



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2018 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Friday, April 13th at 7:05 PM
Game #9, Home Game #2

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Inland Empire 66ers (5-3)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (2-6)



RHP Connor Riley (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP Tony Gonsolin (0-0, 7.36 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Welcome to LoanMart Field here in the opening series of 2018. Tonight is game two of this four-game series as your Rancho Cucamonga Quakes take on the Inland Empire 66ers (Angels' affiliate) in the second game of this four-game set. Tonight is Family RV \$1 Feast Night, as everyone can enjoy one dollar hot dogs, Pepsi products and ice cream sandwiches, thanks to Family RV. After the completion of this series, the Quakes will head back out on the road, as they travel to Lancaster for three games against the JetHawks.

VS INLAND EMPIRE: This is the second of 30 overall meetings between the two clubs and the second of 16 here at home. Last night's win by the Sixers gives them an early 1-0 advantage in the series. In 2017 the Quakes went 15-12 against Inland Empire, 8-5 here at home.

LAST TIME OUT: The Inland Empire 66ers held off the Quakes' ninth-inning rally on Thursday, spoiling the home opener at LoanMart Field with a 5-4 win over the Quakes. Trailing by three in the last of the ninth, Rancho got it going against 66ers' reliever Kyle Halbohn, putting a pair of runs on the board, thanks to a Rylan Bannon RBI double and a Hamlet Marte sac fly. But with two down, Halbohn struck out Donovan Casey to end the game and notch his first save. Quakes' starter Jordan Sheffield was sharp early, but gave up a total of four runs (three earned) on four hits over 3 and 1/3 innings in the loss. Inland Empire reliever Tyler Stevens (1-0) fanned five of seven to earn the win. Rancho has now lost four straight games, while Inland Empire has won back-to-back games.

D-LUX: Gavin Lux is starting to pick up the pace offensively. After collecting just one hit in his first five games, Lux now has consecutive multi-hit games, going 5-for-7 over the last two games with two runs scored, raising his average from .050 to .222. The former first-rounder out of Kenosha, Wisconsin hit .244 over 111 games last year with Great Lakes, smashing seven homers with 39 RBIs.

FAMILIAR FACES ON THE FARM: A total of 16 former Quakes have returned to Rancho Cucamonga to start the 2018 campaign, including 12 of the 14 pitchers on the roster. Jordan Sheffield and Tony Gonsolin, ranked 18th and 24th in the Dodgers' system, respectively by MLB Pipeline.com, return to the Quakes to help anchor the rotation. Former Quakes Dean Kremer, Chris Mathewson and Andrew Sopko will also pitch out of the rotation. The bullpen is made up entirely of former Quakes, with Stetson Allie, Isaac Anderson, Parker Curry, Andrew Istler, Nolan Long, Ryan Moseley and Jason Richman making up the relief core. California League 2017 All-Star Ibandel Isabel, who mashed 28 home runs for last year's club, returns to the Quakes for a second year. He'll be joined by returning infielder Omar Estevez and outfielder Logan Landon.

RECENT ROSTER MOVES: The Quakes have not made a move in over a week. Last Friday, RHP Chris Mathewson was placed on the DL. Taking his spot on the roster was LHP Leo Crawford who was transferred to Rancho from Ext Spring in AZ. Crawford pitched well in his only appearance, as he fired three scoreless innings in his debut in Visalia this past weekend out of the bullpen.

SAME SKIPPER, NEW STAFF: Back to skipper the Quakes for a third consecutive year will be Manager Drew Saylor, who has led the team to the Cal League Playoffs in each of the last two seasons. Saylor, whose team went 76-64 last season, is now 155-125 in his first two seasons and will be just the third manager in team history to lead the team for three seasons (Mike Basso 1996-1998, Bobby Meacham 2002-2004). The hitting coach will be Justin Viele, a Fullerton native who will enter his second year with the Dodgers. In 2017, the former Santa Clara Bronco was the hitting coach for the Ogden Raptors of the Pioneer League. Taking over pitching coach duties will be Connor McGuiness who also enters his second year in the Dodgers' system. Last season, the Arlington, Virginia native worked in the same role for the Great Lakes Loons of the Midwest League, after spending three of the four previous years working for his alma mater, Emory University. The final member of Saylor's staff will be assistant coach Petie Montero, another second-year member of the Dodgers' system. Montero joins the Quakes after one year of coaching with the Dodgers Dominican Summer League Team.

