



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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John Thurman Field
Modesto, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (41-31)

AT

Modesto Nuts (39-34)



RHP Jimmy Lewis (0-2, 6.82 ERA) vs. LHP ADAM MACKO (2-2, 5.68 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes and Modesto Nuts meet in game two of their six-game set at John Thurman Field. Rancho is now 2-5 against Modesto after winning last night's opener. The Quakes dropped five of six earlier in the year to the Nuts at LoanMart Field. After this 12-game road trip, the Quakes return home to face the Lake Elsinore Storm on Tuesday, August 3rd.

YESTERDAY'S GAME: Rancho eeked out a 3-2 win in the series-opener at John Thurman Field on Tuesday night. Sauryn Lao tied the game with a two-run double in the sixth before Jake Vogel's RBI triple brought home Wladimir Chalo in the ninth with the game-winner. Rancho starter Robbie Peto was solid, allowing just two runs (one earned) on three hits in a no-decision. Daniel Cruz fired a 1-2-3 sixth and Hueng-Shin Lin (1-0) earned his first professional win with three scoreless innings in relief, including a perfect ninth to close it out. Modesto reliever Brayan Perez (1-3) gave up the run in the ninth to suffer the loss.

SURPASSING SEVEN: The Quakes have won seven straight games on this current road trip, matching their longest winning streak of the year. Rancho's other seven-game stretch of perfection was earlier this month, when they won the final game at Fresno, before coming home to sweep Lake Elsinore in a six-game set. Rancho's longest winning streak in franchise history is 15 (2018). Overall, the Quakes have now won 16 of their last 20 games, their best stretch of the year, playing .800 baseball.

WINNING THE SWEEPS: The Quakes had never swept a six-game series in franchise history prior to their series against Lake Elsinore just three weeks ago. Now they have two six-game sweeps in the last three weeks, after their sweep in Visalia over the Rawhide. The stat is a bit misleading, as series in the Cal League have traditionally been between three and five games throughout history, with the pandemic altering this year's schedule to six-game series throughout the league.

OFFENSE TAKES A HOLIDAY, STILL DOES ENOUGH TO WIN: The Quakes' offense enjoyed their most consistent series of the year in Visalia this past week, scoring at least nine runs in each of the first five games of the series before tallying seven in the finale. That changed last night in the opening game in Modesto, as the Quakes sputtered, managing just three runs on seven hits, but yet still finding a win to win the game with a late run. The Quakes have scored a league-best 507 runs, more than 70 runs more than the closest team, the Lake Elsinore Storm (434). Despite scoring the most runs in the league by a long-shot, the Quakes have just the fourth highest batting average at .261. Despite not going deep last night, they lead the league in homers with 106. Remarkably, Modesto has just 53, exactly half of Rancho's total.

GOOD START FOR RAMOS: Jonny DeLuca led the Quakes in multiple offensive categories, but since his call-up to Great Lakes, the offense hasn't missed a beat. DeLuca's replacement on the roster has been a big contributor so far, as Jose Ramos is batting .324 in his first five games, with two homers and four RBIs. Ramos is 20-years-old and was signed by the Dodgers in 2018 out of Panama.

PLAYOFFS? YES, PLAYOFFS!: At the beginning of the 2021 season, it was understood that there would be no playoffs across the country for all of Minor League Baseball, due to the ongoing global pandemic. Major League Baseball will now implement a "revised" playoff plan, allowing each league to crown a champion with a playoff series. The playoffs will be shortened to a single series, that features the top two teams (by record), regardless of division. The top two teams in all of Low-A West currently reside up North, where Fresno has a one-game lead over San Jose. The Quakes have now moved into third in the playoff race, and are currently 6.5 games back of Fresno and 5.5 out of a playoff spot with 48 games remaining in the 120-game season. The 2022 season will see the league move to a 132-game schedule and the first-half and second-half winners of each respective division meet in the playoffs.

JIMMY LEWIS: The Quakes will send Jimmy Lewis to the mound for the 15th time this year, his 12th start and second against Modesto. In his other start versus the Nuts on May 13th, he allowed five runs on four hits in just two innings in a no-decision. In his last start overall, Lewis allowed two runs (one earned) on two hits over two innings in a no-decision at Visalia on July 22nd. Lewis has not gone more than three innings in any appearance this year, but had worked three innings in three straight starts, prior to his last outing at Visalia. Lewis was drafted by the Dodgers in the second round (78th overall) of the 2019 draft out of Lake Travis High School in Austin, Texas.

ADAM MACKO: Modesto will send lefty Adam Macko to the mound for his eighth start of the year and second against the Quakes. In his only start against Rancho on May 13th, he took a no-decision by allowing four runs (three earned) on four hits with four walks and ten strikeouts over 4.1 innings. In his last outing overall, Macko allowed one run on two hits over just 2.2 innings in a loss at Fresno on July 21st. Macko was a seventh-round pick by Seattle in 2019 out of Vauxhall High School in Alberta, Canada.

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: The Quakes will continue their series against the Modesto Nuts this week, before returning to LoanMart Field on Tuesday, August 3rd, when they will kick off a series against the Lake Elsinore Storm. It will once again be a Temblores Tuesday at LoanMart Field, presented by the Art Laboe Show Live. Tickets available at rcquakes.com.

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	48	25	.658	-
San Jose	47	26	.644	1
Modesto	39	34	.434	9
Stockton	29	44	.397	19

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	41	31	.569	-
Inland Empire	38	34	.528	3
Lake Elsinore	33	40	.452	8.5
Visalia	16	57	.219	25.5

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

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San Jose	47	26	.644	1
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	41	31	.569	6.5
Modesto	39	34	.434	9
Inland Empire	38	34	.528	9.5

SUNDAY'S SCORES

San Jose 9 Inland Empire 0
Lake Elsinore 3 Fresno 2
Stockton 12 Visalia 11 F/10
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 3 Modesto 2

TODAY

Inland Empire at San Jose, 6:30 PM
Fresno at Lake Elsinore, 6:35 PM
Visalia at Stockton, 7:05 PM
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2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	9-4
vs Modesto:	2-5
vs Modesto Home:	1-5
vs Modesto Road:	1-0
Home Record:	21-15
Road Record:	20-16
Current Streak:	W7

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J.Vogel	CF
2.	#15	J. Ramos	RF
3.	#10	E. Leonard	2B
4.	#14	J. Vivas	3B
5.	#6	A. DeJesus	SS
6.	#3	S. McWilliams	DH
7.	#5	S. Lao	1B
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#8	I. Alcantara	LF
P.	#19	J. Lewis	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
7/29	at Modesto	RHP Kendall Williams vs. RHP Connor Phillips	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/30	at Modesto	RHP Carlos Duran vs. TBD	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/31	at Modesto	RHP Gavin Stone vs. TBD	6:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/1	at Modesto	RHP Robbie Peto vs. TBD	6:05 PM	RCQuakes.com