



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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Game #76, Road Game #40

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John Thurman Field
Modesto, CA

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (42-33)

AT

Modesto Nuts (41-35)

RHP Gavin Stone (0-1, 4.22 ERA) vs. RHP Sam Carlson (3-2, 4.29 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes and Modesto Nuts meet in the fifth game of their six-game set at John Thurman Field. Rancho is now 3-7 against Modesto after splitting the first four games of this series. The Quakes lost five of six earlier in the year to the Nuts at LoanMart Field. After this 12-game road trip, the Quakes return home to face the Lake Elsinore Storm on Tuesday, August 3rd.

YESTERDAY'S GAME: The comeback to end all comebacks went down last night at John Thurman Field, as Rancho came from eight runs down to defeat Modesto by a final of 14-13. Imanol Vargas ripped a two-run double down the right-field line with two outs in the ninth to cap a four-run ninth and complete the comeback. Aldry Acosta (4-3), who worked a 1-2-3 eighth, did the same in the ninth, throwing a perfect frame to lock it up. Modesto closer Matthew Wilrodt (1-3) gave up all four in the ninth and took the loss. Rancho trailed 13-5 in the seventh, but tallied five in the seventh and then scored four in the ninth to end a two-game skid.

GREAT ROAD TRIP: Regardless of how the next two games go, the Quakes have enjoyed a good stint away from LoanMart Field. Rancho won all six games at Visalia and has now split the first four games of the Modesto series, to go 8-2 through the first ten game of this 12-game trip. The Quakes have won 17 of their last 23 games overall (.739 win percentage), their best stretch of the year.

WINNING THE SWEEPS: The Quakes had never swept a six-game series in franchise history prior to their series against Lake Elsinore just three weeks ago. Now they have two six-game sweeps in the last three weeks, after their sweep in Visalia over the Rawhide. The stat is a bit misleading, as series in the Cal League have traditionally been between three and five games throughout history, with the pandemic altering this year's schedule to six-game series throughout the league.

RAMOS STILL RED-HOT: Jose Ramos has been a valuable addition to the Rancho offense since being called up to replace Jonny DeLuca last week. Ramos has not only hit safely in seven of eight games, but he's collected at least two hits in all of those seven games. He's also driven in seven runs in his eight games. Last night, Ramos had three hits to raise his average to .421. Ramos is 20-years-old and was signed by the Dodgers in 2018 out of Panama.

DEJESUS DE MAN: Alex DeJesus has had a break-through July, batting .33 overall this month and hitting safely in 19 of 24 games. He also has 22 RBIs over those 24 games, giving him 53 on the year. The hot streak has run his average to .254, the highest it's been since May 9th, a day after he had a season-best four hits against Inland Empire.

ROSTER MOVES: While the Dodgers didn't hit the Quakes directly with the impact of the trade deadline, a day later, Rancho's roster will lose a couple key pieces. Relievers Hyun-Il Choi and Aldry Acosta will both get their first crack at the next level, as they've been promoted to Great Lakes of the High-A Central League. Choi was 8-3 with a 3.17 ERA over 15 appearances, while Acosta was 4-3 with a 3.15 ERA. Taking their respective places on the roster will be right-hander Michael Martinez, who will be activated from the Injured List and RHP Kyle Hurt, who will join the team from the Arizona Complex League.

PLAYOFFS? YES, PLAYOFFS!: At the beginning of the 2021 season, it was understood that there would be no playoffs across the country for all of Minor League Baseball, due to the ongoing global pandemic. Major League Baseball will now implement a "revised" playoff plan, allowing each league to crown a champion with a playoff series. The playoffs will be shortened to a single series, that features the top two teams (by record), regardless of division. The top two teams in all of Low-A West currently reside up North, where Fresno has a two-game lead over San Jose. The Quakes continue to be third in the playoff race, and are currently 8.5 games back of Fresno and 6.5 out of a playoff spot with 45 games remaining in the 120-game season. The 2022 season will see the league move to a 132-game schedule and the first-half and second-half winners of each respective division meet in the playoffs.

GAVIN STONE: Right-hander Gavin Stone makes his 16th appearance and 15th start, his third against Modesto. Stone made two appearances against the Nuts back at LoanMart Field in May's six-game series, going 0-0 in two starts, allowing five runs on eight hits over 6.2 innings. In Stone's last appearance, he allowed four runs (two earned) on six hits over four innings in a no-decision at Visalia on July 25th. He has allowed at least two earned runs in each of his last four starts and has not gone more than four innings in any of those appearances. Stone was selected in the fifth round of the 2020 draft out of the University of Central Arkansas.

SAM CARLSON: Right-hander Sam Carlson will go for the Nuts tonight, as he makes his 13th start of the year and his second against Rancho. In his lone start against the Quakes at LoanMart Field on May 15th, he allowed three unearned runs on two hits with four walks over 4.2 innings in a no-decision. In his last start overall, Carlson allowed three runs on five hits over six innings in a win at Fresno on July 24th. Carlson was a second-round pick in 2017 by Seattle.

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 app or the Tune-In Radio app (Keyword: Quakes) with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Linskog and Davis Ellington. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, tune your portable FM radio to 91.3 FM.

HOME GAMES: The Quakes will continue their series against the Modesto Nuts this week, before returning to LoanMart Field on Tuesday, August 3rd, when they will kick off a series against the Lake Elsinore Storm. It will once again be a Temblores Tuesday at LoanMart Field, presented by the Art Laboe Show Live. Tickets available at rcquakes.com.

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	51	25	.671	-
San Jose	49	27	.645	2
Modesto	41	35	.439	10
Stockton	30	46	.395	21

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	42	33	.560	-
Inland Empire	39	36	.520	3
Lake Elsinore	33	43	.434	9.5
Visalia	18	58	.237	24.5

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	51	25	.671	-
San Jose	49	27	.645	2
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	42	33	.560	8.5
Modesto	41	35	.439	10
Inland Empire	39	36	.520	11.5

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

San Jose 8 Inland Empire 3
 Fresno 3 Lake Elsinore 0
 Stockton 5 Visalia 4
 RANCHO CUCAMONGA 14 Modesto 13

TODAY

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

TOMORROW

Fresno at Lake Elsinore, 4:05 PM
 Inland Empire at San Jose, 5:00 PM
 RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Modesto, 6:05 PM
 Visalia at Stockton, 6:05 PM

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	10-6
vs Modesto:	3-7
vs Modesto Home:	1-5
vs Modesto Road:	2-2
Home Record:	21-15
Road Record:	21-18
Current Streak:	W1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#15	J. Ramos	RF
3.	#10	E. Leonard	3B
4.	#6	A. DeJesus	SS
5.	#3	S. McWilliams	2B
6.	#18	I. Vargas	DH
7.	#5	S. Lao	1B
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#7	E. Mateo	LF
P.	#44	G. Stone	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
8/1	at Modesto	RHP Robbie Peto vs. LHP Max Roberts	6:05 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/3	vs. Lake Elsinore	TBD vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/4	vs. Lake Elsinore	TBD vs. RHP Kendall Williams	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/5	vs. Lake Elsinore	TBD vs. RHP Carlos Duran	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com