



Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:30pm Game #28, Road Game #18

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# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (16-11) Visalia Rawhide (12-16)





RHP Jose Rodriguez (4-0, 3.43 ERA) vs. RHP Jacob Steinmetz (0-1, 4.67 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Your Rancho Cucamonga Quakes continue a 12-game road trip with game three of a six-game series against the Visalia Rawhide (AZ) at Valley Strong Ballpark. At the completion of this six-game set, the Quakes will return to LoanMart Field on Tuesday, May 14, hosting the Inland Empire 66ers.

VS THE RAWHIDE: Today's game is the third of 30 meetings between the two clubs in 2024 and the third of 15 at Valley Strong Ballpark. Last season, the Quakes went 17-13 against the Rawhide, 10-8 here at Valley Strong Ballpark. **LAST GAME:** Rancho put together a great game from top to bottom, as the Ouakes shut out the Visalia Rawhide by a final of 5-0 on Wednesday night at Valley Strong Ballpark. Patrick Copen (2-2), Joseilyn Gonzalez and Noah Ruen combined on a five-hit shutout, Rancho's second of the road trip and third of the year. Joe Vetrano had a pair of RBI singles and finished with three of the Quakes' nine hits. Jeral Perez had two hits, including a two-run single. Visalia starter Caden Grice (1-2) allowed two runs (one earned) over five innings, suffering the loss.

BAD TIMING: Wednesday's win helped right the ship, but the Quakes are in the midst of their worst stretch of baseball in 2024, as they've dropped six of their last eight, all on this current road trip. Injuries to key players have played a huge role, as Joe Vetrano, Josue De Paula and Zyhir Hope have all missed time on the current trip. De Paula was activated during the Modesto series and Vetrano made his return to the lineup on Wednesday. Hope is still on the Injured List with a shoulder injury. Logan Wagner has not played in a game since May 1, but is also not on the Injured List, after suffering several "hit-by-pitches" to the same area of his right leg. His status remains day-to-day.

"AIR" JORDAN: Jordan Thompson was a bright spot in Tuesday's loss to the Rawhide, finishing with three hits, including a pair of home runs. Thompson became the second Quake this year to record a multi-homer game, joining Jeral Perez who slugged a pair on April 20 at Inland Empire. Thompson has three homers in his last two games and has taken over the team lead with five round-trippers on the year and is now the "active" team leader with 15 RBIs. Jake Gelof, who was promoted to Great Lakes on Tuesday, leads the club overall with 26 RBIs, second in the league.

**ROSTER MOVES:** The Quakes made a total of three moves on Wednesday, as 1B Joe Vetrano was activated from the Injured List. RHP Carlos Duran was placed on the Development List in order to make room for Vetrano, who's been out since April 25 with a right shoulder injury. In addition, RHP Edgardo Henriquez was promoted to High-A Great Lakes of the Midwest League. On Tuesday, 3B Jake Gelof was promoted to Great Lakes. Gelof was spectacular to start the year, leading the team in several offensive categories. Taking his spot on the roster was infielder Oswaldo Ozorio, who opened the year on the Rancho roster, but was sent to Arizona just a few days into the season.

JOSE RODRIGUEZ: The Quakes will give the ball to right-hander Jose Rodriguez tonight, as he makes his first start, but his sixth overall appearance, his first against Visalia. His last outing was on May 3 in Modesto, where he took a no-decision, after allowing three runs on four hits over four relief innings. He made one appearance for the Quakes in 2023, allowing two runs over two innings. Rodriguez signed with the Dodgers in 2019 out of Oaxaca, Mexico. JACOB STEINMETZ: The Rawhide will send righty Jacob Steinmetz to the mound for his fifth start of the year

and his first against the Quakes. In his last outing overall, he scattered three hits over 5.1 scoreless innings, but took a no-decision on May 2 at Stockton. Steinmetz went 1-10 with a 6.19 ERA over 19 games (16 starts) for the Rawhide in 2023. Steinmetz was selected by Arizona in the third round of the 2021 draft out of the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns & Rockaway in Lawrence, New York.

BROADCAST HOME: Catch all the 2024 action with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog, from the ease of your phone, smart device or computer. Listen on the iHeartRadio app, the Tune-In Radio app (Keyword: Quakes) or through the MILB First Pitch app. From your computer, you can listen by visiting iheart.com, tunein.com or by visiting the Quakes website at requakes.com. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, tune your portable FM radio to 91.3 FM. Home games are now available to WATCH for free via the Bally Live app!

**NEXT HOME GAME:** The Quakes return to LoanMart Field on Tuesday, May 14 to take on division-rival Inland Empire for a Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday. Visit our website and learn how to score a FREE Club Seat ticket. Get tickets at rcquakes.com.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES				
Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio/TV
5/10	at Visalia	RHP Cam Day at RHP Roman Angelo	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/11	at Visalia	RHP Gabe Emmett at RHP Denny Larrondo	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/12	at Visalia	TBD at LHP Adonys Perez	12:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/14	vs Inland Empire	TBD at RHP Patrick Copen	6:30pm	iHeart, Tune-In/ Balley Live

### 1st HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	$\mathbf{W}$	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	21	6	.778	-
Fresno	15	13	.536	6.5
San Jose	14	14	.500	7.5
Stockton	11	16	.407	10.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	16	11	.593	-
Lake Elsinore	12	15	.444	4.0
Visalia	12	16	.429	4.5
Inland Empire	9	19	.321	7.5

# YESTERDAY'S GAMES

RANCHO CUCAMONGA 5 Visalia 0 Inland Empire 6 Lake Elsinore 0 Modesto 12 Fresno 0 Stockton 5 San Jose 12

# **TODAY'S GAMES**

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

## **TOMORROW'S GAMES**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Visalia, 6:30pm Inland Empire at Lake Elsinore, 6:45pm Stockton at San Jose, 7:00pm Modesto at Fresno, 7:05pm

## **2024 QUAKES AT A GLANCE**

1st Half Record:	16-11
vs Visalia:	1-1
vs Visalia at home:	0-0
vs Visalia on road:	1-1
Home Record:	8-2
Road Record:	8-9
Extra Inning Record:	0-1
One-Run Games:	1-2
Shutouts	3-0
Longest Winning Streak:	7
Longest Losing Streak:	4
Current Streak:	W1
Largest Division Lead	4.5
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1.	#33	Oswaldo Osorio	3B
2.	#27	Josue De Paula	RF
3.	#23	Jeral Perez	2B
4.	#30	Joe Vetrano	DH
5.	#57	Sean McLain	SS
6.	#44	Jesus Galiz	C
7.	#36	Samuel Munoz	CF
8.	#45	Jefferson Valladares	1B
9.	#13	Wilman Diaz	LF
P.	#49	Jose Rodriguez	RHP