



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2024 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 7:05pm  
Game #20, Road Game #10

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John Thurman Field  
Modesto, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (14-5)

AT

Modesto Nuts (14-5)



RHP Carlos Duran (0-0, 1.50 ERA) vs. RHP Brody Hopkins (0-1, 3.86 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** Your Rancho Cucamonga Quakes open a 12-game road trip with game one of a six-game series at John Thurman Field, taking on 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 first of 12 meetings between the two clubs this year and the first 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:** Jordan Thompson slugged a grand slam and Juan Alonso added a two-run homer as part of a six-run third, sending the Quakes to a come-from-behind 7-4 win over the Lake Elsinore Storm on Sunday afternoon at LoanMart Field. Reliever Jorge Gonzalez (3-0) fired two scoreless innings to notch the win, while Noah Ruen stranded the bases loaded in the ninth to earn his second save of the year. Lake Elsinore's Keegan Collett (0-1) took the loss, surrendering five runs over just 1.2 innings. With the win, Rancho took five of six in the series and has now won three straight series overall, losing just one game in each series.

**ROSTER MOVES:** The Quakes made a few moves on Tuesday, placing 1B Joe Vetrano on the Injured List with a right shoulder injury. In addition, the Dodgers released RHP Carlos Martinez from the organization. The only addition was infielder Sean McLain, who was added from the Arizona Complex League. This leaves the Rancho roster at 29 active players to start this series.

**BANGED UP:** For all the winning the Quakes have done recently, it's certainly come at a price. Jose De Paula, Joe Vetrano and Jesus Galiz have all left games in this series and are nursing injuries. This week offered some clarity to their status, as Vetrano was IL'd, Galiz will start tonight in Modesto and De Paula is expected to play as early as Wednesday.

**FIRE UP THE HEAT AFTER A COLD NIGHT:** Friday night's loss stopped a season-best seven straight wins, but Rancho rebounded over the weekend with two more wins, making them 13-2 in their last 15 games. The recent seven-game winning streak was also the longest in the league this year. Sunday's win also gave them their largest division lead this year at 4 1/2 games over now, second-place Visalia.

**STEPPING UP:** With a number of players out of Sunday's game due to injury, both Jordan Thompson and Juan Alonso stepped up offensively. Both hit homers and finished the week with a .333 batting average and six RBIs against the Storm. Alonso's .560 OBP led the club last week, as he earned eight walks against the Storm.

**CARLOS DURAN:** Carlos Duran will make his fourth start of the year for the Quakes and first against the Nuts. This will be Duran's fourth appearance with the Quakes since 2021, when he went 2-4 with a 5.25 ERA over 20 games (18 starts). Duran's first start this year was his first since 2022 overall, after suffering a season-ending injury that resulted in Tommy John surgery. Duran's last appearance was on April 25 at LoanMart Field against the Storm, when he allowed one hit and one walk, striking out four over two scoreless innings in a no-decision. Duran signed with the Dodgers out of the Dominican Republic in 2018.

**BRODY HOPKINS:** Righty Brody Hopkins makes his fourth start of the year and his first against the Quakes. In his last outing overall, he allowed one run on just two hits over five innings in a no-decision vs Stockton on April 24. Hopkins was sixth-round pick of the Mariners in 2023 out of Winthrop.

**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 rcquakes.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.

## 1st HALF DIVISION STANDINGS

| NORTH    | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Modesto  | 14 | 5  | .737 | -   |
| Fresno   | 12 | 7  | .632 | 2.0 |
| San Jose | 9  | 11 | .450 | 5.5 |
| Stockton | 5  | 14 | .263 | 9.0 |

| SOUTH            | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   |
|------------------|----|----|------|------|
| RANCHO CUCAMONGA | 13 | 5  | .737 | -    |
| Visalia          | 10 | 10 | .500 | 4.5  |
| Lake Elsinore    | 9  | 10 | .474 | 5.0  |
| Inland Empire    | 4  | 15 | .211 | 10.0 |

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

Lake Elsinore 4 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 7  
Inland Empire 2 Visalia 5  
San Jose 5 Fresno 3  
Stockton 4 Modesto 3

## TODAY'S GAMES

Lake Elsinore at San Jose, 11:30am  
Fresno at Inland Empire, 6:35pm  
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, 4:15pm G1 DH  
Visalia at Stockton, 7:05pm  
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Modesto, 7:05pm

## 2024 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1st Half Record:        | 14-5 |
| vs Modesto :            | 0-0  |
| vs Modesto at home:     | 0-0  |
| vs Modesto on road:     | 0-0  |
| Home Record:            | 8-2  |
| Road Record:            | 6-3  |
| Extra Inning Record:    | 0-0  |
| One-Run Games:          | 1-0  |
| Shutouts                | 1-0  |
| Longest Winning Streak: | 7    |
| Longest Losing Streak:  | 2    |
| Current Streak:         | W2   |
| Largest Division Lead   | 4.5  |

## Probable Quakes Lineup

|    |     |                      |     |
|----|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 1. | #7  | Kendall George       | CF  |
| 2. | #23 | Jeral Perez          | DH  |
| 3. | #9  | Jordan Thompson      | 2B  |
| 4. | #33 | Jake Gelof           | 3B  |
| 5. | #16 | Logan Wagner         | 1B  |
| 6. | #44 | Jesus Galiz          | C   |
| 7. | #45 | Juan Alonso          | RF  |
| 8. | #45 | Jefferson Valladares | LF  |
| 9. | #13 | Wilman Diaz          | SS  |
| P. | #31 | Carlos Duran         | RHP |

## UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

| Date | Opp        | Pitching Probables                       | Time   | Radio/TV        |
|------|------------|--|--------|-----------------|
| 5/1  | at Modesto | TBD at RHP Tyler Gough                   | 7:05pm | iHeart, Tune-In |
| 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 |