



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

2019 GAME NOTES

Saturday, June 1st at 7:05 PM
Game #54, Home Game #24

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Inland Empire 66ers (22-32) AT RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (31-22)

LHP Nate Bertness (2-1, 4.73 ERA) vs. LHP Leo Crawford (0-3, 4.83 ERA)

TODAY'S GAMES: Tonight's Cal League battle is presented by Bimbo Bakeries USA with a spectacular firework show after the game! The Quakes will take on the Inland Empire 66ers (Los Angeles Angels affiliate) for the third tilt of a four-game series, with first pitch tonight scheduled for 7:05PM. Up next for Rancho on the schedule is a pivotal three-game set at home versus the Lancaster JetHawks, starting on Tuesday, June 4th, following an off-day on Monday, June 3rd.

VS INLAND EMPIRE: This is the 10th of 30 total matchups between the Quakes and the 66ers in 2019. Saturday night's contest represents the sixth of 14 games to be played at the friendly confines of LoanMart Field. In the regular season last year, Rancho posted an overwhelmingly dominant record of 23-7 against the Sixers, with a 13-3 mark at LoanMart Field and a 10-4 mark at San Manuel Stadium. So far on the current campaign, the Quakes hold a one-game advantage over Inland, winning five out of the nine games.

LOSING EFFORT TO CAP OFF MAY: The month of May is in the books for the Quakes (31-22), as they fell on the final day of the month to the 66ers (22-32) by a final tally of 6-2. Despite the six runs from Inland Empire's offense, pitching stole the headlines for the South Division foe. SP Aaron Hernandez made his first start since May 5th, hurling three scoreless innings with five strikeouts. RP Andrew Wantz (5-3) followed in long relief, earning the win with five innings of two-run ball, adding nine punchouts. To cap off the victory, snapping the Quakes' three-game win streak and the 66ers' four-game losing skid, Parker Joe Robinson tossed a scoreless bottom of the ninth. The loss was shouldered by Gerardo Carrillo (2-3), as he surrendered five total runs (four earned) in 4.1 innings. On a quiet night offensively for Rancho, Deacon Liput was the lone bright spot with a two-out, two RBI single in the fifth.

THANK YOU, STOCKTON: With 15 games left in the first half of '19, Rancho holds a four-game lead in the South over the Lancaster JetHawks and the Lake Elsinore Storm. On Friday night, the Stockton Ports did the Quakes a solid, winning 13-8 over the JetHawks. As for the Storm, they took care of the San Jose Giants with a 5-2 victory to knot themselves up in the second-place spot. When looking at the final two-plus weeks of Rancho's first-half schedule, the two most important series, both at LoanMart Field, are a three-game set with Lancaster next week (6/4-6/6) and a five-game series with Lake Elsinore to cap off first-half play (6/12-6/16).

IT'S JUNE?: Although the weather does not allude to it, the Quakes are flipping the calendar to June. To kick off 2019, Rancho has posted back-to-back winning months with first-year manager Mark Kertenian at the helm. In 26 games in April, the Quakes posted a 16-10 record, while in 27 games in May, the Quakes finished just a tick below at 15-12. Staying steady has placed Rancho atop the South Division, never winning or losing more than four games in a row. Furthermore, following a loss, the Boys in Blue are 14-5.

TWO MONTHS DOWN, FOUR TO GO: Throughout the first two months of play, the Rancho offense ranks seventh in the Cal League with a .232 team batting average. However, the offense has blasted 56 homers, which is tied for first with Lancaster, and has scored 271 runs (5.1 runs per game), which is second-best in the league. Pitching wise, they own the third-best ERA at 3.55 and have recorded the second most punchouts with 602 (11.5 K/9). On the contrary, they do lead the league in walks with 254 (4.85 BB/9).

