



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

2019 GAME NOTES

Tuesday, August 6th at 7:05 PM

Game #113 (#45), Home Game #53 (#19)

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LOANMART FIELD

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Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Lancaster JetHawks (58-54, 24-20)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (64-48 / 23-21)



LHP Lucas Gilbreath (4-8, 5.70 ERA) vs. RHP Michael Grove (0-5, 6.95 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: Today's contest is the series opener of a three-game series with the Colorado Rockies' Cal League affiliate, the Lancaster JetHawks. Tonight is Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday, as fans can get a free Club Seat ticket with 10 CRV-eligible bottles and cans. The Quakes will head to Stockton on Friday, taking on the Ports for their final head-to-head series of the regular season.

VS LANCASTER: This is the final series of the regular season between these two clubs, the 25th of 28 total head-to-head meetings and the 12th of 14 battles at LoanMart Field. It's been a bit of a struggle against the JetHawks in 2019, as the Quakes are just 9-16 versus their South Division foe. In the last meeting here in Rancho, the JetHawks stunned the Quakes with a nine-run eighth inning for a comeback win and a series split (June 27th-June 30th).

DROPPED 5 OF 6 ON THE ROADIE: With hopes of salvaging a win in their final game of an already difficult road trip, the Quakes (64-48, 23-21) let a late lead slip away, as the Rawhide (70-40, 26-18) won by a final tally of 8-7 on Sunday night. Entering into the seventh, Rancho had a 5-4 advantage, but a four-run frame for Visalia put them ahead for good the rest of the way. An RBI walk by Jorge Perez and a bases-clearing triple by Eduardo Diaz paced the Rawhide's offensive efforts in the bottom of the seventh. Jeren Kendall (13th) hit a solo blast in the eighth, one of three homers on the night (Downs [18th] and Todd [2nd]), and Miguel Vargas tallied an RBI single in the ninth to spark a hopeful comeback, but it was not enough. The win went to Jeff Bain (6-8) in long relief, as he went 5.1 innings with two earned runs. Austin Drury (0-1) took the loss, surrendering two earned runs across 1.1 frames.

TOPPING THE BAD STREAK: Sunday's loss marked Rancho's fifth straight loss, setting their longest skid of the year. The four-game skid they topped came in the opening days of the 2019 season, when the club dropped four straight in a home-series to the Lancaster JetHawks, their first home games of the year. For the first time on the campaign, Rancho was swept on the road. Since July 14th, the Quakes are just 7-13, their worst stretch of baseball in '19.

THOSE PESKY BIRDS: Rancho has had a tough go with Lancaster in the 2019 campaign, posting a 9-16 record in their 25 total battles. Furthermore, three out of those 16 losses have been walk-off defeats. At LoanMart Field, the JetHawks have dominated the Quakes, snatching eight out of the 11 contests. At The Hangar, the competition was tighter, as Lancaster finished the regular season with a two-game advantage over Rancho, winning eight of the 14 total battles.

DOWN THE STRETCH WE GO: As the Cal League finds itself well within the second half of the second half, the standings in both divisions are close. In the South, Lancaster (24-20) has a one game lead over both Rancho (23-21) and Lake Elsinore (23-21). Coming into play on Tuesday, the Rawhide (26-18), due to a solid recent stretch, have extended their lead in the North by four games.

MVP CANDIDATES? The last two California League MVPs have been Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (DJ Peters in 2017 and Rylan Bannon in 2018). This season, the Cal League MVP race is still wide-open. Lancaster's Luis Castro was leading the league in most offensive categories upon getting promoted to Double-A in mid-July. With him in Double-A, that could leave the door open for a couple of Quakes to sneak into this year's race. Donovan Casey is hitting .270 with 20 homers, 65 RBIs and 20 stolen bases in 100 games. Jeter Downs is at .260 with 18 home runs, 70 RBIs and 20 stolen bases in 95 games. Devin Mann, who's been out with an injury since mid-July, might have been the team's best shot at MVP, as he hit .281 with 17 home runs, 56 RBIs in 86 games before the injury.

MICHAEL GROVE: Right-hander Michael Grove will make his 20th start overall and his fifth against Lancaster. In four prior outings against the JetHawks, Grove is 0-2 with a 14.00 ERA, allowing 14 runs on 14 hits over nine innings. In his last start overall, Grove allowed five earned runs on three hits with two walks over just 1.2 innings in a loss at Lancaster on August 1st. Prior to that start, he had fired scoreless baseball over his prior two starts, with eight strikeouts and one walk, spanning six scoreless innings. The second-round pick out of the University of West Virginia was drafted in 2018, making this his first pro season.

LUCAS GILBREATH: The Westminster, CO native, LHP Lucas Gilbreath, picks up the start for his 23rd nod of '19. Gilbreath has recorded a 4-8 record, accompanied by a 5.70 ERA, that has been hovering close to six since the end of June. The southpaw's last start came on July 31st, where he posted a final line of six innings, featuring three runs (one earned) on seven hits, with seven strikeouts. In that start against Rancho, Gilbreath took a no-decision, as the JetHawks won by a final score of 7-6. Tuesday's start is his sixth start against the Quakes this season. The Rockies drafted Gilbreath in the seventh round of the 2017 draft.

RECENT ROSTER MOVES: The Quakes took quite a hit today, as they lost two of their best players to Double-A Tulsa, with OF Donovan Casey and LHP Leo Crawford both heading to Double-A for the first times in their respective careers. Taking their places on the roster will be C Jordan Procyshen (down from Tulsa) and INF Alberto Suarez (up from the Arizona League Dodgers).

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RAISE THE WOOF!: On Wednesday, August 7th, the Quakes are set to take on the JetHawks for game two of the series, and it's Bark in the Ballpark at LoanMart Field, presented by Terra Vista Animal Hospital. All four-legged and furry friends are welcome, so make sure to purchase tickets online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
8/7	vs. Lancaster	RHP Will Gaddis vs. RHP Gerardo Carrillo	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
8/8	vs. Lancaster	LHP Ryan Rolison vs. LHP John Rooney	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
8/9	at Stockton	RHP Andre Jackson vs. RHP Rafael Kelly	7:10 PM	NewsTalk 1290
8/10	at Stockton	TBD vs. TBD	7:10 PM	NewsTalk 1290

2ND HALF STANDINGS

North	W	L	PCT	GB
Visalia	26	18	.591	-
Modesto	22	22	.500	4
San Jose	21	23	.477	5
Stockton	20	24	.455	6

South	W	L	PCT	GB
Lancaster	24	20	.545	-
Lake Elsinore	23	21	.523	1
Rancho Cucamonga	23	21	.523	1
Inland Empire	17	27	.386	7

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

YESTERDAY

San Jose 3 at Lake Elsinore 1

TODAY

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2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	41-27
2nd Half Record:	23-21
vs Lancaster:	9-16
vs LAN Home	3-8
vs LAN Road	6-8
Home Record:	27-25
Road Record:	37-23
Current Streak:	L5
Shutouts:	7-6
Extra Innings:	6-7

PROBABLE QUAKES LINEUP

1.	#10	Brayan Morales	RF
2.	#6	Deacon Liput	2B
3.	#15	Jeter Downs	SS
4.	#29	Miguel Vargas	3B
5.	#24	Jeren Kendall	CF
6.	#19	Hunter Feduccia	C
7.	#17	Marcus Chiu	LF
8.	#43	Dillon Paulson	1B
9.	#34	Starling Heredia	DH
P	#23	Michael Grove	RHP