



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2021 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Game #37, Home Game #20

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Visalia Rawhide (9-28) AT RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (20-16)



LHP Blake Walston (1-1, 3.98 ERA) vs. RHP Robbie Peto (0-1, 5.73 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Rancho will be looking to make it two wins in a row against the Visalia Rawhide to start the series. The Quakes still hold a 2.5 game advantage over the Lake Elsinore Storm in the South Division. Tonight is Terra Vista Animal Hospital Bark in the Ballpark. Four-legged friends are welcome to tonight's game, thanks to Terra Vista Animal Hospital. Pet Friendly seats are located on the First Base side of the stadium, from Club Box 5 over to the Fault Zone. Don't forget to purchase your \$3 pet pass!

LAST NIGHT'S GAME: The Quakes got a tremendous start from Gavin Stone, who pitched four shut-out innings to start the game for Rancho. Stone allowed just a single hit and a walk while punching out five Rawhide batters. Rancho backed up their starter with a run in the first, thanks in large part to a throwing error by pitcher Austin Pope. The Quakes would add on quickly with three consecutive extra-base hits, including back-to-back triples. Jonny DeLuca pushed his hitting streak to 13 games now with a three-hit game last night, including a solo homer in the fourth inning. Rancho turned things over on the mound to Julian Smith, and the left-hander kept the shutout in tact through his two innings of work out of the bullpen. Rancho backed up Smith with a big four-run fifth inning, it was capped off with a two-run home run by Jorbit Vivas to push the Quakes lead to 9-0. Once Smith was done on the mound Daniel Cruz was called on for some work. Cruz had a good outing as well, going two innings and much like Smith and Stone he allowed no runs and just a single hit. The Rawhide were able to crack the scoreboard with a pair of runs in the ninth inning off of Quakes reliever Carlos Alejo. The Rawhide avoided being shut out and Rancho still only has one team shutout on the season, but a 10-2 win for the Quakes is exactly how they wanted to open up this home series.

HOME RUN RACE: The Quakes currently have a very tight race for the team leader in home runs. After Jonny DeLuca and Jorbit Vivas both homered last night they have tied for the top spot in that category for the Quakes. Rancho has four hitters who have blasted six homers on the season so far. Diego Cartaya, Brandon Lewis, Vivas and DeLuca are all now tied for the team lead in home runs. Cartaya also leads the team in batting average. Lewis leads the team in runs scored, hits, doubles and walks. Vivas leads the Quakes in runs batted in, and DeLuca leads the team in steals. These four hitters have been the driving force at the middle of the Quakes lineup all season long, and it'll be interesting to see who comes out at the end of the season with the most home runs for the Rancho team.

JOSE HERNANDEZ: The Quakes are going for a second straight win tonight, and they will be giving Jose Hernandez his first start of the season. Hernandez has been used strictly out of the bullpen so far this season and is expected to go between one and two innings tonight. Hernandez will be in an opener roll in front of Robbie Peto tonight, as Hernandez hasn't pitched three innings in a single appearance this season. The opener is a strategy that skipper John Shoemaker has used once this season before. Hernandez is 2-0 on the season so far, and is boasting a 3.68 ERA for the season to date. Hernandez has pitched 14.2 innings on the season, and this will be his 11th appearance. Hernandez was signed out of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

BLAKE WALSTON: The Visalia Rawhide are coming off a tough loss last night and will turn to Blake Walston to start the game tonight. Walston is a former first round selection by the Arizona Diamondbacks, he was taken 26th overall out of New Hanover High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Walston is coming off of a very good start in his last appearance, he threw five innings against the Inland Empire and only allowed one run on two hits against the 66ers. Walston walked three, but struck out eight batters, but Walston was left with a no-decision in that contest. Walston has only pitched less than five innings just once this season, and the former first round selection is pitching in his second season of Minor League Baseball.

ROSTER MOVES: The Dodgers released OF Brandon Wulff on Tuesday and transferred OF Ismael Alcantara to the Rancho Cucamonga roster from Extended Spring Training in Arizona. Wulff hit just .159 with one homer and five RBIs in 18 games for Rancho. Alcantara, a 2017 International signing out of the Dominican Republic, pinch hit in Tuesday's game and struck out in his only at-bat.

AROUND THE FARM: The Great Lakes Loons fell in the first game of their series against the Lansing Lugnuts in a 9-7 contest. Loons have now fallen to 18-19 on the season as they continue to hover around .500 for the season. The Tulsa Drillers lost a tough 3-2 game against the Arkansas Travelers in extra innings, as the Travelers walked it off in the tenth inning. The Oklahoma City Dodgers took home the win against El Paso with an 8-3 victory. The Dodgers won a tough battle last night against the Philadelphia Phillies, and Joe Kelly took home his second win of the season to move to 2-0 on the season. Blake Treinen tallied just his third save of the season as the Dodgers secured the 5-3 victory. The Dodgers will be going for the sweep of the Phillies today with Clayton Kershaw on the mound against the Phillies starter Zack Wheeler.

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 (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: Join us Thursday for our FIRST THIRSTY THURSDAY of the season!! Every Thirsty Thursday, enjoy \$4 domestic drafts, \$5 premium drafts & wine and \$3 Pepsi products. We are excited to be bringing back some of our favorite promotions for the season, and we are looking forward to seeing you back at the ballpark soon. Tickets are available online at rcquakes.com.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Fresno	25	12	.676	-
San Jose	25	12	.676	-
Modesto	21	16	.568	4
Stockton	13	24	.351	12

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	20	16	.556	-
Lake Elsinore	18	19	.486	2.5
Inland Empire	16	20	.444	4
Visalia	9	28	.243	11.5

TODAY

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

TOMORROW

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Stockton at Fresno, 6:50 PM
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Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

LOW-A WEST SCOREBOARD YESTERDAY

RANCHO CUCAMONGA 10 Visalia 2
Fresno 14 Stockton 3
San Jose 6 Modesto 5
Lake Elsinore 6 Inland Empire 2

2021 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	20-16
vs Visalia:	1-0
vs Visalia Home	1-0
vs Visalia Road	0-0
Home Record:	10-9
Road Record:	10-7
Current Streak:	W1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#10	E. Leonard	SS
2.	#3	S. McWilliams	RF
3.	#23	B. Lewis	3B
4.	#17	D. Cartaya	C
5.	#14	J. Vivas	2B
6.	#6	A. De Jesus	DH
7.	#15	J. DeLuca	LF
8.	#5	S. Lao	1B
9.	#7	E. Mateo	CF
P.	#50	J. Hernandez	LHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
6/17	vs. Visalia	RHP Justin Martinez vs. RHP Jimmy Lewis	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
6/18	vs. Visalia	RHP Brandon Pfaadt vs. RHP Kendall Williams	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
6/19	vs. Visalia	LHP Rigoberto Borbolla vs. RHP Carlos Duran	6:30 PM	RCQuakes.com
6/20	vs. Visalia	LHP Liam Norris vs. RHP Gavin Stone	2:00 PM	RCQuakes.com