



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

## 2022 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Thursday, May 26th, 2022 6:30pm  
Game #42, Home Game #23

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LoanMart Field  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Visalia Rawhide (11-30)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (23-18)



LHP Avery Short (0-4, 5.63 ERA) vs. RHP Ben Casparius (1-2, 3.28 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Quakes continue their home stand tonight, hosting the Visalia Rawhide in game three of a six-game series. Tonight is Thirsty Thursday, as fans can enjoy \$3 Pepsi products, \$4 domestic drafts and \$5 premium drafts!

**VS THE RAWHIDE:** This will be the ninth of 18 meetings at LoanMart Field between the Quakes and the Arizona Diamondbacks Cal League affiliate and the 12th of 30 head-to-head meetings overall. The Quakes dropped two of three at Visalia to start the year, but rebounded by winning five of six here at home back in late-April and have now won eight of 11 overall.

**LAST GAME:** Gaige Howard and Damon Keith each had three hits and combined for seven RBIs, as Rancho pounded Visalia for a second straight night at LoanMart Field, winning 10-3 on Wednesday night. Howard, in just his first home game at LoanMart Field, posted his first career three-hit game to go along with a career-best four RBIs. Rancho starter Huei-Sheng Lin gave the Quakes four scoreless innings, while Joan Valdez (2-1) earned the win in relief. Visalia starter Josh Swales (0-3) got dumped for the loss, as he allowed seven runs in three innings of work.

**WHERE DID THE HOME RUNS GO?:** The Fresno Grizzlies (40) and the Quakes (39) were the top two home run hitting teams in the league coming into last week's series. But the disparity in the series was incredible, as Fresno outthomered Rancho 9-1 over the six-game series. The Quakes have only hit one home run in their last eight games overall and now have less home runs (40) than games played (41). They are now third in the league, behind both Fresno (50) and San Jose (48).

**BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE GETTING BETTER:** The Quakes have been near the top of the South Division most of the year, thanks in part to a solid offense, as they entered this series with the second-best batting average in the league at .252, even after collecting just five hits over the last two games of the Fresno series. Thanks to a solid showing in each of the first two games against Visalia, Rancho has lifted their team average to .257. One of Rancho's biggest setbacks this year has been their defense, as they entered this series with the league's worst fielding percentage (.951), having committed 13 more errors (70) than the next worst team, Visalia (59). Last night, the Quakes played their second consecutive error-free game. Their fielding percentage is now .954, still last in the league.

**MAKING A MOVE:** With the Quakes winning two straight and the Storm's game getting canceled due to a broken sprinkler head on Wednesday, Rancho is now 1 1/2 games back with only 25 games to play. The Quakes welcome the Storm next week in a crucial series. The first half ends on June 23rd, with the Quakes playing their final three games at Lake Elsinore.

**LOADED WITH PROSPECTS:** The Quakes now have five players that Baseball America and MLB Pipeline have rated as Top-30 within the organization. They are led by the Dodgers' number-one overall prospect, catcher Diego Cartaya. Cartaya broke out in 2021, as he appeared in 31 games with the Quakes, hitting .299 with 10 homers and 31 RBIs, before suffering a season-ending back injury. Cartaya is back in Rancho to at least start the year and is in good health. He's joined by LHP Maddux Bruns (#12), INF Alex De Jesus (#20), OF Luis Rodriguez (#25) and OF Jake Vogel (#29).

**BEN CASPARIUS:** Right-hander Ben Casparius will make his ninth appearance, his seventh start and his third against Visalia in 2022. In two starts versus the Rawhide, Casparius is 0-0, but has allowed five runs on five hits over 4.1 innings. In his last start overall, Casparius dominated at Fresno on May 20, holding the Grizzlies to one run on five hits over five innings, while striking out a career-best eight in earning his first pro win. Casparius was drafted by the Dodgers in the fifth round of the 2020 draft out of the University of Connecticut.

**AVERY SHORT:** Left-hander Avery Short will make his seventh appearance of the year and his second against the Quakes. In his only start versus Rancho, he allowed just two hits over five scoreless innings, but took a no-decision on April 28. In his last start overall, he allowed three runs on four hits over four innings in a loss versus Lake Elsinore on May 19. Short was a 12th-round selection by the Diamondbacks in the 2019 draft out of an Indianapolis High School.

**BROADCAST HOME:** Catch all the 2022 action from the ease of your phone or computer. Listen on your smartphones and smart devices on the iHeartRadio app or the Tune-In Radio app (Keyword: Quakes) or through the MLB First Pitch app with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog. From your desktop, you can listen by visiting iheart.com, tunein.com or by visiting the Quakes website at rcquakes.com. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, bring your FM radio and tune to 91.3 FM.

**NEXT HOME GAME:** The Quakes are home tomorrow for Dustin May Bobblehead Giveaway, as 1,500 fans will take home a Dustin May bobblehead. Friday's game is brought to you by Yaamava Resort and Casino at San Manuel. Saturday night will feature post-game Fireworks, thanks to La Rocque Better Roofs. Get tickets at rcquakes.com.

### DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	27	14	.659	-
San Jose	25	16	.610	2.0
Modesto	18	23	.439	9.0
Stockton	15	26	.366	12.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	24	16	.600	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	23	18	.561	1.5
Inland Empire	20	20	.500	4.0
Visalia	11	30	.268	13.5

### YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Stockton 4 Fresno 6  
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore (PPD)  
Visalia 3 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 10  
San Jose 7 Modesto 6

### TODAY

Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 6:05pm  
Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30pm  
Stockton at Fresno, 6:50pm  
San Jose at Modesto, 7:05pm

### TOMORROW

Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30pm  
Stockton at Fresno, 6:50pm  
San Jose at Modesto, 7:05pm  
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 7:05pm

### 2022 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	23-18
2nd Half Record:	---
vs Visalia:	8-3
vs Visalia Home:	7-1
vs Visalia Road:	1-2
Home Record:	14-6
Road Record:	9-12
Current Streak:	W2

### Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	Jake Vogel	CF
2.	#6	Alex De Jesus	DH
3.	#17	Diego Cartaya	C
4.	#22	Damon Keith	RF
5.	#13	Austin Gauthier	SS
6.	#16	Luis Rodriguez	LF
7.	#29	Julio Carrion	1B
8.	#7	Luis Diaz	3B
9.	#48	Kenneth Betancourt	2B
P.	#50	Ben Casparius	RHP

### UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/27	vs Visalia	RHP Yilber Diaz vs LHP Maddux Bruns	6:30pm	iHeart App / Tune-In App
5/28	vs Visalia	LHP Liam Norris vs RHP Edgardo Henriquez	6:30pm	iHeart App / Tune-In App
5/29	vs Visalia	RHP Yaifer Perdomo vs RHP Jerming Rosario	2:00pm	iHeart App / Tune-In App
5/31	vs Lake Elsinore	TBD vs RHP Huei-Sheng Lin	6:30pm	iHeart App / Tune-In App