LEO CRAWFORD: LHP Leo Crawford takes the mound on Saturday night for his seventh start and 10th overall appearance in 2019. Crawford has tossed the rock relatively well lately, despite an 0-3 record and a 4.83 ERA overall. The southpaw's last appearance came out of the Rancho bullpen on May 26th against Lancaster, in a game where Rancho fell in 11 innings by a final score of 13-12. Crawford lasted three innings of semi-long relief, surrendering three earned runs on three solo home runs. However, Crawford's ERA has nearly been cut in half since May 5th, as he was sporting an 8.53 ERA after completing his third start and fifth overall appearance. The Nicaragua native produced one of his better starts of the campaign back on May 9th against the 66ers, tossing five innings of one-hit, shutout baseball, with four strikeouts and one walk. The Dodgers nabbed Crawford as an IFA on December 15, 2014.

NATE BERTNESS: LHP Nate Bertness is set to record his first start of the season with his first five appearances coming out of the Inland bullpen. Throughout Bertness' four-plus years as a professional, the southpaw has 83 total appearances, with 55 of them serving as starts. Tonight's start for the Houston, TX native will be just his second start since mid-July of 2018. This year, Bertness is rocking a 2-1 record with a 4.73 ERA. He got tagged on May 28th in what was his last appearance, as Visalia touched him for three earned runs on four hits in just one inning. In 2019, Bertness has faced the Quakes one previous time. However, the three-year Cal Leaguer has faced Rancho a total of eight times, with five total starts. The Angels drafted Bertness in the 16th round of the 2015 draft.

ROSTER MOVES: On Tuesday, May 28th, RHP Wills Montgomerie was activated to the Rancho roster, as INF/OF Eric Peterson was placed on the Injured List. Also on Tuesday, C Jordan Procyshen was transferred to the Tulsa roster, with C Tre Todd returning to the Rancho roster from Extended Spring Training in Arizona.

DOWN THE STRETCH: Listen to "The Voice of the Quakes" Mike Lindskog and Toph Buzzard when they follow and call every game, as the Quakes try to punch their ticket to a fifth-straight postseason birth with a first-half title. Tune in on the home of the Quakes at NewsTalk 1290 or online at rcquakes.com via the iHeart Radio App or TuneIn Radio App.

A QUAKES SUNDAY MORNING: On Sunday, before the series finale between Rancho and Inland, join Quakes players and coaches for a U.S. Bank Youth Clinic with the purchase of a game ticket. Purchase tickets online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

STANDINGS

North	W	L	PCT	GB
Visalia	36	14	.720	-
San Jose	24	29	.453	13.5
Modesto	24	31	.436	14.5
Stockton	21	32	.396	16.5

South	W	L	PCT	GB
Rancho Cucamonga	31	22	.585	-
Lake Elsinore	27	26	.509	4
Lancaster	27	26	.509	4
Inland Empire	22	32	.407	9.5

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD YESTERDAY

Stockton 13 at Lancaster 8
Inland Empire 6 at Rancho Cucamonga 2
Visalia 4 at Modesto 1
San Jose 2 at Lake Elsinore 5

TODAY

San Jose at Lake Elsinore, 6:00 PM
Stockton at Lancaster, 6:05 PM
Inland Empire at Rancho Cucamonga, 7:05 PM
Visalia at Modesto, 7:05 PM

TOMORROW

San Jose at Lake Elsinore, 1:00 PM
Stockton at Lancaster, 2:05 PM
Inland Empire at Rancho Cucamonga, 2:05 PM
Visalia at Modesto, 2:05 PM

2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	31-22
vs Inland Empire:	5-4
vs IE Home	3-2
vs IE Road	2-2
Home Record:	11-12
Road Record:	20-10
Current Streak:	L1

PROBABLE QUAKES LINEUP

1. #17	Marcus Chiu	1B
2. #33	Devin Mann	3B
3. #15	Jeter Downs	SS
4. #11	Connor Wong	C
5. #25	Donovan Casey	RF
6. #6	Deacon Liput	2B
7. #34	Starling Heredia	LF
8. #19	Nick Yarnall	DH
9. #10	Brayan Morales	CF
P #7	Leo Crawford	LHP

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
6/2	vs. Inland Empire	RHP Oliver Ortega vs. RHP Michael Grove	2:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
6/4	vs. Lancaster	LHP Ryan Rolison vs. RHP Josiah Gray	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
6/5	vs. Lancaster	RHP Garrett Schilling vs. RHP Edwin Uceta	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
6/6	vs. Lancaster	RHP Antonio Santos vs. RHP Gerardo Carrillo	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290