



# RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES 2019 GAME NOTES



LOANMART FIELD

Thursday (DH), May 23rd at 5:00 PM  
Game #46/47, Home Game #22/23

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LoanMart Field  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



VISALIA  
Rawhide

Visalia Rawhide (29-14)

AT

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES (27-18)



GM1: RHP Matt Mercer (1-2, 5.88 ERA) vs. RHP Josiah Gray (0-0, 7.94 ERA)  
GM2: RHP Cole Bartlett (1-2, 4.18 ERA) vs. RHP Edwin Uceta (2-0, 1.85 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** Today's doubleheader between the Quakes and the Visalia Rawhide (Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate) starts at 5:00PM, with the second game starting 30 minutes after the completion of game one, as Millennium Systems presents another Thirsty Thursday, featuring drink specials throughout the night at LoanMart Field. Both games today are set to last seven innings, barring extra-innings. Following this series, the next time these clubs meet is not until early August for a three-game set at Recreation Ballpark.

**VS VISALIA:** This is the eighth and ninth of 15 total meetings between the Quakes and the Rawhide in 2019 and the fifth and sixth of nine games to be played at LoanMart Field. In the regular season last year, 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 2019, Rancho holds a one-game advantage with four wins compared to Visalia's three wins. No team has rallied off back-to-back wins against each other this year, also.

**BANG FOR YOUR BUCK:** The Quakes (28-17) tallied just four hits in a 5-1 win over the Rawhide (29-14) in the series opener on Tuesday night. Those four hits packed a punch, as all of them went for extra bases (two home runs and two triples), and three of them were run-scoring knocks. Quakes' RP Wes Helsabeck (3-0) racked up the win, pitching 1.1 innings with an unearned run on his final line. The loss fell on the shoulders of Visalia SP Jeff Bain (4-2), as he tossed five innings of three-run baseball.

**DOUBLE DOSE HISTORY:** The last doubleheader for Rancho came early in '17 at Stockton, when in game two, Mitchell White and Alex Hermeling combined to throw the Quakes' first ever no-hitter. The last doubleheader versus Visalia was at Recreation Park in Visalia in '16, while the last twin-bill at LoanMart Field came in 2015 against Bakersfield.

**#TRENDING:** After posting a 16-10 record in the month of April, the Quakes are playing to a 11-8 record so far in May, winning no more than two games in a row. Furthermore, Rancho is just 8-7 in their last fifteen games.

**SPLENDID STARTING PITCHING:** Over their last eight games, Rancho starting pitching has posted a 2.82 ERA (12 ER in 38.2 innings). During this stretch, not one Quakes' starter has allowed more than three earned runs in an outing.

**MANN OF THE WEEK:** Devin Mann received the California League Player of the Week honors for May 13th to May 19th, going 11-for-26 (.423) at the plate, stroking two doubles, a triple and a home run, with five RBI and three runs scored. More impressively, the Columbus, IN native did all his damage in a three-game span from Tuesday, May 14th to Thursday, May 16th at Lancaster.

**THE FORMULA:** In games where the Quakes fail to score more than three runs, Rancho holds a 4-12 record. However, on the flip side, Tuesday night's five runs pushed the Quakes to a 23-6 recorded when succeeding to scoring four or more runs.

**JOSIAH GRAY:** The New Rochelle, NY native, RHP Josiah Gray, toes the rubber on Wednesday night for his third start in a Rancho Cucamonga uniform. The last appearance for Gray came against Lancaster on May 16th in his second consecutive no-decision as a member of the Quakes. In a come-from-behind 7-2 victory over the JetHawks, the right-hander allowed two earned runs on five hits across five frames, with nine strikeouts and one walk. The Dodgers acquired Gray in the trade this past offseason with Cincinnati. Gray was originally selected by the Reds as a Competitive Balance Draft Pick (72nd overall) in the 2018 draft.

