



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Lake Elsinore Storm (34-44)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (44-33)



RHP Levi Thomas (2-5, 6.71 ERA) vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis (0-2, 6.23 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: After two long and profitable weeks on the road, the Quakes return to LoanMart Field to host the Lake Elsinore Storm. The Quakes return to play in front of their home fans after collecting ten wins over their last two weeks of play. The Quakes are coming off of their best two-week stretch of the year, and will look to keep the good times rolling in front of the hometown faithful. Tonight, the Quakes transform into los Temblores de Rancho Cucamonga, as part of MiLB's Copa de la Diversión initiative, presented by The Art Laboe Show Live

SUNDAY'S GAME: The Quakes secured a HUGE series win against the Modesto Nuts on Sunday with an 8-4 final score. The Quakes fell behind 2-0 after Modesto struck for a pair in the second inning off of starter Robbie Peto. Peto would go three innings in this one and picked up a no-decision. The Quakes tied the game up with a pair of their own in the fifth inning, thanks to a pair of triples from Sauryn Lao and Ismael Alcantara. The tie would be broken in the seventh inning, as Ismael Alcantara launched his sixth home run of the season to push the Quakes ahead 3-2. The Nuts regained the lead quickly with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. The Quakes showed resilience all series, coming back from late-game deficits, and Sunday was no different. Sam McWilliams unloaded on a two-run homer in the eighth, to put his club back in front, and the Quakes would seal the deal with three more runs in the ninth inning. The Quakes bullpen allowed just one earned run over the final six innings of the contest, and Michael Martinez picked up their first win of the season in relief.

GREAT ROAD TRIP: Though they are happy to be back, the Quakes enjoyed a good stint away from LoanMart Field. Rancho won all six games at Visalia and won four of six in the Modesto series, to go 10-2 through the 12-game trip. The Quakes have won 19 of their last 25 games overall (.760 win percentage), their best stretch of the year.

OUTPLAY AND OUTLAST: The Quakes trailed after seven innings in each of their last three wins at Modesto. Rancho never said die, and turned what could have been a dreadful series against them into a series win. The Quakes scored 19 runs from the seventh through ninth innings of their four wins in the series. The Quakes bullpen did their part as well, surrendering just eight runs in the seventh inning or later in the four wins. These late game heroics have now put Rancho firmly in the third spot of the playoff race.

LOW-A WEST PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Gavin Stone has earned the Low-A West Player of the Week honor for pitchers. Stone more than deserves the recognition after he had the best start of his professional career. Stone authored six scoreless innings and allowed just one hit while striking out a career-high nine batters against the Nuts. Stone joins his teammates Hyun-Il Choi and Braydon Fisher as the third pitcher for the Quakes to earn the award, and the fifth player overall for Rancho to be recognized this season.

ROSTER MOVES: While the Dodgers didn't hit the Quakes directly with the impact of the trade deadline, a day later, Rancho's roster lost a couple key pieces. Relievers Hyun-Il Choi and Aldry Acosta will both get their first crack at the next level, as they were promoted to Great Lakes of the High-A Central League on Saturday. 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 has been 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 one-game lead over San Jose. The Quakes continue to be third in the playoff race, and are currently 7.5 games back of Fresno and 6.5 out of a playoff spot with 43 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.

JIMMY LEWIS: Jimmy Lewis will be making his fourth appearance, and third start against the Lake Elsinore Storm tonight. Lewis has pitched well as of late, going three full innings in four of his last five starts. Lewis is still looking for that first win of the season, and is coming off one of his best starts, as he held Modesto scoreless over three innings of work. Lewis was a second round pick by the Dodgers out of Lake Travis High School in Austin, Texas in the 2019 MLB Draft.

LEVI THOMAS: The Lake Elsinore Storm are sending Levi Thomas to the mound in game one against a hot Rancho offense. Thomas will be making his 11th start of the season, and it will be his fourth start of the season against the Quakes, he is currently 0-1 against Rancho. Thomas has struggled as of late, losing three of his last four decisions for the Storm.

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 Lindskog and Davis Ellington. To listen LIVE at LoanMart Field, tune your portable FM radio to 91.3 FM.

HOME GAMES: Wednesday is Bark in the Ballpark, thanks to Terra Vista Animal Hospital. Don't miss San Manuel Casino Cody Bellingher Bobblehead Giveaway on Friday and California Earthquake Authority Fireworks on Saturday. Get tickets at rcquakes.com.

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	52	26	.667	-
San Jose	51	27	.654	1
Modesto	41	37	.526	11
Stockton	32	46	.410	21

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	44	33	.571	-
Inland Empire	39	38	.506	5
Lake Elsinore	34	44	.436	10.5
Visalia	18	60	.231	26.5

2021 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	52	26	.667	-
San Jose	51	27	.654	1
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	44	33	.571	7.5
Modesto	41	37	.526	11
Inland Empire	39	38	.506	12.5

SUNDAY'S SCORES

Lake Elsinore 11 Fresno 3
San Jose 6 Inland Empire 3
Stockton 8 Visalia 4
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 8 Modesto 4

TODAY

Inland Empire at Visalia, 6:00 PM
Lake Elsinore at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30 PM
San Jose at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Modesto at Stockton, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Inland Empire at Visalia, 6:00 PM
Lake Elsinore at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 6:30 PM
San Jose at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Modesto at Stockton, 7:05 PM

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	12-6
vs Lake Elsinore:	13-5
vs Lake Elsinore Home:	6-0
vs Lake Elsinore Road:	7-5
Home Record:	21-15
Road Record:	23-18
Current Streak:	W3

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J. Vogel	CF
2.	#15	J. Ramos	RF
3.	#3	S. McWilliams	2B
4.	#14	J. Vivas	3B
5.	#6	A. DeJesus	SS
6.	#18	I. Vargas	DH
7.	#5	S. Lao	1B
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#25	A. de Jongh	LF
P.	#19	J. Lewis	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
8/4	vs. Lake Elsinore	RHP Jesus Lugo vs. RHP Kendall Williams	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/5	vs. Lake Elsinore	TBD vs. RHP Carlos Duran	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/6	vs. Lake Elsinore	RHP Dwayne Matos vs. RHP Gavin Stone	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
8/7	vs. Lake Elsinore	RHP Ruben Galindo vs. RHP Robbie Peto	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com