



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2019 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Friday, April 5th at 7:10 PM
Game #2, Road Game #2

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Banner Island Ballpark
Stockton, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (0-1)

AT

Stockton Ports (1-0)



RHP Edwin Uceta (5-6, 3.89 ERA) vs. RHP Mitchell Jordan (8-4, 2.67 ERA)

*pitchers stats are 2018 combined stats

TODAY'S GAME: The 2019 campaign is officially underway as game two of the Quakes' series with the North Division foe, Stockton Ports (Oakland Athletics affiliate), is set for a 7:10PM first pitch. Today's contest is the second game of a seven-game road trip as the Quakes will follow the Ports with a three-game set at Rawhide Ballpark against the Visalia Rawhide. This trip to Stockton is the first of three trips the Quakes will make to Banner Island Ballpark during the regular season with the next trek up to the 209 not coming until July 20th through the 22nd.

VS STOCKTON: This is the second of 16 total meetings between the Quakes and the Ports and the second of 10 games to be played at Banner Island Ballpark. In the 2018 season, the Quakes struggled against the Ports posting their season-low 3-9 record against a Cal League opponent. Rancho went 1-5 at Banner Island Ballpark and 2-4 at LoanMart Field.

MORE OF THE SAME: MiLB Opening Night has not been nice to the Quakes the last four seasons. The last time the ballclub won on Opening Night came in the 2015 season. A 3-2 victory over the now non-existent Bakersfield Blaze propelled the Quakes to what would be the second championship in franchise history. Last night however, the drought continued as the Ports topped the Quakes on the strength of a four-run bottom of the first inning to win by a final tally of 4-1. Stockton got their season off to a quick start, flexing their muscles against Quakes starter Leo Crawford with a two-RBI double from Alonso Rivas and a two-run homer from Jeremy Eierman. The Quakes were in a quick four-run hole and could not dig themselves out, due in large part to the right arm of Oakland Athletics rehabber Chris Bassitt. Bassitt showed why he's pitched on a major league mound before, throwing three perfect frames with seven strikeouts. The Quakes were able to touch home thanks to a Ports error in the eighth inning, but were not able to muster up any other offense throughout the night. Trey Cochran-Gill recorded the final two outs for the Ports, earning his first save of the season.

COLD BATS TO START: The 2018 Cal League-leading offense did not show up last night in Stockton. With seven offensive returners from last year's club and five of those names in the starting lineup, the Quakes looked like a shell of the team that won the title last season. They went 2-for-31 as a team, just a .065 batting average. Both of the team's hits were singles from the bats of newcomers Jeter Downs and Deacon Liput, respectively. The offense will aim to bust out on night two of the season.

THE EXTRA BASES WILL COME: While the offense was held to just two singles last night, that shouldn't be a trend going forward. Last year, the Quakes set a new franchise record with a league-best 202 round-trippers and 2309 total bases.

RANCHO BRIGHT SPOTS: The offense might have been quiet in the season opener last night, but the bullpen certainly did its job. LHP Victor Gonzalez relieved the starter Crawford in the third inning and started the excellent trend by throwing three innings of scoreless and hitless baseball with one walk and five punchouts. After Gonzales' night was over, the Germany native, RHP Sven Scheuller, kept it rolling with two innings of scoreless baseball, allowing just one hit while striking out three Ports hitters. LHP Wes Helsabeck continued and completed the stretch of bullpen excellence by working around two walks and a hit to keep the Ports off the board in the eighth inning. As a whole, the Quakes bullpen posted six scoreless innings of work, surrendering just two hits and three walks with nine strikeouts.

EDWIN UCETA: MLB Pipeline's No. 21 prospect in the Dodgers system, RHP Edwin Uceta, takes the mound for the first time in the 2019 season this evening. The Dominican native pitched at two levels last season having the most success at Class A Great Lakes. For the Loons, Uceta made 20 starts, recording a 5-6 record with a 3.25 ERA in 99.2 innings. He struggled in his five starts with Rancho however, posting a 6.97 ERA in 20.2 innings. The Dodgers signed Uceta as an International Free Agent on July 2nd, 2016.

MITCHELL JORDAN: Right-hander Mitchell Jordan makes his first career Cal League start tonight for the Ports. Last season, made 25 appearances (19 starts) for Low-A Beloit of the Midwest League, going 8-4 with a 2.67 ERA over 124.2 innings. His 2.67 ERA ranked second in all of Oakland's minor league system. Drafted in the tenth round out of Stetson University in the 2016 draft.

AROUND THE FARM: The MiLB season is upon us as most of the Dodgers minor league affiliates kicked off their seasons last night. Starting from the top, the Oklahoma City Dodgers had Clayton Kershaw make a rehab start for them as they fell to the San Antonio Missions (Milwaukee Brewers AAA Affiliate) by a final score of 5-3. Kershaw, likely making at least one more rehab start, threw 4.1 innings giving up two earned runs. The bonafied all-star surrendered a home run and two walks while tallying six strikeouts. The Tulsa Drillers fell 6-4 in 10 innings to the Arkansas Travelers (Seattle Mariners AA Affiliate) besides getting nine strikeouts and five innings of shutout baseball from former Quake and MLB Pipeline's No. 3 Dodgers prospect, Dustin May. Lastly, the Great Lakes Loons were held to five hits and shut out by the Lake County Captains (Cleveland Indians A Affiliate) for a 4-0 final tally.

