



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

2019 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Wednesday, April 10th at 11:00 AM
Game #7, Road Game #7

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Recreation Ballpark
Visalia, CA

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (4-2)

AT

Visalia Rawhide (4-2)

RHP Edwin Uceta (0-0, 5.40 ERA) vs. RHP Matt Mercer (0-0, 3.10 ERA)

*Mercer's pitching stats are combined 2018 stats

TODAY'S GAME: Today's contest is the seventh game of the 2019 season as the Quakes take on the Visalia Rawhide (Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate) with an early 11:00AM first pitch from Recreation Ballpark. Today's ballgame is the final game of the first series of the year between the two clubs. Following this series, Rancho will return to Visalia for just three more games from August 2nd to August 4th. The Quakes will follow up the Rawhide for their home opening series at LoanMart Field against the Lancaster JetHawks.

VS VISALIA: This is the third of 15 total meetings between the Quakes and the Rawhide and the third 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. So far in the young 2019 season, both the Quakes and Rawhide have a win against one another.

LAST TIME OUT: In the middle game of a three-game set, the Rawhide (4-2) defeated the Quakes (4-2) by a final score of 8-5. Much like the four games of the season against the Ports, Rancho fell behind in the first inning. Oddly enough, that was the formula for three wins in Stockton as the offense would battle back and the bullpen would shut down the opposing bats. However, that was not the case on Tuesday night in Visalia. After taking a 3-1 lead in the top of the third inning on Devin Mann's first home run of the season, a two-run blast to deep left field, the Rawhide rallied off seven unanswered runs in the next two frames. This stretch by the Rawhide was highlighted by a two-run, two-out triple by Jake McCarthy in the bottom of the third and a bases-clearing double by Jancarlos Cintron in the bottom of the fourth. The final two runs of the game were scored by the Quakes via a passed ball in the top of the fifth and an RBI double by Brandon Montgomery in the top of the ninth, but it was not enough as Rancho fell short. SP Leo Crawford (0-2) was tagged for six earned runs in three-plus innings of work.

OFFENSIVE SLUMBER: The 4-2 record, the recently snapped four-game win streak and the double-digit team hits in Monday night's win might have masked the team slump that this Rancho offense finds themselves in. The Quakes are hitting a Cal League worst .155 (29-for-187) throughout the first six games of the season. On Tuesday night, the offense recorded just two hits for the second time this year, going 2-for-31 overall. The other occurrence happened on MiLB Opening Night in their 4-1 loss to the Ports. Fortunately, one of those two hits came from the bat of Montgomery. The RBI double he notched in the top of the ninth inning snapped a personal 0-for-21 streak to start the season.

THAT RANCHO 'PEN: Wes Helsabeck inherited a bases-loaded situation from Crawford when he entered the game in the bottom of the fourth inning on Tuesday night and ended up giving up two runs of his own in that frame. However, the two runs that Helsabeck allowed were of the unearned variety and were the only runs that he allowed across the three innings that he pitched. Sven Schueller followed Helsabeck by firing two innings of scoreless baseball to continue his impressive start to the season. That is five more innings of scoreless work to add to the bullpen's resume as their season ERA lowers to 0.57 with just two earned runs in 31.1 innings pitched. On the flip side, the starter ERA thus far this season is 7.52 with 17 earned runs in 20.1 innings of work.

EDWIN UCETA: RHP Edwin Uceta gets the ball for his second start of the 2019 season on Wednesday morning. Uceta's first start resulted in a no decision for him, but resulted in the Quake's first win of the year with a 4-3 victory over the Stockton Ports. The Dominican native went the deepest of any starter this season, completing five innings, as he gave up three earned runs. Uceta tacked on eight strikeouts, accompanied by just one walk. The Dodgers signed Uceta as an International Free Agent on July 2nd, 2016.

ROSTER MOVES: LHP Leo Crawford has been placed on the Injured List and RHP Yelson Cespedes has been added from Extended Spring Training in Arizona. Cespedes will wear #40 for the ballclub, making his second stint in the Cal League with the Quakes.

MATT MERCER: RHP Matt Mercer is set to make his 2019 debut and Cal League debut on Wednesday morning. The Tacoma, WA native was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the fifth round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of the University of Oregon. In 2018, Mercer pitched at two different levels, making one start for the AZL Diamondbacks and 12 starts for the Hillsboro Hops of the North-west League. In those 12 starts for the Hops, the righty posted a 3.00 ERA across 27 innings with 38 strikeouts and seven walks.

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. The list includes INF Jeter Downs (No. 8), C Connor Wong (No. 14), 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 per 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 started the season 0-for-12 with eight strikeouts, but has gone 3-for-6 with two triples and two stolen bases this series.

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HOME OPENING FIREWORKS: On Thursday, the Quakes have their home opener as they host Lancaster (Colorado Rockies affiliate), accompanied by postgame fireworks. Tickets are available online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Modesto	4	2	.667	-
Visalia	4	2	.667	-
San Jose	3	3	.500	1
Stockton	1	5	.167	3

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Lake Elsinore	4	1	.800	-
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	4	2	.800	0.5
Inland Empire	2	3	.400	1.5
Lancaster	0	5	.000	4

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Yesterday

Lake Elsinore at Lancaster (PPD - Wind)
San Jose 4 Stockton 3
Visalia 8 Rancho Cucamonga 5
Inland Empire 2 Modesto 0

TODAY

San Jose at Stockton, 10:30 AM
RANCHO CUCAMONGA at Visalia, 11:00 AM
Lake Elsinore at Lancaster, 6:35 PM
Modesto at Inland Empire, 7:10 PM

TOMORROW

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

2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	4-2
vs Visalia:	1-1
vs VIS Home	0-0
vs VIS Road	1-1
Home Record:	0-0
Road Record:	4-2
Current Streak:	L1

Probable Quakes Lineup

1.	#24	Jeren Kendall	CF
2.	#15	Jeter Downs	SS
3.	#11	Connor Wong	C
4.	#25	Donovan Casey	LF
5.	#17	Marcus Chiu	1B
6.	#34	Starling Heredia	DH
7.	#29	Brandon Montgomery	3B
8.	#50	Moises Perez	2B
9.	#10	Brayan Morales	RF
P.	#23	Michael Grove	RHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
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
4/13	vs Lancaster	RHP Matt Dennis vs. RHP Michael Grove	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
4/14	vs Lancaster	RHP Will Gaddis vs. LHP Leo Crawford	2:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290