



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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San Manuel Stadium
San Bernardino, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (1-0)

AT

Inland Empire 66ers (0-1)



RHP Robbie Peto (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP John Swanda (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: After a long-awaited return to baseball the Quakes came out of the gates hot, striking out a record 21 66ers batters on their way to their first Opening Day win since 2015. The Quakes will look to build on the momentum established by Gavin Stone and co. as Robbie Peto will be getting the ball today for the Quakes as they square off against the Inland Empire in game 2 of this 6-game series.

VS INLAND EMPIRE: The Quakes success at San Manuel Stadium carried over from 2019 as Rancho grabbed game one of this series on Tuesday night. Now the 66ers bats will look to find life in game two as they try to even the series at a win a piece. Paris, Jackson and Scires the top 3 hitters in the Inland Empire order last night were held to 0 hits and were responsible for 11 of the teams 21 strikeouts. Manager Jack Howell will be looking for far more production from his top of the lineup guys here in game two.

LAST GAME - QUAKES WIN 3-1: In a game that saw a combined 35 batters retired via the strikeout, offensive opportunities were few and far between, but the Quakes made the most of their chances. In the top of the 2nd Alex de Jesus (Baseball America's 17th ranked Dodgers prospect) reached on a fielding error on the left side and gave Rancho a man on base with one out. Then some timely hitting by the bottom of the order pushed the first run across as Edwin Mateo singled to right field, scoring de Jesus. After the 66ers retaliated with a run of their own in the 5th inning, the Quakes were quick to answer as they regained the lead just a half inning later. After Sam McWilliams led the inning off by wearing a fastball, he went first to third on a single up the middle by Brandon Lewis and came in to score on a well placed slow-roller by Jorbit Vivas which led to a fielders choice, putting the Quakes back on top. The Quakes offense remained opportunistic in the 9th as well, when leadoff man of the inning Vivas was hit by a pitch. He wasted no time, stealing second and then coming into score on a Wladimir Chalo RBI double. The Quakes were gifted runners and they took full advantage as the three runs were more than enough to secure the win behind the electric pitching performance.

QUAKES PITCHING STARTS HOT: Gavin Stone, the Central Arkansas product, set the tempo for the pitching staff as he made his professional debut last night. Stone got ahead of batters early and often, keeping the 66ers guessing as he made his way through 3 innings allowing just one hit and a walk while, striking out 6 with just 39 pitches thrown. He then passed the baton to the bullpen where Jeisson Cabrera and his high-octane fastball were ready and waiting. Cabrera struck out 6 as well in just two innings of work. Franklin De La Paz added 3 strikeouts in his 1+ inning before allowing the first two batters in the 7th to reach. The Quakes skipper waisted no time, going to Cameron Gibbens to get out of the jam. Gibbens would tally 4 punchouts of his own in two innngs. Finally, Aldry Acosta closed the door with a pair of K's to bring the total on the night to 21 and to bring home the first win of the 2021 campaign.

ROBBIE PETO: Quakes skipper John Shoemaker will hand the ball over to Robbie Peto for game two of this opening series. The former Stetson University Hatter will be making his professional debut on the bump after signing with the Dodgers as an undrafted free agent after the coronavirus impacted 5-round MLB Draft in 2020. Robbie Peto ended his Hatters career on a high note as he finished the abbreviated 2020 season with a 3-0 record with a 1.78 ERA in his four starts. Peto, much liek Stone last night, is a strike thrower who posted 119 strikeouts and just 41 walks in his 2 seasons with the Stetson Hatters. He was pursued by multiple teams, but chose to sign with the Dodgers and will now take the mound in his pro ball debut.

JOHN SWANDA: The righty out of Des Moines, Iowa, will be looking to get the 66ers into the win column as he toes the rubber opposite of Robbie Peto tonight. Swanda will be making his first appearance in an Inland Empire uniform, but he is embarking on his 4th professional baseball campaign. After spending two years in rookie ball, Swanda pitched for the Burlington Bees in his last season, posting an 0-1 record with a 3.86 ERA over 11.2 innings. Taken by the Angels in the 4th round of the 2017 draft, Swanda will look to improve on his 1-6 career record and knotch his first win since 2017.

AROUND THE FARM: The Quakes ended a long Opening Day drought last night, as they hadn't won the first game of the season since their championship team led by Cody Bellinger back in 2015. Unfortunately, it may have come at a cost as no other Dodgers' affiliate, or the Dodgers themselves, were able to grab a win yesterday. The Great Lakes Loons, in their first season in High-A, fell 9-4 to the Dayton Dragons. Tulsa came up just a run short in a close 4-3 contest against the Amarillo Sod Poodles. And the Dodgers themselves dropped both ends of a double-header against the Chicago Cubs. Keibert Ruiz, the Dodgers top prospect and No. 48 in all of baseball, was called up for the double-header against Chicago. He wasted no time making his presence known as he lit up the first pitch he saw from Kyle Hendricks for a pinch-hit homerun in the 7th inning to spoil the righty's shutout. With the disheartening news of former Quake Dustin May being lost for the season as he undergoes Tommy John surgery, the Dodgers will need to fill a big role in their starting rotation left by the 23-year-old hurler who played a big part in their 2020 World Championship.

NEW RADIO HOME: Throughout the 2021 season, you can catch all the action from the ease of your phone or computer. Search the keyword Quakes on the iHeart Radio app, or listen online at rcquakes.com and on the TuneIn Radio app with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Davis Ellington.

HOME OPENER: The Quakes host Modesto on Tuesday at LoanMart Field. Tickets are limited online at rcquakes.com.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	1	0	1.000	-
Fresno	1	0	1.000	-
Stockton	0	1	.000	1
San Jose	0	1	.000	1

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	1	0	1.000	-
Lake Elsinore	1	0	1.000	-
Inland Empire	0	1	.000	1
Visalia	0	1	.000	1

TODAY

Lake Elsinore at Visalia, 6:00 PM
Fresno at San Jose, 6:30 PM
Stockton at Modesto, 7:05 PM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW

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Fresno at San Jose, 6:30 PM
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CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Yesterday

Lake Elsinore 8 Visalia 7
Fresno 5 San Jose 3
Stockton 0 Modesto 4
Rancho Cucamonga 3 Inland Empire 1

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record: 1-0
vs Inland Empire: 1-0
vs IE Home 0-0
vs IE Road 1-0
Home Record: 0-0
Road Record: 1-0
Current Streak: W1

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/6	at Inland Empire	RHP Jimmy Lewis vs. LHP Breny Killam	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/7	at Inland Empire	RHP Kendall Williams vs. RHP Jack Kochanowicz	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/8	at Inland Empire	RHP Carlos Duran vs. LHP Adam Seminaris	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/9	at Inland Empire	TBD vs. LHP Erik Rivera	7:05 PM	RCQuakes.com

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#3	S. McWilliams	DH
3.	#23	B. Lewis	3B
4.	#5	S. Lao	1B
5.	#14	J. Vivas	2B
6.	#6	A. Dejesus	SS
7.	#15	J. DeLuca	LF
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#7	E. Mateo	RF
P.	#49	R. Peto	RHP