



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2018 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Thursday, August 30th at 6:35 PM
Game #136, Road Game #70

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The Hangar
Lancaster, CA

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (83-52 , 48-17)

AT

Lancaster JetHawks (69-66 , 36-29)

RHP Edwin Uceta (0-0, 7.02 ERA) vs. LHP Ty Culbreth (5-8, 6.07 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The Quakes conclude a three-game road series against the south division Lancaster JetHawks (Colorado Rockies affiliate). Today is the final game of a seven game road trip for the Quakes and the last road game of the regular season.

VS LANCASTER: Today is the last of 28 overall meetings between the two clubs and the final of 15 contests at The Hangar. These two teams have traded series sweeps over the last two meetings, with Rancho last taking three straight at home. Wills Montgomerie, Logan Salow and Ryan Moseley all recorded wins out of the bullpen while the offense compiled 24 runs on 35 hits in the series. Entering tonight's rubber-match, the Quakes have clinched the overall season series with a 17-10 record over the Hawks.

LAST TIME OUT: The Quakes locked up the rare shutout of Lancaster at The Hangar on Wednesday night, piling on seven runs over the last three innings and cruising to a series-equalizing 9-0 win. Leo Crawford enjoyed his fourth scoreless start of the season while the offense struck for 11 hits in the 13th shutout victory of the season. Connor Wong broke up the scoreless tie with a two-run double in the fifth inning. Lancaster's bullpen was erratic in the seventh, walking four and allowing five more Rancho runs. The Quakes added insurmountable insurance with a Donovan Casey RBI-triple in the eighth and a Carlos Rincon home run in the ninth. The bullpen didn't miss a beat late in the game. Logan Salow and Dan Jagiello combined for three perfect innings as the staff retired ten JetHawks in a row to wrap the contest.

POST-SEASON AWARDS: California League Post-Season Awards were announced by the league office last Tuesday and for the fourth time in team history, the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes are sporting the league's MVP, as former Quake Rylan Bannon has been voted as the 2018 California League Most Valuable Player. Bannon has also been named the league's Rookie of the Year, an award given to a Cal League Player in his first "full" year in pro baseball. It's the second time in as many years that the Quakes have swept both the MVP and ROY awards, as DJ Peters nailed down both those honors in 2017. Bannon joins Brandon Wood (2005), Corey Seager (2014) and Peters (2017) as former Quakes to win the league's MVP honor. Over 89 games with the Quakes in 2018, Bannon the former eighth-round pick out of Xavier in 2017 hit .296 with a league-high 20 homers (at the time of the trade) and 61 RBIs. He also led the league in walks (59) and had an on-base percentage of .402. Gavin Lux (SS), Cody Thomas (OF) and Dustin May (P) were also recognized as Cal League post-season All-Stars.

SECOND HALF CHAMPIONS: With Thursday night's 5-4 win over Lancaster, the Quakes clinched the second half championship with an 11-game lead over Lancaster and Inland Empire in the south division. The second half championship is Rancho's first since 2011. This 2018 club is also the first to win back-to-back 1st and 2nd half titles since the 2011 season.

SINGLE SEASON WINS RECORD: With Sunday night's 16-5 win over Inland Empire, the Quakes secured their 81st win of the season and set the franchise's single season wins record. The 2018 Quakes surpass the 2011 ball club that finished the year 80-60. Rancho enters tonight 31-games over the .500 mark (83-52), the third best overall record in minor league baseball behind only the Bowling Green Hot Rods (86-48, Midwest League) and Lakewood BlueClaws (84-49, South Atlantic League).

FINISH STRONG: INF Omar Estevez enters tonight on a 20-game hitting streak, the longest streak by a Quake this season and longest active streak in the league. Over the stretch, Estevez is batting .329 (28-for-85) with 15 RBI's and six multi-hit games. With his eighth inning single last night, Estevez surpassed tied Gavin Lux (19 games) for the longest hitting streak by a Quake this season and is now tied with Lancaster's Colton Welker for the longest streak in the league during the 2018 season. INF Cristian Santana has also hit in eight in a row (19-for-39, .487), including six straight multi-hit games.

RECENT ROSTER MOVES: On Wednesday LHP Leo Crawford was activated from the Temporarily Inactive List and LHP Julio Urias was transferred from Rancho Cucamonga to Triple-A Oklahoma City of the Pacific Coast League.

UCETA: RHP Edwin Uceta is scheduled to make his fifth start of the season tonight and first against the JetHawks. Uceta last pitched on 8/25 at Inland Empire and allowed four runs on five hits across 3.2 innings in a no-decision. Uceta began the season with Low-A Great Lakes of the Midwest league (5-6, 3.25 ERA, 20G, 20GS) and was called up to Rancho Cucamonga on August 6th. A native of the Dominican Republic, Uceta signed with the Dodgers as an International Free Agent in 2016 at 18-years-old.

OPPOSING PITCHER: LHP Ty Culbreth is set to start tonight for the JetHawks in his 21st outing of the season and third against the Quakes. Culbreth last squared off with Rancho on 7/11 and allowed two runs on seven hits over 6.1 innings in his fifth win of the season. Since that outing, Culbreth has not recorded another winning decision and is 0-5. Over two prior meetings, the Quakes are batting .265 off Culbreth with four home runs and seven runs scored over 12.1 innings. The Bryan, TX native was picked up by the Rockies in the 8th round of the 2016 draft out of the University of Texas.

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 return home from a seven-game road trip on August 31st for Family RV \$1 Feast Night. Tickets are available online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
8/31	vs. Inland Empire	RHP Erik Manoah vs. RHP Wills Montgomerie	7:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350
9/1	vs. Inland Empire	RHP Simon Mathews vs. RHP Isaac Anderson	7:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350
9/2	vs. Inland Empire	RHP Luis Madero vs. RHP Max Gamboa	2:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350
9/3	vs. Inland Empire	RHP Michael Santos vs. TBD	2:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350

2018 2ND HALF STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Stockton*	31	34	.477	-
Visalia	30	35	.462	1.0
Modesto	29	36	.446	2.0
San Jose	23	42	.354	8.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Rancho Cucamonga*	48	17	.738	-
Lancaster	36	29	.554	12.0
Inland Empire	33	32	.508	15.0
Lake Elsinore	30	35	.462	18.0

* First-Half Division Winner

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Yesterday

Rancho Cucamonga 9 at Lancaster 0
Stockton 9 at San Jose 3
Lake Elsinore 3 at Inland Empire 8
Visalia 5 at Modesto 2

Today

Stockton at San Jose, 12:30 PM
Rancho Cucamonga at Lancaster, 6:35 PM
Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM
Visalia at Modesto, 7:05 PM

Tomorrow

Lancaster at Lake Elsinore, 7:00 PM
Modesto at San Jose, 7:00 PM
Inland Empire at Rancho Cucamonga, 7:05 PM
Visalia at Stockton, 7:10 PM

2018 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	35-35
2nd Half Record:	48-17
vs Lancaster:	17-10
vs LAN Home	11-2
vs LAN Road	6-8
Home Record:	41-25
Road Record:	42-27
Current Streak:	W1

Probable Quakes Line-Up

1.	#21	Omar Estevez	SS
2.	#25	Donovan Casey	RF
3.	#5	Cristian Santana	3B
4.	#16	Carlos Rincon	LF
5.	#3	Jeren Kendall	2B
6.	#33	Connor Wong	CF
7.	#36	Jared Walker	DH
8.	#50	Hamlet Marte	1B
9.	#6	Brandon Montgomery	C
P.	#11	RHP Edwin Uceta	LHP