NEW RADIO HOME: The Quakes have a new radio home as NewsTalk 1290 will air every game of the 2019 season. Listen online as well at rcquakes.com and the iHeartRadio and TuneIn Radio apps with the "Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Toph Buzzard.

FIREWORKS AT LOANMART: With six more games up North to start out the season, the Quakes will have their 2019 Home Opener on Thursday, April 11th as they host the Lancaster JetHawks (Colorado Rockies affiliate) for Opening Night Fireworks. Tickets are available online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	1	0	.1000	-
San Jose	1	0	.1000	-
Stockton	1	0	.1000	-
Visalia	0	1	.000	-

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	1	0	.1000	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	0	1	.000	-
Inland Empire	0	1	.000	-
Lancaster	0	1	.000	-

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

YESTERDAY

Modesto 7 at Lancaster 4
San Jose 7 at Visalia 3
Lake Elsinore 3 at Inland Empire 2
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 1 at Stockton 4

TODAY

Modesto at Lancaster, 6:35 PM
San Jose at Visalia, 7:00 PM
Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Stockton, 7:10 PM

TOMORROW

Modesto at Lancaster, 6:05 PM
Lake Elsinore at Inland Empire, 6:05 PM
San Jose at Visalia, 7:00 PM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Stockton, 7:10 PM

2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	0-1
vs Stockton:	0-1
vs STK Home	0-0
vs STK Road	0-1
Home Record:	0-0
Road Record:	0-1
Current Streak:	L1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#24	Jeren Kendall	CF
2.	#6	Deacon Liput	SS
3.	#15	Jeter Downs	DH
4.	#17	Marcus Chiu	1B
5.	#34	Starling Heredia	LF
6.	#33	Devin Mann	2B
7.	#10	Brayan Morales	RF
8.	#29	Stevie Berman	C
9.	#12	Brandon Montgomery	3B
P.	#46	Edwin Uceta	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
4/6	at Stockton	LHP Bryan Warzek vs. RHP Brady Feigl	7:10 PM	NewsTalk 1290
4/7	at Stockton	RHP Gerardo Carrillo vs. RHP Wyatt Marks	2:09 PM	NewsTalk 1290
4/8	at Visalia	RHP Michael Grove vs. RHP Cole Stapler	6:00 PM	NewsTalk 1290
4/9	at Visalia	LHP Leo Crawford vs. RHP Jeff Bain	6:00 PM	NewsTalk 1290

A NEW JETER: In the offseason trade that sent Yasiel Puig, Matt Kemp, Alex Wood and Kyle Farmer to the Reds, the Dodgers received Homer Bailey, Josiah Gray and now the No. 8 prospect in the Dodgers' system according to MLB Pipeline, Jeter Downs. Downs starts the 2019 campaign as a member of the Quakes roster, bringing in a .257 batting average, 13 home runs and 37 stolen bases with the Dayton Dragons (Class A Full) last season. The San Andres, Colombia native plays up the middle defensively as he has logged 73 games at second base and 93 games at shortstop throughout his two-year career.

CONNOR WONG: The 2018 Mid-Season Cal League All-Star and MiLB.com Organizational All-Star returns to the Quakes roster to start the 2019 season. Last season in 102 games for Rancho Cucamonga, Wong hit .269 while smacking 19 home runs and 20 doubles. He finished fifth in four offensive categories for the squad with 103 hits, 383 at-bats, 64 runs and six stolen bases. The infielder turned catcher logged 71 games behind the dish while playing minimally on the infield with 11 games at second base and one game at third base. According to MLB Pipeline, the Houston, TX native was ranked as the Dodgers No. 14 prospect in their farm system.

QUAKES PIPELINERS: According to MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Prospects for the Dodgers, the Quakes have six Top 30 Prospects on their roster to begin the 2019 season. Besides the aforementioned Downs and Wong, the list includes RHP Michael Grove (No. 15), OF Jeren Kendall (No. 16), RHP Gerardo Carrillo (No. 19) and RHP Edwin Uceta (No. 21). Grove did not see the field in 2018 due to injury but looks to prove his second round status from the 2018 MLB Draft. Quakes returner Kendall looks for more consistency at the plate in 2019 while continuing to show off the speed that helped him steal 37 bases last season. Both Uceta and Carrillo look to get off on the right foot in the 2019 season as they are slated to start games two and four of the opening series, respectively.

PORTS PIPELINERS: As for the Ports, they begin their 2019 season with eight of those names on their roster. The list includes OF Lazaro Armenteros (No. 4), OF Austin Beck (No. 5), OF Jameson Hannah (No. 7), SS Jeremy Eierman (No. 10), RHP Daulton Jefferies (No. 14), SS Nick Allen (No. 15), 1B/OF Alonso Rivas (No. 24) and RHP Brady Feigl (No. 28).