



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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6:30 PM Game #116, Home Game #56

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



VISALIA
Rawhide

Visalia Rawhide (36-79)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (64-51)



RHP Joe Elbis (0-1, 3.00 ERA) vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis (0-3, 7.17 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes have made their way home for the final series of the season, as they'll finish out the 2021 season against the Visalia Rawhide at LoanMart Field. Tonight is our last Terra Vista Animal Hospital Bark in the Ballpark of the season! Four-legged friends are welcome to tonight's game, thanks to Terra Vista Animal Hospital. Pet Friendly seats are located on the First Base side of the stadium, from Club Box 5 over to the Fault Zone. Don't forget to purchase your pet pass!

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: The Quakes kicked off their final series of the season with a 5-3 win over the Visalia Rawhide. Rancho strung together three doubles in the opening frame to score a pair of runs, and took an early 2-0 lead. The Rawhide quickly cut the lead in half, as they pushed a run across with a two-out single off of starter Huei-Sheng Lin. The Quakes would increase their lead with three more runs in the bottom of the second. Rancho got an RBI double from Edwin Mateo, and held a 5-1 advantage after two. The Quakes offense was held scoreless for the remainder of the contest, and the Rawhide started to play their way back into the ballgame. With a solo home run from Neyfy Castillo in the sixth, and a run in the seventh, the Rawhide were down just two runs going into the eighth. The Quakes turned to relievers Ryan Sublette and Daniel Cruz to get the final six outs and secure the 5-3 victory.

YEINER FERNANDEZ: After playing in his first four games with the Quakes, Yeiner Fernandez has shown absurd production at the plate. Fernandez has tallied ten hits in just his first 18 at-bats. Fernandez has also produced multiple hits in each game he has played. Fernandez has also knocked in five RBIs and currently boasts a gaudy batting average of .556 through his first four starts. The 18-year-old catcher has quickly thrust himself into a key role in the batting order, and will look to close the season on fire.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: The Quakes have now gone back-to-back with the Player of the Week award for these past two weeks. Jose Ramos has received the honor for his impressive series against the Inland Empire 66ers. Jose Ramos played in all six games of the series, and tallied 11 hits. Ramos put up a batting average for the week of .407 with three home runs, and ten runs batted in. Two of Ramos' home runs came in the same game, and the second one was a game-tying blast in the top of the ninth inning. Sam McWilliams won the award last week, and now Ramos has received his first Player of the Week award since joining the team in July.

QUAKES LOOKING FOR REVENGE: The Quakes have swept the Rawhide this season back in July. However, the Rawhide took the last series against Rancho four games to two. The Quakes will look to end the season with a series victory against a Rawhide team that has had a lot of turnover with the addition of multiple draft picks from the 2021 draft. The Rawhide are coming into the final series of the season riding high after a series win against the Lake Elsinore Storm.

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: Relief pitcher Carlos Alejo was called up to Great Lakes of the high-A Central League on Tuesday. Alejo was 2-3 for the Quakes with a 6.03 ERA, but was important to them at the back of the bullpen, as he converted eight of nine save opportunities. This leaves the Quakes' roster at 29, but there are expected to be additional moves that will affect the pitching staff this week.

DODGERS UPDATE: The Dodgers took home an 8-4 win last night against their divisional opponent, the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Dodgers now sit at 93-53, 40 games above the .500 mark. However, the Giants have won nine in a row after a 6-1 victory over the San Diego Padres. The Dodgers have secured a playoff spot, but the question still remains of who will win the division, and which of these two teams will have to fight for their playoff lives in the wildcard game.

JIMMY LEWIS: The Quakes will send Jimmy Lewis to the mound for his final start of the season. Lewis will take one more crack at securing that elusive first win of the season. The Rawhide are responsible for handing Jimmy Lewis two of his three losses on the season. Lewis has struggled in his three starts against Visalia, as he has given up seven earned runs over just three innings. Lewis has only gotten out of the first inning once against the Rawhide in his three starts.

JOE ELBIS: The Visalia Rawhide look to Joe Elbis to start game two of the series tonight. Elbis, has only made two starts this season since joining the Rawhide from the Arizona Complex League. Elbis has worked at least four innings in each of his two starts, including his last start against the Storm. Elbis went five innings and allowed one run on just three hits in that last start, and will look for his first win as a member of the Rawhide tonight.

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 Linskog and Davis Ellington. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, tune your portable FM radio to 91.3 FM.

HOME GAMES: Tomorrow the Quakes will be hosting our final Thirsty Thursday! All fans can enjoy \$4 domestic drafts, \$5 premium drafts & wine and \$3 Pepsi products. We hope to see you at LoanMart field...get your tickets at rcquakes.com.

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno \$	72	38	.655	-
San Jose \$	73	42	.635	1.5
Modesto	60	50	.545	12
Stockton	41	71	.366	32

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	64	51	.557	-
Inland Empire	55	57	.491	7.5
Lake Elsinore	51	64	.443	13
Visalia	36	79	.313	28

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno \$	72	38	.655	+1.5
San Jose \$	73	42	.635	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	64	51	.557	9
Modesto	60	50	.545	10.5
Inland Empire	55	57	.491	14

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

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Lake Elsinore 6 Inland Empire 4
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 5 Visalia 3
San Jose 10 Fresno 0
Modesto 16 Stockton 14

TODAY

Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 5:35 PM
Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30 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:	32-24
vs Visalia:	13-6
vs Visalia Home:	5-2
vs Visalia Road:	8-4
Home Record:	31-24
Road Record:	33-27
Current Streak:	W2

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#3	Y. Fernandez	C
3.	#15	J. Ramos	RF
4.	#5	S. Lao	3B
5.	#18	I. Vargas	1B
6.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
7.	#35	A. de Jongh	LF
8.	#7	E. Mateo	DH
9.	#25	K. Betancourt	2B
P.	#19	J. Lewis	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
9/16	vs Visalia	RHP Jameson Hill vs. RHP Kendall Williams	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
9/17	vs Visalia	LHP Avery Short vs. RHP Nick Nastrini	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
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