



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

2019 GAME NOTES

Monday, April 8th at 6:00 PM
Game #5, Road Game #5

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Recreation Ballpark
Visalia, CA



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (3-1) AT Visalia Rawhide (3-1)

RHP Michael Grove (professional debut) vs. RHP Cole Stapler (3-9, 3.62 ERA)

*pitchers stats are 2018 combined stats

TODAY'S GAME: The fifth game of the 2019 season comes against another North Division foe in the Visalia Rawhide (Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate) with a 6:00PM first pitch from Recreation Ballpark. Today's ballgame is the first game of the first series of the year between the two ballclubs. Following this set in Visalia, Rancho will return for two more series later on in the season. The Quakes will follow the Rawhide with a three-game series at Rawhide Ballpark against the Visalia Rawhide.

VS VISALIA: This is the first of 15 total meetings between the Quakes and the Rawhide and the first of six games to be played at Recreation Ballpark. Last season, Rancho went 5-6 against the Rawhide going 1-3 at LoanMart Field and 4-3 at Recreation Ballpark. However, in the 2018 Cal League Championship, the Quakes completed a three-game sweep, outscoring the Rawhide 23-8 for their second title in four years.

LAST TIME OUT: The Quakes (3-1) defeated the Ports (1-3) by a final score of 5-2 on Sunday. In their first afternoon tilt of the year, the Quakes followed a similar formula to the two prior nights by falling behind early, but eventually completing a comeback victory. After the bottom of the first inning, Rancho found themselves in a 2-0 hole thanks to an RBI groundout and RBI single by the Ports. The early deficit did not phase the Quakes as they would score the game's final five runs, highlighted by a four-run top of the fourth inning. The game-winning hit went to Donovan Casey as he belted his first home run of the season. Casey finished the game going 2-for-2 at the plate with two RBI, two BB and a run scored. Rancho starter RHP Gerardo Carrillo settled down after the first inning, throwing three scoreless frames. Carrillo was backed by a trio of RHP Sven Schueller, LHP Logan Salow, and RHP Ryan Moseley out of the bullpen as they held the Ports offense off the board in a combined five innings of work.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY: The Quakes set a season-high in hits yesterday with just six hits. Even though that mark is sure to be beaten throughout the course of the season, the offense is finally starting to find its footing. Throughout games one and two, even with a win in game two, the Quakes had not recorded an extra-base hit. That is no longer and the Rancho offense has recorded seven extra-base hits in their last two times out, with three home runs and four doubles.

RANCHO BULLPEN, AGAIN?: The Quakes bullpen continues to shine as the first four games of the 2019 campaign are complete. In 20.1 combined innings of work, the bullpen has allowed just one earned run. That is good enough for a 0.44 ERA so far. Ryan Moseley has stood out thus far as the Lubbock, TX native has worked in 3.1 innings, not allowing a run while striking out six and going two-for-two in save opportunities.

STRONG RAWHIDE START: Much like the Quakes, the Rawhide have leaned on pitching to start the 2019 season to lead them to a 3-1 record. Through four games, Visalia's pitching staff has a 2.08 ERA which is the second-best mark in the Cal League. The Visalia offense is off to a similar start as Rancho, as they are hitting below the Mendoza Line with a .189 batting average. However, yesterday the Rawhide defeated the San Jose Giants (1-3) by a final score of 9-3 for their third straight victory.

MICHAEL GROVE: RHP Michael Grove, the second round draft pick in 2018 and MLB Pipeline's No. 15 prospect in the Dodgers farm system, makes his professional debut tonight as he missed the chance to pitch in 2018 due to injury. The Wheeling, WV native did his collegiate pitching in his home state at the West Virginia University. As a Mountaineer, Grove pitched to a career 3.13 ERA with a tally of 117 strikeouts and 35 walks. In 2017, the right-hander recorded a 2.87 ERA in nine starts en route to a All-Big 12 Second Team selection.

COLE STAPLER: RHP Cole Stapler makes his first start of the 2019 season tonight. Stapler made a total of 18 starts last year in his second season of professional baseball. Across three levels in 2018, the Gonzales, LA native recorded a 3.62 ERA, falling just short of the 100-inning mark with 99.1 innings pitched. With Visalia, Stapler went 1-7 with a 4.29 ERA in 10 starts. The right-hander was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 22nd round of the 2017 MLB Draft.

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 (No. 8) and Wong (No. 14), the list includes RHP Michael Grove (No. 15), OF Jeren Kendall (No. 16), RHP Gerardo Carrillo (No. 19) and RHP Edwin Uceta (No. 21).

RAWHIDE PIPELINERS: The Rawhide have just one prospect on their roster according to the MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Prospects for the Arizona Diamondbacks. That prospect is the No. 8 prospect in the system, OF Jake McCarthy. The highly-touted Diamondbacks prospect has started the season 0-for-12 with eight strikeouts.

LISTEN TO THE QUAKES: Listen live via the new radio home of the Quakes at NewsTalk 1290 or through rcquakes.com via the iHeart Radio App or the TuneIn Radio App with "The Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Toph Buzzard.

FIREWORKS AT LOANMART: On Thursday, April 11th, the Quakes will have their home opener as they host the Lancaster JetHawks (Colorado Rockies affiliate) for a four-game series. Following Thursday night's contest, there will be postgame fireworks to celebrate the commencement of the 2019 season. Tickets are available online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	4	0	.1000	-
Visalia	3	1	.750	1
San Jose	1	3	.250	3
Stockton	1	3	.250	3

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	3	1	.750	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	3	1	.750	-
Inland Empire	1	3	.250	2
Lancaster	0	4	.000	3

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Yesterday

Modesto 10	Lancaster 9
Visalia 9	San Jose 3
Lake Elsinore 2	Inland Empire 1
RANCHO CUCAMONGA 5	Stockton 2

TODAY

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

TOMORROW

San Jose	at Stockton, 11:10 AM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	at Visalia, 6:00 PM
Lake Elsinore	at Lancaster, 6:35 PM
Modesto	at Inland Empire, 7:05 PM

2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	3-1
vs Visalia:	0-0
vs VIS Home	0-0
vs VIS Road	0-0
Home Record:	0-0
Road Record:	3-1
Current Streak:	W3

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#24	Jeren Kendall	CF
2.	#11	Connor Wong	C
3.	#15	Jeter Downs	SS
4.	#16	Carlos Rincon	RF
5.	#25	Donovan Casey	DH
6.	#33	Devin Mann	1B
7.	#10	Brayan Morales	LF
8.	#12	Brandon Montgomery	3B
9.	#50	Moises Perez	2B
P.	#23	Michael Grove	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES				
Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
4/9	at Visalia	LHP Leo Crawford vs. RHP Jeff Bain	6:00 PM	NewsTalk 1290
4/10	at Visalia	RHP Edwin Uceta vs. RHP Josh Green	11:00 AM	NewsTalk 1290
4/11	vs Lancaster	LHP Lucas Gilbreath vs. LHP Bryan Warzek	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
4/12	vs Lancaster	RHP Antonio Santos vs. RHP Gerardo Carrillo	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290