

The Ranger Gameday

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CASA GRANDE COUGARS (6-7)
Vs.
RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (9-9)

Alvarez Tire Holiday Hoops Classic:

After changes were made to the Santa Cruz Classic held each year in Tucson, the Rangers had a gap to fill in their schedule over the winter break. Rincon traveled to Prescott Valley December 27-29 to play in a 16-team tournament. The Rangers began pool play against a familiar foe, Pueblo, who accompanied Rincon in the Sonoran Region the last four years. Rincon put up a solid effort, increasing their lead each quarter on way to a ten-point victory. Gilbert Tafoya had yet another double-double with 24 points and 11 rebounds. The nightcap of the first day pitted the Rangers against the host Bears of Bradshaw Mountain. Tafoya again had 24 (this time with 15 boards), accompanied by Jesse Henry's 18 and Andrew Martinez's 15. A 14-point differential in the second quarter carried the Rangers to the victory. Rincon finished pool play with a 66-25 victory over 1A Mayer. Tafoya along with Nate Foster and Rob Perry scored in double digits. That night, the Rangers faced off with Buena for the third time this season in the tournament semi-finals. Buena dominated this match up, scoring 30 in the first quarter to set the tone for what would end up being a blow out. Sierra Vista had five players score in double figures and one more with 9. The total team effort by the Colts was very impressive. The next morning, Rincon met up with Burbank High School in the third-place game. In the best game of the weekend, Rincon came up just short as Burbank scored with 1.5 seconds left to win by two. The Rangers had five players score ten or more points. Notes: Ironwood Ridge beat Buena in the championship game 68-61; Ironwood Ridge center Austin Smith was named MVP; Gilbert Tafoya was named to the All-Tournament team.

Tonight's Matchup:

Welcome back! While this school year is only two days old, Rincon will need to be fully back in the swing of things for these next two weeks. The Rangers battle Casa Grande, Tucson, Ridge, Salpointe, and Buena in the course of the next 14 days. Tonight, the foe will be the ultra-athletic Cougars of Casa Grande, led by guards Anson Schenk and Armando Vasquez, both of whom are averaging 18.6 points per game. CG will let it fire at will. It is easy to see how when the Cougars are on, they are tough to beat (including a victory against Tucson High). But if they go cold (as they did against Salpointe and Buena) they can get blown out. If the Rangers show commitment on the defensive end tonight, they should be able to start the new year off on the right foot

Leaders At The Break:

Points

Tafoya 18.9
Henry 10.3
Foster 9.0

Assists

Timmons 3.1
Henry 2.8
Martinez 2.2

Blocks

Perry 0.8
Martinez 0.6
Gonzalez 0.2

Rebounds

Tafoya 10.5
Foster 4.9
Perry 4.5

Steals

Martinez 1.6
Tafoya 1.5
Henry 1.4

FT%

Gonzalez 75
Stair 75
Foster 71