



Wednesday, May 1, 2024 7:05pm Game #21, Road Game #11

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# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (14-6) **Modesto Nuts (15-5)**





RHP Payton Martin (0-0, -.-- ERA) vs. RHP Tyler Gough (2-1, 3.44 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** Your Rancho Cucamonga Quakes continue a 12-game road trip with game two of a six-game series at John Thurman Field against the Modesto Nuts (SEA). After this six-game set, the Quakes head to Visalia for six more, before returning to LoanMart Field on Tuesday, May 14, hosting the Inland Empire 66ers.

**VS THE NUTS:** This is the second of 12 meetings between the two clubs this year and the second of six at John Thurman Field. Last season, these two clubs met in the Cal League Championship Series, with Modesto sweeping the Quakes to earn their tenth title in franchise history. In the 2023 regular season, Rancho went just 1-5 here, 3-6 overall. LAST GAME: A nine-run second inning proved to be way too much on Tuesday night, as the Quakes dropped a 14-6 decision to the Modesto Nuts on Tuesday night at John Thurman Field. Rancho starter Carlos Duran (0-1) and reliever Gabe Emmett got knocked around in the second, as Modesto sent 15 men to the plate. Modesto's Caleb Cali slugged his first homer of the year as part of a three-hit, three-RBI night to lead the Nuts. Nuts' reliever Yeury Tatiz (1-0) tossed a scoreless fourth inning and was credited with the win. Rancho got two hits each from Kendall George, Jeral Perez, Jesus Galiz and Jefferson Valladares, but saw their two-game winning streak come to an end.

**ROSTER MOVES:** The Quakes have made several moves over the course of the first two days of this series. Earlier today, RHP Payton Martin and OF Samuel Munoz were added to the Rancho roster from the Arizona Complex League. Hitting the Injured List on Wednesday is OF Zhyir Hope, with a left shoulder injury. On Tuesday, 1B Joe Vetrano was placed on the Injured List with a right shoulder injury. In addition, the Dodgers released RHP Carlos Martinez from the organization. Tuesday's only addition was infielder Sean McLain, who was added from the Arizona Complex League. As of Wednesday, the Rancho roster now sits at 30 active players.

**LEAD STILL AT 4 1/2:** Friday night's loss stopped a season-best seven straight wins, but Rancho rebounded over the weekend with two more wins. Last night's loss makes them 13-3 in their last 16 games, giving them a 14-6 record in the month of April. The recent seven-game winning streak was also the longest in the league this year. With all four teams in the South taking a loss on Tuesday, their lead in the South remains at 4 1/2 games over second-place Visalia. MODESTO IS STILL ROLLING: Including last year's Cal League Playoffs, the Nuts finished by winning 21 of their final 23 games in 2023, including a 16-game winning streak near the end of the regular season. By winning 15 of their first 20 games in 2024, the Nuts have now won 36 of their last 43 games, which includes a 4-0 run in the playoffs that netted them their tenth Cal League title in franchise history. This season, their offense is ranked first in the league with a .285 average with a league-best 23 home runs. Their pitching is also tops in the league, with an ERA of 3.28. For comparison's sake, the Quakes are second in batting average (.267) and fifth in ERA (4.76).

**PAYTON MARTIN:** Right-hander Payton Martin makes his first appearance of 2024, as he starts for the Quakes tonight. Martin made 14 appearances (12 starts) for the Quakes in 2023, going 2-1 with a 2.04 ERA over 39.2 innings, before being shut down with an arm injury in mid-July. Martin was a 17th-round selection by the Dodgers in the 2022 draft, out of West Forsyth High School in Clemmons, North Carolina. Martin is the tenth ranked prospect in the Dodgers' minor league system by mlbpipeline.com.

**TYLER GOUGH:** Righty Tyler Gough will make his fifth start for Modesto and his first against the Quakes. In his last outing overall, he allowed three runs on seven hits over 4.1 innings in a loss vs Stockton on April 25. Gough was drafted by Seattle in the ninth round of the 2022 draft out of JSerra High School in San Juan Capistrano, California. **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 are up north for two weeks, returning to LoanMart Field on Tuesday 14 to take on Inland Empire for a Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday. Pledge to recycle ten CRV-eligible bottles and cans through our website and score a FREE Club Seat Ticket to the game. Get tickets at rcquakes.com.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES				
Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio/TV
5/2	at Modesto	RHP Patrick Copen at RHP Will Schomberg	7:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/3	at Modesto	RHP Edgardo Henriquez at RHP Elijah Dale	7:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/4	at Modesto	LHP Garrett McDaniels at RHP Ashton Izzi	7:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In
5/5	at Modesto	LHP Carlos Duran at RHP Brody Hopkins	2:05pm	iHeart, Tune-In

## 1st HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	$\mathbf{W}$	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	15	5	.750	-
Fresno	13	7	.650	2.0
San Jose	10	11	.476	5.5
Stockton	6	14	.300	9.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	14	6	.700	-
Visalia	10	11	.476	4.5
Lake Elsinore	9	11	.450	5.0
Inland Empire	4	16	.200	10.0

# YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Lake Elsinore 4 San Jose 5 Fresno 9 Inland Empire 2 Visalia 5 Stockton 11 PANCHO CUCAMONGA 6 Modesto 14

# **TODAY'S GAMES**

Lake Elsinore at San Jose, 6:30pm Fresno at Inland Empire, 4:15pm DH G1 Fresno at Inland Empire, TBD DH G2 Visalia at Stockton, 7:05pm RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Modesto, 7:05pm

## TOMORROW'S GAMES

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

## **2024 QUAKES AT A GLANCE**

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1st Half Record:	14-6
vs Modesto :	0-1
vs Modesto at home:	0-0
vs Modesto on road:	0-1
Home Record:	8-2
Road Record:	6-4
Extra Inning Record:	0-0
One-Run Games:	1-0
Shutouts	1-0
Longest Winning Streak:	7
Longest Losing Streak:	2
Current Streak:	L1
Largest Division Lead	4.5

	<u>Proba</u>	<u>ble Quakes Lin</u>	eup
1.	#7	Kendall George	CF
2.	#23	Jeral Perez	2B
3.	#9	Jordan Thompson	DH
4.	#33	Jake Gelof	3B
5.	#57	Sean McLain	SS
6.	#45	Jefferson Valladares	LF
7.	#16	Logan Wagner	1B
8.	#5	Juan Alonso	RF
9.	#51	Carlos Rojas	C
P.	#	Payton Martin	RHP