



Friday, July 26, 2024 6:35pm Game #92, Road Game #52

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# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (15-12, 45-46)

Inland Empire 66ers (12-15, 37-55)





LHP Luke Fox (0-0, 2. ERA) vs. RHP Barrett Kent (1-11, 6.34 ERA)

**TONIGHT'S GAME:** The Quakes continue a six-game road trip tonight, with game four of a six-game set against the Inland Empire 66ers at San Manuel Stadium. The Quakes will return home on Tuesday, July 30 to face San Jose. VS THE 66ERS: Today's game is the 22nd of 24 head-to-head meetings between the two clubs and the tenth of 12 at San Manuel in 2024. The Quakes are currently 14-7 against the 66ers in 2024 (7-2 here in San Bernardino). Last year, the Quakes went 8-4 at San Manuel Stadium, 14-13 overall against the 66ers.

**LAST GAME:** The 66ers got a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth from catcher Yeremi Villahermosa, defeating the Quakes on Thursday night at San Manuel Stadium by a final of 5-4. Rancho trailed 2-0 and 4-3 and came back on multiple occasions before ultimately falling in the ninth, ending a two-game winning streak. Carlos Rojas had two clutch RBIs, a go-ahead sac fly in the sixth and a two-out game-tying single in the eighth. Rancho reliever Felix Cabrera (5-3) suffered the loss, while Inland Empire reliever Chris Barrazza (2-2) grabbed the win with a scoreless ninth. The win for the 66ers ended a four-game skid.

**THE PITCHING:** Entering this series, the Quakes and the 66ers have the two worst ERAs in the league, with Rancho at 5.74 and Inland Empire just slightly better at 5.57. The second half of the year has been more brutal to Inland Empire, as they have a league-worst ERA of 6.36 in 24 second-half games, while the Quakes are at 5.86. The root of the cause is walks issued, as these two teams have issued more walks than anyone else in the Cal League in 2024. Rancho has walked a league-high 492 batters in just 771.1 innings. Inland is next with 458 walks in 787.1 innings.

**MCLAIN STILL HITTING:** Last night, Sean McLain belted his fifth homer of the second half, which is also his fifth of the year. Just two weeks ago, Sean McLain had the best series of his pro career, hitting .538 (14-for-26) with two homers and ten RBIs, and an OPS of 1.575. McLain is hitting .297 in 26 second-half games, after only hitting .148 in 32 games in the first half.

FOUR-HORSE RACE: While the San Jose Giants are trying to distance themselves from everyone else in the North (currently a ten-game lead over non-playoff teams), the South Division is a much closer race, with Rancho, Visalia and Lake Elsinore tied for the top spot, while Inland Empire is still just three games out. Should first-half South champ Lake Elsinore win the division in the second half, the final playoff spot goes to the team with the next best record in the

**LUKE FOX:** Left-hander Luke Fox makes his sixth appearance for the Quakes and second against the 66ers. In his lone outing against the 66ers which was also his Cal League debut, he allowed two runs on three hits over two innings in a no-decision on June 20. In his last game overall, he allowed one run on two hits over 2.2 innings in a no-decision against the Storm on July 23. Fox joined the Quakes in late-June from the Arizona Complex League, where he was 0-0 with an ERA of 0.00 over four games (two starts). He allowed just one unearned run on six hits with one walk and seven strikeouts over seven innings of work. Fox was a 17th-round selection out of Duke in the 2023 draft. **BARRETT KENT:** Right-hander Barrett Kent makes his 19th start of the year and his sixth against the Quakes.

In five games against Rancho, he's 0-2 with an ERA of 13.00, allowing 26 runs on 27 hits over 18 innings, with 25 strikeouts and 13 walks. In his last start overall, he allowed two runs (one earned) on seven hits over five innings in a no-decision at Visalia on July 20. Kent was drafted by the Angels in the eighth round of the 2023 draft out of Pottsboro High School in Pottsboro, Texas.

