



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

## 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

**Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 6:30 PM**  
**Game #7, Home Game #2**

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**LoanMart Field**  
**Rancho Cucamonga, CA**



### Modesto Nuts (4-3)

### AT

### RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (4-2)



**RHP Connor Phillips (0-1, 8.10 ERA) vs. RHP Robbie Peto (0-0, 4.50 ERA)**

**TODAY'S GAME:** Welcome to LoanMart Field for the second game of the six-game series between the Modesto Nuts (Seattle Mariners) and your Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (Los Angeles Dodgers). Tonight is Terra Vista Animal Hospital Bark in the Ballpark, as with the purchase of a \$3 Pet Pass, your furry friends can join you at the game!

**LAST GAME:** The Quakes scores early and then added on late, as their impressive bullpen held the Nuts offense down en route to a 6-2 win on their home opening night. The Quakes trailed 1-0 after a solo shot by Nuts' third baseman Juan Querecuto, but would quickly respond. Quakes had Mateo reach on an error, followed by a Vogel broken-bat single. Then came the big swing by Sam McWilliams, a three-run bomb to deep right center field to take the lead for his club. Then the Quakes turned to the bullpen, Modesto would tally a run in response to cut the lead to one. That was the last Modesto run to cross home plate, as the Rancho bullpen, with a combination of Cantleberry, Hernandez and De La Paz would shut out the Nuts offense for the remainder of the game. The Quakes would add some insurance runs with one in the seventh with McWilliams fourth RBI of the game, and two in the eighth as Sauryn Lao got his first hit and RBI of the season on the same swing.

**QUAKES BULLPEN:** The Rancho bullpen has quickly emerged as arguably the strongest point of the Rancho club in the early going. The Quakes bullpen has been able to keep them in ballgames while the offense has struggled to find their footing at times, as well as protecting even the smallest of leads. Skipper John Shoemaker must feel like he is able to shorten games as he has an arsenal of high performing arms at his disposal to back up his starter and keep his team in ballgames. It seems whomever is called upon in that bullpen for the Quakes has the potential to put up a few zeros and rack up the strikeouts as well. The team ERA for the Quakes is 2.83, which is good enough for third in the league right now, and the bullpen arms of the Quakes have much to do with that success. The bullpen has been able to get strikeouts with runners on base, thwarting would-be rallies by their opposition. With plenty of guys capable of getting those high-leverage punch-outs, this allows the workload to be spread out fairly evenly through the first week of games.

**THE OFFENSE WAKES UP AT HOME:** Offense for the Quakes has been touch-and-go in the early part of the season. The Rancho offense came into last night's contest with the lowest batting average in the Low-A West League. But a seven hit, six run offensive performance could have helped the club turn a corner on that side of the ball. With McWilliams four RBI game and the first hit for Sauryn Lao, as well as the continued growth of Vogel at the plate shows that the offense is coming into their own. The struggles with the high strikeout rate that we saw in Inland Empire may have been the rust of a pandemic canceled season getting knocked off. The Quakes are facing a team in the Nuts that currently hold the lowest ERA in the league at 2.18 through the first seven games. If the offense can put a big week together against the Modesto pitching staff, that could boost their confidence as the season goes on.

**ROBBIE PETO:** The Quakes will turn to Peto to make his second start for the Quakes after he went two innings against the Inland Empire last Wednesday. Pitch count seemed to be the undoing of Peto in his first outing, and will look for a bit more efficiency to go deeper into his second start, this time in front of his home crowd. Peto is an experienced starter, and the Quakes would be well served to get four or even five innings out of their starter. The bullpen was highly taxed on Sunday, and they used four arms out of the pen in last night's contest. The Quakes are still yet to have a starter make it to the fifth inning of a ball game. Though, this has allowed bullpen pitchers to pick up all four wins so far, the Quakes may need a starter to go deeper into a ball game soon.

**CONNOR PHILLIPS:** The Modesto Nuts will give the ball to the young right-hander Connor Phillips for his second start of the season. Phillips will be looking for his first win of the season. He was a second round pick of the Mariners in the '20 draft, as they selected the right-hander out of McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas. He was the first player in the draft that year to be selected out of a Junior College. Phillips has a blistering fastball that touches 97 mph, but sits more around 92 to 94 mph. He couples that goo heater with a plus curveball that he controls well. Scouts liked him coming out of high school because of his good mechanics and quick arm action.

**AROUND THE FARM:** The Great Lakes Loons scored early and often in a 9-1 route of West Michigan, a much needed win for the High-A affiliate. In Double A Tulsa, the Drillers fell 5-1 on the road against NW Arkansas. The Oklahoma City Dodgers fell in a blow-out at the hands of the Round Rock Express by a 10-2 final. At the Major League level, the Dodgers were in a battle with the Seattle Mariners. The Dodgers fell behind 4-1 as Walker Buehler allowed three home-runs in this one, but the Dodgers would rally. Former Quake Corey Seager had a huge two-run single to draw the Dodgers to within one. Then Gavin Lux, another former Quake, launched a go-ahead three-run homer to give the Dodgers the lead, and that's where it would stay. The Dodgers got a much needed win, thanks to the big swings from a few former Quakes. Dodgers will look to build off of this big comeback win at home, as they look to getting back to their winning ways.

**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 and TuneIn Radio apps with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Davis Ellington.

**HOME GAMES:** With the Quakes beginning their first home stand against the Modesto Nuts we are excited to welcome fans back to the ballpark. Limited tickets for all Quakes home games are available online at rcquakes.com.

### STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	4	3	.571	-
Fresno	4	3	.571	-
San Jose	4	3	.571	-
Stockton	2	5	.286	2

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	5	2	.714	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	4	2	.667	.5
Inland Empire	3	3	.500	1.5
Visalia	1	6	.143	4

### TODAY

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

### TOMORROW

Modesto at ~~RANCHO CUCAMONGA~~ 6:30 PM  
Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 6:35 PM  
Visalia at Fresno, 6:50 PM  
San Jose at Stockton, 7:05 PM

### CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

#### Yesterday

Inland Empire 12 Lake Elsinore 7  
~~RANCHO CUCAMONGA~~ 6 Modesto 2  
Fresno 9 Visalia 2  
San Jose 5 Stockton 1

### 2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	4-2
vs Modesto Nuts:	1-0
vs Modesto Home	1-0
vs Modesto Road	0-0
Home Record:	1-0
Road Record:	3-2
Current Streak:	W1

### Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	DH
2.	#7	E. Mateo	CF
3.	#3	S. McWilliams	LF
4.	#23	B. Lewis	3B
5.	#14	J. Vivas	2B
6.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
7.	#5	S. Lao	!B
8.	#25	A. de Jongh	RF
9.	#33	W. Chalo	C
P.	#49	R. Peto	RHP

### UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/13	vs. Modesto Nuts	LHP Adam Macko vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/14	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Taylor Dollard vs. RHP Kendall Williams	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/15	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Sam Carlson vs. RHP Carlos Duran	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
5/16	vs. Modesto Nuts	RHP Damon Casetta-Stubbs vs. RHP Gavin Stone	2:00 PM	RCQuakes.com