



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Wednesday, July 21st, 2021 6:00 PM
Game #67, Road Game #31

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Valley Strong Ballpark
Visalia, CA

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (35-31)

AT

Visalia Rawhide (16-51)

RHP Robbie Peto (0-3, 5.62 ERA) vs. RHP Austin Pope (0-9, 11.10 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes got back in the win column last night, and will look to make it two wins in a row to start the road trip. Rancho is back in sole possession of first place in the South Division and will look to continue the offensive onslaught tonight.

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: The Quakes were victorious as they erupted offensively in what was an 18-10 final last night. Rancho fell behind out of the gate however, with the Visalia Rawhide plating the first two runs of the game in the opening frame. Rancho responded by loading the bases to start the second inning, they would score five runs in the second to take the lead. The Quakes would strike again in the third, where Eddys Leonard hit his first of two solo home runs. Alex De Jesus would double and score Jonny DeLuca, before later scoring himself on a Lao ground ball. The Rawhide fell behind by 13 runs at one point, but they fought all nine innings. Rawhide catcher Ramses Malave had a career night as he blasted three home runs in the contest, and tallied five RBIs. Eddys Leonard left the yard twice last night, and Jonny DeLuca hit his team-leading 15th home run of the season. Rancho's bullpen struggled to keep the Rawhide quiet, as Visalia made the game closer down the stretch with three runs in the seventh and two more in the eighth inning. Nelfri Contreras finally put the game to bed in the ninth inning and sealed the 18-10 win for his ball club. All nine batters in the Rancho order recorded at least one RBI last night, and eight of the nine batters registered at least one hit.

STREAK TRACKER: With his two home runs last night, Eddys Leonard pushed his hitting streak to an impressive 14 consecutive games. This ties him with Jonny DeLuca for the longest hitting streak by a Quake this season. DeLuca himself has improved his modest hitting streak to seven games, and Alex De Jesus has hit safely in his last ten appearances as well.

OFFENSIVE LEADERS: It was a big night for offensive statistics yesterday, and the Quakes have some players among the league leaders in offensive production. With his 15 home runs, Jonny DeLuca is now second in the Low-A West behind only San Jose's Marco Luciano who has 16 blasts on the season. Jorbit Vivas has pulled into a tie with Luciano for the league lead in runs batted in with 50 now on the season. Eddys Leonard is only two back with 48 runs batted in on the season as well.

BULLPEN STRUGGLES CONTINUE: Though the Quakes got the win last night, it wasn't smooth sailing for the pitching staff. The Quakes used four different arms out of the bullpen as they searched for someone who could find consistent success on the mound. Daniel Cruz lasted just a third of an inning, and was tagged for two runs on three hits. Nelfri Contreras also allowed a pair of runs to score over his two innings. The bullpen as a whole was hit around for 30 runs in the team's last series against Inland Empire.

DODGERS UPDATE: The Dodgers got a huge win last night, as they took down their division rival San Francisco Giants in dramatic fashion. Los Angeles came back from what was at one point a four run Giants lead. The Dodgers trailed by one run going into the bottom of the ninth inning, when Chris Taylor and Matt Beaty got aboard. Will Smith came to the plate and delivered a three-run walk-off bomb off of Giants pitcher Tyler Rogers to seal the win. The Dodgers now trail by just a game in the NL West standings.

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 three teams in all of Low-A West currently reside up North, where Fresno has a two-game lead over San Jose and a ten-game lead over Modesto. The Quakes are currently 10.5 games back of Fresno and 8.5 out of a playoff spot with 56 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.

ROBBIE PETO: The Quakes will send Robbie Peto to the mound as they look to start the series with a pair of wins. Peto struggled his last time out against the Inland Empire, as he took his third loss of the season. Peto didn't make it out of the first inning, as he allowed three runs on three hits and walked a pair of batters. In his only appearance this season against the Rawhide Peto followed an opener and was saddled with the loss after going 3.1 innings and allowing a pair of runs on just two hits. The former Stetson Hatter is looking for that first win of the season, as he has only pitched five or more innings once this season.

AUSTIN POPE: Visalia will send Austin Pope to the mound, who has had a rough year with an 0-9 record to date. Pope last pitched against the Lake Elsinore Storm, where he allowed six runs (four earned) on eight hits. Pope has lost his last four starts, and seven of his last eight. In his one start against Rancho, Pope gave up nine runs on 11 hits in a losing effort. Pope was a 15th round selection by the Diamondbacks out of Fairfield University in Connecticut.

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 are hitting the road for two straight series. They will be making their first trips of the season to Visalia and Modesto. The Quakes next home series will be on August 3rd, when they will kick off a series against the Lake Elsinore Storm. Tickets available at rcquakes.com.

DIVISION STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	46	21	.687	-
San Jose	44	23	.657	2
Modesto	36	31	.537	10
Stockton	25	42	.373	21

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	35	31	.530	-
Inland Empire	34	32	.515	1
Lake Elsinore	31	36	.463	4.5
Visalia	16	51	.239	19.5

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San Jose	44	23	.657	2
Modesto	36	31	.537	10
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	35	31	.530	10.5
Inland Empire	34	32	.515	11.5

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

RANCHO CUCAMONGA 18 Visalia 10
Lake Elsinore 9 Inland Empire 4
San Jose 9 Stockton 3
Fresno2 Modesto 1

TODAY

Stockton at San Jose, 1:00 PM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Visalia, 6:00 PM
Modesto at Fresno, 6:50 PM
Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW

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

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-27
2nd Half Record:	3-4
vs Visalia:	5-2
vs Visalia Home:	4-2
vs Visalia Road:	1-0
Home Record:	21-15
Road Record:	14-16
Current Streak:	W1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#11	J.Vogel	CF
2.	#3	S. McWilliams	RF
3.	#10	E. Leonard	2B
4.	#14	J. Vivas	DH
5.	#6	A. De Jesus	SS
6.	#18	I. Vargas	1B
7.	#5	S. Lao	3B
8.	#9	M. Hernandez	C
9.	#25	A. de Jongh	LF
P.	#49	R. Peto	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
7/22	at Visalia	RHP Jimmy Lewis vs. RHP Junior Mieses	6:00 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/23	at Visalia	RHP Kendall Williams vs. RHP Liam Norris	6:00 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/24	at Visalia	RHP Carlos Duran vs. LHP Avery Scott	6:00 PM	RCQuakes.com
7/25	at Visalia	RHP Gavin Stone vs. RHP Adrian Del Moral	1:00 PM	RCQuakes.com