



RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES

2019 GAME NOTES

Sunday, June 2nd at 2:05 PM
Game #55, Home Game #25

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LoanMart Field
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Inland Empire 66ers (22-33) AT RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (32-22)

RHP Oliver Ortega (2-2, 3.35 ERA) vs. RHP Michael Grove (0-2, 5.85 ERA)

TODAY'S GAMES: Today's Sunday matinee is presented by U.S. Bank, with another U.S. Bank Youth Clinic prior to the game. The Quakes play host to the Inland Empire 66ers (Los Angeles Angels affiliate) for the fourth and final game of the series, with first pitch this afternoon scheduled for 2:05PM. 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 the off-day on Monday, June 3rd.

VS INLAND EMPIRE: This is the 11th of 30 total matchups between the Quakes and the 66ers in 2019. Sunday afternoon's series finale represents the seventh of 14 games to be played at Rancho's friendly confines. 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 two-game advantage over Inland, winning six out of the ten games.

CHANCE TO TAKE THE SERIES: With a 7-2 win for the Quakes (32-22) over the 66ers (22-33) on Saturday night, Rancho set themselves up with an opportunity to win the series in the capper on Sunday afternoon. After the bats went quiet in the loss on Friday night, they woke up from their short slumber with three long balls in the first three innings. Devin Mann got things started with his eighth home run of the season, a two-run shot, two batters into the bottom of the first. Fast forward to the bottom of the third when Jeter Downs and Connor Wong went back-to-back jimmy jack. Downs' homer, a two-run blast, was his eighth of the season, while Wong's homer, a solo tank, was his team-leading 10th home run of the year. On the mound, Leo Crawford (1-3) dazzled in his first win of '19. The southpaw's final line read 6.2 innings of shutout baseball, with no walks, just four hits and eight punchies. The loss fell on the shoulders of 66ers' SP Nate Bertness (2-2), as he surrendered five earned runs in three innings of work.

GETTIN' A LIL' HELP: With 14 games left in the first half of '19, Rancho holds a five-game lead in the South Division over the Lancaster JetHawks and the Lake Elsinore Storm. On Saturday night, both the JetHawks and the Storm dropped their respective contests. When looking at the final weeks of Rancho's first-half schedule, the two most important series, both at LoanMart Field, come against the two trailing teams in the South. The series' to circle are the 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).

WHERE'S SUMMER? It might not feel like it in Cali right now, but the Quakes are heading to the month of June. To kick off '19, Rancho has posted back-to-back winning months with first-year manager, Mark Kertenian. 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 15-5.

BREAK IT DOWN: Throughout the first two-plus months of play, the Rancho offense ranks sixth in the Cal League with a .233 team batting average. However, the offense has blasted 59 homers, which leads all Cal League teams, and has scored 278 runs (5.1 runs per game), which is second-best in the league. Pitching wise, they own the third-best ERA at 3.53 and have recorded the second most punchouts with 613 (11.5 K/9). On the contrary, they do lead the league in walks with 259 (4.86 BB/9).

MICHAEL GROVE: RHP Michael Grove takes the mound on Sunday for his 10th start in 2019. Grove has scuffled in his first pro season, sporting an 0-2 record and a 5.85 ERA. The right-hander's last appearance came on May 28th in game one of a doubleheader against Lake Elsinore, in a game where Rancho fell by a final score of 3-1. Grove completed three innings, surrendering three earned runs on five hits, with two strikeouts. The Wheeling, WV native is seemingly beginning the process of stretching out his outings, as he has thrown just over 50 pitches in his last two starts. Grove produced one of his three scoreless appearances of the campaign back on April 24th against the 66ers, tossing two innings of one-hit, shutout baseball, with four strikeouts and no freebies. The Dodgers drafted Grove in the second round of the 2018 draft, using the 68th overall pick on the former West Virginia Mountaineer.

OLIVER ORTEGA: RHP Oliver Ortega is set to record his ninth start of the season, with his two additional appearances serving as long relief. Ortega enters into Sunday afternoon with a 2-2 record and a solid 3.35 ERA. The right-hander has been touched for more than three earned runs in just one of his appearances. In his two starts against the Quakes, Ortega has surrendered just two runs, only one earned run, across nine innings, with 18 strikeouts and seven walks. The Angels signed Ortega as an IFA on February 10, 2015.

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.

OFF-DAY FOLLOW UP: On Tuesday, June 4th, the Quakes welcome in the JetHawks for a three-game series filled with playoff implications. Come out to LoanMart Field for Healthy RC Recycle Tuesday and do not forget, exchange 10 bottles or cans (with valid California CRV) for a complimentary club section ticket. Purchase tickets online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
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
6/7	@ Inland Empire	LHP Leo Crawford vs. TBD	7:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290

STANDINGS

North	W	L	PCT	GB
Visalia	37	14	.725	-
San Jose	25	29	.463	13.5
Modesto	24	32	.429	15.5
Stockton	22	32	.407	16.5

South	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	32	22	.593	-
Lake Elsinore	27	27	.500	5
Lancaster	27	27	.500	5
Inland Empire	22	33	.400	10.5

CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD YESTERDAY

Stockton 12 at Lancaster 3
Inland Empire 2 at RANCHO CUCAMONGA 7
Visalia 10 at Modesto 6
San Jose 7 at Lake Elsinore 5

TODAY

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

TOMORROW

Visalia at Stockton, 7:10PM

2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	32-22
vs Inland Empire:	6-4
vs IE Home	4-2
vs IE Road	2-2
Home Record:	12-12
Road Record:	20-10
Current Streak:	W1

PROBABLE QUAKES LINEUP

1. #15	Jeter Downs	SS
2. #17	Marcus Chiu	1B
3. #24	Jeren Kendall	CF
4. #33	Devin Mann	3B
5. #25	Donovan Casey	RF
6. #6	Deacon Liput	2B
7. #34	Starling Heredia	DH
8. #8	Tre Todd	C
9. #43	Drew Avans	LF
P #23	Michael Grove	RHP