



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2018 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Wednesday, September 5th at 6:35 PM  
South Division Finals Game #1

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The Hangar  
Lancaster, CA

## RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (87-53)

### AT

## Lancaster JetHawks (70-70)

**LHP Leo Crawford (8-0, 2.77 ERA) vs. RHP Brandon Gold (9-9, 5.44 ERA)**

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Quakes open the first round of the South Division Playoffs at The Hangar taking on the Lancaster JetHawks (Colorado Rockies Affiliate). Today begins a best-of-five series to decide who will represent the South Division in the California League Championship Series. The Quakes enter the playoffs for their fourth consecutive season and sixth time over the last eight years under Dodgers affiliation.

**VS LANCASTER:** The Quakes square off against Lancaster for the third straight year in the California League playoffs. Last season, the JetHawks eliminated in Quakes in game four of the south division playoff series. This year, Rancho owned the upper-hand in the over season series besting Lancaster 17-11 but were just 4-8 at The Hangar.

**LAST TIME OUT:** The Quakes throttled Inland Empire on Monday afternoon, putting up a season-high 22 hits in a 15-11 win over the 66ers at LoanMart Field. Jared Walker reached five times and tied a franchise record by scoring five runs, while Cody Thomas and Connor Wong combined for seven RBIs in Rancho's fourth straight win, completing a sweep of the four-game series. Jordan Sheffield (1-3) recorded his first win in a Rancho uniform by tossing a scoreless seventh inning. Inland Empire reliever Carlos Salazar (0-3) gave up a run in the seventh to suffer the loss. Wong finished a triple shy of the cycle and also clubbed his 19th homer of the year. Jared Walker also went deep for the Quakes, his 17th, giving Rancho a franchise record 202 round-trippers in 2018. The Quakes finish with an 87-53 record and a second-half mark of 52-18, both of which are franchise-bests.

**TITLE DREAMS:** The Quakes enter the 2018 playoffs chasing their third California League Championship in franchise history. Rancho's two previous titles were in 1994 over the Modesto A's and in 2015, sweeping the San Jose Giants.

**POST-SEASON AWARDS:** California League Post-Season Awards were announced by the league office on August 21st 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 was also 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. 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.

**SINGLE SEASON WINS RECORD:** Following a 16-5 win over Inland Empire on August 26th, 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 ended the year 34-games over the .500 mark (87-53), the third best overall record in minor league baseball behind only the Bowling Green Hot Rods (90-49, Midwest League) and Lakewood BlueClaws (87-51, South Atlantic League).

**OHH MY OMAR:** INF Omar Estevez closed the regular season on a 25-game hitting streak, the longest streak in the California League this season, besting JetHawk Colton Welker's previous best 20-game streak. Over the stretch, Estevez batted .354 (39-for-110) with 24 RBI's and ten multi-hit games. Estevez tied the longest Rancho hitting streak since the turn of the decade when Roberto Lopez hit in 25 straight games during the 2010 season under Angels affiliation.

**RECENT ROSTER MOVES:** On Tuesday, RHP Sven Schueller was placed on the Disabled List and LHP Austin Hamilton was transferred to Rancho Cucamonga from Double-A Tulsa of the Texas League. On Saturday, LHP Michael Boyle was transferred to Double-A Tulsa of the Texas League and RHP Yimi Garcia was optioned from the Los Angeles Dodgers to Rancho Cucamonga.

**LEO THE LEFTY:** LHP Leo Crawford is scheduled to make his 12th start of the season today and fourth against Lancaster. Crawford squared off with the JetHawks his last time out at The Hangar and tossed six shutout innings, allowing five hits and striking out six in his eighth win of the season. Over three prior meetings with Lancaster, Crawford is holding opposing hitters to a .261 average while allowing five runs over 17.1 total innings. A native of Nicaragua, Crawford signed with the Dodgers in 2015 at 18-years-old and made his United States professional debut in 2016.

**OPPOSING PITCHER:** RHP Brandon Gold is scheduled to start today for the JetHawks in his 28th start of the year and seventh against the Quakes. Gold faced the Quakes in his final start of the regular season on 8/29 and allowed two runs over six innings and struck out four in his ninth start of the season. Over six prior starts with the Quakes, Rancho batters are hitting .345 off the right-hander with five home runs and 20 runs scored. The Atlanta, GA native was picked up by the Rockies in the 12th round of the 2016 draft out of Georgia Tech University.

**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 begin the California League playoffs with two games on the road at The Hangar in Lancaster and then return home on Friday, September 7th in game three. The first 1,500 in attendance will receive an exclusive Gavin Lux Bobblehead thanks to U.S. Bank! Tickets available online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

### UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
9/6	at Lancaster	RHP Isaac Anderson vs. LHP Ty Culbreth	6:35 PM	FOX Sports 1350
9/7	vs. Lancaster	RHP Antonio Santos vs. RHP Edwin Uceta	7:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350
9/8	vs. Lancaster	RHP Matt Dennis vs. RHP Max Gamboa	7:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350
9/9	vs. Lancaster	TBD vs. RHP Wills Montgomerie	5:05 PM	FOX Sports 1350

### 2018 OVERALL STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Stockton*	77	63	.550	-
Visalia	70	70	.500	7.0
Modesto	62	78	.443	15.0
San Jose	59	81	.421	18.0

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Rancho Cucamonga*	87	53	.621	-
Lancaster	70	70	.500	17.0
Inland Empire	68	72	.486	19.0
Lake Elsinore	67	73	.479	20.0

\* First-Half Division Winner

### CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

#### Monday

Modesto 0 at San Jose 2  
Lancaster 5 at Lake Elsinore 6  
Inland Empire 11 at Rancho Cucamonga 15  
Visalia 7 at Stockton 4

#### Yesterday

NO GAMES

#### Today

Rancho Cucamonga at Lancaster, 6:35 PM  
Visalia at Stockton, 7:10 PM

#### Tomorrow

Rancho Cucamonga at Lancaster, 6:35 PM  
Visalia at Stockton, 7:10 PM

### 2018 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	35-35
2nd Half Record:	52-18
vs Lancaster:	17-11
vs LAN Home	13-3
vs LAN Road	4-8
Home Record:	45-25
Road Record:	42-28
Current Streak:	W4

#### Probable Quakes Line-Up

1.	#21	Omar Estevez	SS
2.	#30	Cody Thomas	RF
3.	#5	Cristian Santana	3B
4.	#25	Donovan Casey	LF
5.	#16	Carlos Rincon	DH
6.	#33	Connor Wong	2B
7.	#3	Jeren Kendall	CF
8.	#50	Hamlet Marte	C
9.	#36	Jared Walker	1B
P.	#23	Leo Crawford	LHP