BROADCAST HOME: Catch all the 2024 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 MILB First Pitch app. From your computer, 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. Home games are now available to WATCH for free via the Bally Live app!

**NEXT HOME GAME:** The Quakes return home on Tuesday, July 30 to host San Jose for a Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday. Fans who visit our website can score a FREE Club Seat Ticket to the game. Tickets are available at requakes.com.

| UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES |                  |  |        |                 |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|--------|-----------------|
| Date                         | Opp              | Pitching Probables                     | Time   | Radio/TV        |
| 7/27                         | at Inland Empire | LHP Wyatt Crowell at RHP Andre Sanchez | 6:35pm | iHeart, Tune-In |
| 7/28                         | at Inland Empire | RHP Cam Day at RHP Riley Bauman        | 5:35pm | iHeart, Tune-In |
| 7/30                         | vs San Jose      | TBD at RHP Christian Zazueta           | 6:30pm | iHeart, Tune-In |
| 7/31                         | vs San Jose      | TBD at RHP Alex Makarewich             | 6:30pm | iHeart, Tune-In |

### 2ND HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

| NORTH      | W   | L  | PCT  | GB   |
|------------|-----|----|------|------|
| San Jose   | 20  | 7  | .741 | -    |
| Modesto \$ | 12  | 15 | .444 | 8.0  |
| Stockton   | 10  | 17 | .370 | 10.0 |
| Fresno     | 9   | 18 | .333 | 11.0 |
|            |     |    |      |      |
| COUTH      | 137 | T  | DCT  | CD   |

| SOUTH            | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Visalia          | 15 | 12 | .556 | -   |
| Rancho Cucamonga | 15 | 12 | .556 | -   |
| Lake Elsinore \$ | 15 | 12 | .556 | -   |
| Inland Empire    | 12 | 15 | .444 | 3.0 |

\$ - Clinched First Half Division Title

# **YESTERDAY'S GAMES**

Modesto 3 San Jose 4 Visalia 4 Lake Elsinore 5 F/10 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 4 Inland Empire 5 Fresno 7 Stockton 3

## **TODAY'S GAMES**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Inland Empire, 6:35pm Visalia at Lake Elsinore, 6:45pm Modesto at San Jose, 7:00pm Fresno at Stockton, 7:05pm

## **TOMORROW'S GAMES**

Visalia at Lake Elsinore, 5:15pm RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Inland Empire, 6:35pm Modesto at San Jose, 6:00pm Fresno at Stockton, 7:05pm

# **2024 QUAKES AT A GLANCE**

| 1st Half Record:          | 30-34 |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 2nd Half Record:          | 15-12 |
| vs Inland Empire:         | 14-7  |
| vs Inland Empire at home: | 7-5   |
| vs Inland Empire on road: | 7-2   |
| Home Record:              | 21-19 |
| Road Record:              | 24-27 |
| Extra Inning Record:      | 2-6   |
| One-Run Games:            | 14-9  |
| Shutouts                  | 6-2   |
| Longest Winning Streak:   | 7     |
| Longest Losing Streak:    | 7     |
| Current Streak:           | L1    |
| Largest Division Lead     | 5.0   |

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|-----|--------------|----------------|------|
|     | <b>Proba</b> | ble Quakes Lir | neup |
| 1.  | #7           | Kendall George | CF   |
| 2.  | #23          | Jeral Perez    | 2B   |
| 3.  | #57          | Sean McLain    | SS   |
| 4.  | #27          | Cameron Decker | 1B   |
| 5.  | #44          | Jesus Galiz    | C    |
| 6.  | #36          | Samuel Munoz   | LF   |
| 7.  | #35          | Jose Meza      | RF   |
| 8.  | #5           | Juan Alonso    | DH   |
| 9.  | #33          | Oswaldo Osorio | 3B   |
| P.  | #21          | Luke Fox       | LH   |
|     |              |                |      |