXT HOME GAME:** The Quakes host the Inland Empire 66ers on Tuesday in the regular season home opener at LoanMart Field. Post-game Fireworks will follow, thanks to American Career College. Tickets are available at rcquakes.com.

| UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES |                  |   |        |                          |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|--------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Date                         | Opp              | Pitching Probables                          | Time   | Radio                    |  |  |
| 4/12                         | VS Inland Empire | RHP Connor Van Scoyoc vs RHP Tommy Kahnle   | 6:30pm | iHeart App / Tune-In App |  |  |
| 4/13                         | VS Inland Empire | RHP Fernando Guanare vs RHP Jerming Rosario | 6:30pm | iHeart App / Tune-In App |  |  |
| 4/14                         | VS Inland Empire | LHP Jose Salvador vs RHP Kendall Williams   | 6:30pm | iHeart App / Tune-In App |  |  |
| 4/15                         | VS Inland Empire | RHP Alejandro Hidalgo vs RHP Tommy Kahnle   | 6:30pm | iHeart App / Tune-In App |  |  |

## **DIVISION STANDINGS**

| NORTH            | W | L | РСТ   | GB  |  |
|------------------|---|---|-------|-----|--|
| Fresno           | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | -   |  |
| Modesto          | 1 | 1 | .500  | 1.0 |  |
| San Jose         | 1 | 1 | .500  | 1.0 |  |
| Stockton         | 0 | 2 | .000  | 2.0 |  |
|                  |   |   |       |     |  |
| SOUTH            | W | L | РСТ   | GB  |  |
| Visalia          | 1 | 1 | .500  | -   |  |
| Lake Elsinore    | 1 | 1 | .500  | -   |  |
| RANCHO CUCAMONGA | 1 | 1 | .500  | -   |  |
| Inland Empire    | 1 | 1 | .500  | -   |  |

# YESTERDAY'S SCORES

RANCHO CUCAMONGA 14, Visalia 7 Stockton 4, Fresno 16 San Jose 3, Modesto 1 Lake Elsinore 7, Inland Empire 9

#### TODAY

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Visalia, 1:00 PM Stockton at Fresno, 1:05 PM San Jose at Modesto, 2:05 PM Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 2:05 PM

#### TUESDAY

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

## **2022 QUAKES AT A GLANCE**

| 1st Half Record: | 1-1 |
|------------------|-----|
| 2nd Half Record: |     |
| vs Visalia:      | 1-1 |
| vs Visalia Home: | 0-0 |
| vs Visalia Road: | 1-1 |
| Home Record:     | 0-0 |
| Road Record:     | 1-1 |
| Current Streak:  | W1  |
|                  |     |

#### **Probable Quakes Lineup**

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

| #13 | Austin Gauthier    | 2B  |
|-----|--------------------|-----|
| #17 | Diego Cartaya      | С   |
| #46 | Jose Ramos         | DH  |
| #22 | Damon Keith        | RF  |
| #16 | Luis Rodriguez     | LF  |
| #11 | Jake Vogel         | CF  |
| #35 | Yunior Garcia      | 1B  |
| #7  | Luis Diaz          | 3B  |
| #48 | Kenneth Betancourt | SS  |
| #23 | Maddux Bruns       | LHP |