DODGERS WITH 15 QUAKES ON OPENING DAY ROSTER: The Dodgers' season is well underway and a total of 15 players named to the 2018 Los Angeles Dodgers opening day roster have sported a Quakes uniform in years past. The list includes Dodgers starting pitchers Clayton Kershaw, Rich Hill, Kenta Maeda and Hyun-jin Ryu along with bullpen arms Kenley Jansen, Ross Stripling and Pedro Baez. Position players Corey Seager, Cody Bellinger, Kike Hernandez, Matt Kemp, Yasiel Puig, Joc Pederson, Logan Forsythe and Kyle Farmer have all made previous stops in Rancho Cucamonga as well.

GONSOLIN GOES: Tony Gonsolin will makes his second start of the year for Rancho and his first against Inland Empire. In his only other start, Gonsolin gave up three runs on just two hits, walking three while striking out four, taking the loss at Visalia on 4/8. Last season, Gonsolin opened the year in Great Lakes (0-1, 3.38 ERA, 3 G) before joining Rancho, where he pitched well out of the bullpen (7-5, 3.92 ERA, 37 G). Gonsolin pitched collegiately at Saint Mary's in the WCC and was drafted by the Dodgers in the ninth round of the 2016 draft.

OPPOSING PITCHER: Connor Riley makes his second start of the year and first against the Quakes. In his only other start, he allowed just two hits, but three walks over 2 1/3 scoreless innings in a no-decision against San Jose on 4/8. Last season, split time between Orem of the Pioneer League (2-0, 2.03 ERA, 9 G) and Burlington of the Midwest League (0-2, 6.11 ERA, 9 G, 1 GS). Played his college ball at South Carolina-Aiken and was drafted by the Angels in the eighth round of last year's draft out of Aurora, Illinois.

LISTEN TO THE QUAKES: Listen to every Quakes' game on Fox Sports AM 1350, online at rcquakes.com and the iHeartRadio and TuneIn Radio apps with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Andrew Chapman.

NEXT HOME GAME: The Quakes continue their home stand against Inland Empire on Saturday, April 14th with LoanMart Fireworks Night and Cody Bellinger replica Jersey Giveaway. Only a few tickets remain for Saturday night. The MVP gates will open at 5:45 and the main gates will open at 6:05. Sunday's finale will be 2:05pm, with U.S. Bank Youth Clinic Day. Tickets are available at 909-481-5000 or rcquakes.com.

2018 1ST HALF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Stockton	7	1	.875	-
Visalia	5	3	.625	2.0
San Jose	4	4	.500	3.0
Modesto	2	6	.259	5.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Inland Empire	5	3	.625	-
Lancaster	4	4	.500	1.0
Lake Elsinore	3	5	.375	2.0
Rancho Cucamonga	2	6	.250	3.0

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Yesterday

Lancaster 2 at Lake Elsinore 6
Stockton 4 at San Jose 1
Rancho Cucamonga 4 at Inland Empire 5
Visalia 8 at Modesto 2

Today

Lancaster at Lake Elsinore, 7:00 PM
Stockton at San Jose, 7:00 PM
Inland Empire at Rancho Cucamonga, 7:05 PM
Visalia at Modesto, 7:05 PM

Tomorrow

Lancaster at Lake Elsinore, 6:00 PM
Stockton at San Jose, 6:00 PM
Inland Empire at Rancho Cucamonga, 7:05 PM
Visalia at Modesto, 7:05 PM

2018 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	2-6
2nd Half Record:	0-0
vs Inland Empire:	0-1
vs IE Home	0-1
vs IE Road	0-0
Home Record:	0-1
Road Record:	2-6
Current Streak:	L4

Probable Quakes Line-Up

1.	#14	Gavin Lux	SS
2.	#21	Omar Estevez	2B
3.	#25	Rylan Bannon	3B
4.	#33	Connor Wong	C
5.	#5	Cristian Santana	1B
6.	#19	Donovan Casey	LF
7.	#30	Cody Thomas	RF
8.	#6	Logan Landon	DH
9.	#9	Saige Jenco	CF
P.	#16	Tony Gonsolin	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
4/14	vs Inland Empire	RHP Joe Gatto vs. RHP Imani Abdullah	7:05 PM	Fox Sports 1350
4/15	vs Inland Empire	RHP Erik Manoah vs. RHP Dean Kremer	2:05 PM	Fox Sports 1350
4/16	@ Lancaster	RHP Andrew Sopko vs. RHP Matt Dennis	6:35 PM	Fox Sports 1350
4/17	@ Lancaster	RHP Jordan Sheffield vs. RHP Trey Killian	6:35 PM	Fox Sports 1350