



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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Game #74, Road Game #38

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John Thurman Field
Modesto, CA

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (41-32)

AT

Modesto Nuts (40-34)

RHP Kendall Williams (3-1, 4.09 ERA) vs. RHP Connor Phillips (4-3, 5.32 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes and Modesto Nuts meet in game three of their six-game set at John Thurman Field. Rancho is now 2-6 against Modesto after splitting the first two games of this series. 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: The Rancho offense continued to sputter against Modesto pitching, as the Nuts took a 4-3 win in ten innings on Wednesday night, ending Rancho's bid for a season-best eighth consecutive win. The Quakes rallied from an early 2-0 deficit and took a 3-2 advantage in the tenth, thanks to a Jose Ramos two-out RBI double off eventual winner Luis Curvello (3-0). Modesto answered in the bottom of the inning though, as Trent Tingelstad tied the game with an RBI hit and Robert Perez, Jr. won it with a sac fly off of Aldry Acosta (3-3). Rancho got RBI doubles from Jorbit Vivas and Alex DeJesus, but finished with just three runs on seven hits in ten innings of work.

STALLED AT SEVEN: The Quakes dropped last night's game, ending their second seven-game winning streak in the month of July. Overall, the Quakes have still won 16 of their last 21 games, their best stretch of the year, playing nearly .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 COOLING OFF IN MODESTO HEAT: After posting some terrific offensive numbers in Visalia (63 runs in six games), the Quakes have done very little in the first two games of the Modesto series. They have tallied three runs on seven hits in each of the first two games, which has spanned 19 total innings. The Quakes continue to lead the league in runs scored (510), which is 75 more runs than the next closest team (Lake Elsinore - 435). Rancho's batting average is just fourth in the league though, at .260. Modesto's pitching staff is middle-of-the-pack (fourth in ERA at 4.61), but they've cooled off Rancho in the first two games of the series, allowing six runs on 14 hits over 19 innings.

GOOD START FOR RAMOS: Jose Ramos has been a valuable addition to the Rancho offense since being called up to replace Jonny DeLuca last week. Ramos has not only hit safely in five of six games, but he's collected at least two hits in all of those five games. He's also driven in five runs in his six games. Ramos is 20-years-old and was signed by the Dodgers in 2018 out of Panama.

DEJESUS DE MAN: Alex DeJesus has had a break-through July, batting .316 overall this month and hitting safely in 17 of 22 games. He also has 19 RBIs over those 22 games, giving him 50 on the year. The hot streak has run his average to .246.

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 continue to be third in the playoff race, and are currently 7.5 games back of Fresno and 6.5 out of a playoff spot with 47 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.

KENDALL WILLIAMS: Right-hander Kendall Williams will take the ball for the 15th time this year, his 13th start and second against Modesto this year. In his only other start versus Modesto, he allowed one run on three hits over four innings in a no-decision on May 14th. Williams was sharp in his last outing overall, allowing one run on three hits over four innings in a relief appearance against Visalia, earning the win on July 23rd. Williams was acquired by the Dodgers in the Ross Stripling trade with Toronto in July of 2020. He was originally drafted by Toronto in the second round (52nd overall) of the 2019 draft out of IMG Academy in Florida.

CONNOR PHILLIPS: Right-hander Connor Phillips will go for the Nuts tonight, as he makes his 11th start of the year and second against Rancho. In his only appearance against the Quakes, he dominated over five scoreless innings, allowing just two hits and one walk, while striking out seven in a win at LoanMart Field on May 12th. In his last outing overall, he allowed four runs on six hits over 5.2 innings in a win at Fresno on July 22nd. Phillips was a second-round selection (64th overall) by Seattle in the shortened 2020 draft out of McLennan Community College in McLennan, Texas.

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	49	25	.662	-
San Jose	48	26	.649	1
Modesto	40	34	.441	9
Stockton	29	45	.392	20

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	41	32	.562	-
Inland Empire	38	35	.521	3
Lake Elsinore	33	41	.446	8.5
Visalia	17	57	.230	24.5

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	49	25	.662	-
San Jose	48	26	.649	1
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	41	32	.562	7.5
Modesto	40	34	.441	9
Inland Empire	38	35	.521	10.5

SUNDAY'S SCORES

San Jose 4 Inland Empire 3
Fresno 4 Lake Elsinore 1
Visalia 8 Stockton 7
Modesto 4 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 3

TODAY

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

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	9-5
vs Modesto:	2-6
vs Modesto Home:	1-5
vs Modesto Road:	1-1
Home Record:	21-15
Road Record:	20-17
Current Streak:	L1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#15	J. Ramos	RF
2.	#11	J. Vogel	DH
3.	#14	J. Vivas	2B
4.	#6	A. DeJesus	SS
5.	#18	I. Vargas	1B
6.	#5	S. Lao	3B
7.	#7	E. Mateo	CF
8.	#33	W. Chalo	C
9.	#8	I. Alcantara	LF
P.	#24	K. Williams	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
7/30	at Modesto	RHP Carlos Duran vs. RHP Kelvin Nunez	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/31	at Modesto	RHP Gavin Stone vs. RHP Sam Carlson	6:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/1	at Modesto	RHP Robbie Peto vs. LHP Max Roberts	6:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/3	vs. Lake Elsinore	TBD vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com