**MATT MERCER:** The Tacoma, WA native, RHP Matt Mercer gets the call in game one for Visalia for his eighth start of the year. The right-hander's last appearance resulted in his second straight losing decision, as Visalia got trounced by Modesto on May 14th by a final tally of 9-0. Mercer surrendered six hits across five frames, with five earned run, four strikeouts and two walks. Mercer faced the Quakes this year, back on April 10th in his 2019 debut, as he gave up a solo homer to Connor Wong and did not make it out of the first inning, lasting 0.2 innings. The Diamondbacks selected Mercer in the fifth round of the '18 draft out of the University of Oregon.

**EDWIN UCETA:** The Dominican Republic native, RHP Edwin Uceta, will take the ball for Rancho in game two of the doubleheader for his ninth start of 2019. The last appearance for Uceta, on May 17th, resulted in a no-decision, as he surrendered three runs (one earned) in 5.2 innings in an eventual 10-3 loss to Modesto. The Dodgers inked Uceta as an IFA on July 2, 2016.

**COLE BARTLETT:** The Williamsburg, IN native, RHP Cole Bartlett is set to start in game two of Thursday's DH, marking his first start in what will be his 14th appearance. The normal reliever's last appearance came on May 16th against Modesto, as he tossed three scoreless innings out of the bullpen, allowing just hit and striking out five. This was the fourth time on the year that Bartlett has lasted three innings or longer. Arizona used their 25th round selection on the Mizzou product, Bartlett, in the 2017 draft.

**ROSTER MOVES:** Earlier today, the Quakes transferred RHP Ryan Moseley to Double-A Tulsa and activated OF Jeren Kendall from the Injured List. On Wednesday, the Quakes placed INF Brandon Montgomery on the Injured List and activated INF Deacon Liput off of the Injured List.

**KEEPING UP WITH THE QUAKES:** Listen to "The Voice of the Quakes" Mike Linskog and Toph Buzzard as they call every game of the season on the home of the Quakes at NewsTalk 1290 or online at rcquakes.com via the iHeart Radio App or TuneIn Radio App.

**RETURN OF THE QUAKES:** On Thursday, May 30th, the Quakes return home, facing Inland Empire as Punch Bowl Social presents another Thirsty Thursday with unbeatable drink specials. Purchase tickets online at rcquakes.com or by calling (909) 481-5000.

## UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	Radio
5/24	@ Lancaster	RHP Gerardo Carrillo vs. RHP Garrett Schilling	6:35 PM	NewsTalk 1290
5/25	@ Lancaster	LHP Leo Crawford vs. RHP Antonio Santos	6:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
5/26	@ Lancaster	RHP Michael Grove vs. LHP Lucas Gilbreath	2:05 PM	NewsTalk 1290
5/28	DH (GM1) @ Lake Elsinore	RHP TBD vs. TBD	1:00 PM	NewsTalk 1290

## STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Visalia	29	14	.674	-
Modesto	21	25	.457	9.5
San Jose	20	24	.455	9.5
Stockton	16	27	.372	13
SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	27	18	.600	-
Lancaster	23	20	.535	3
Lake Elsinore	21	22	.488	5
Inland Empire	18	25	.419	8

## CAL LEAGUE SCOREBOARD YESTERDAY

Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA (PPD - Rain)  
Stockton at Lake Elsinore (PPD - Rain)  
Lancaster at Inland Empire (PPD - Rain)  
San Jose 1 at Modesto 4

## TODAY

Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, 5:00 PM  
Lancaster at Inland Empire, 5:00 PM  
Stockton at Lake Elsinore, 7:00 PM  
San Jose at Modesto, 7:05 PM  
Visalia at RANCHO CUCAMONGA, GM2  
Lancaster at Inland Empire, GM2

## TOMORROW

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

## 2019 QUAKES AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	27-18
vs Visalia:	4-3
vs VIS Home	2-2
vs VIS Road	2-1
Home Record:	10-11
Road Record:	17-7
Current Streak:	W1

## PROBABLE QUAKES LINEUP FOR GAME 1

1.	#15	Jeter Downs	SS
2.	#6	Deacon Liput	2B
3.	#11	Connor Wong	C
4.	#25	Donovan Casey	RF
5.	#24	Jeren Kendall	CF
6.	#17	Marcus Chiu	1B
7.	#16	Eric Peterson	3B
8.	#34	Starling Heredia	LF
9.	#43	Drew Avans	DH
P.	#22	Josiah Gray	RHP