

The Ranger Gameday

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5 Juan Pablo Favela
10 Conor Kingston
12 Rene Luna
20 Nick Mata
22 Nate Foster
23 JC Gonzalez
30 Billy Morrison
31 Gilbert Tafoya
33 Eli Foy
40 Josh Smith
42 Jose Ibarra

Buena

10 James Smith
12 Daniel Chavez
14 Jarom Shaver
20 Devonte Malcolm
22 Cole Colvin
24 Anthony Miller
30 Derek Lane
32 D'che Milburn
34 Julio Beswick
40 Zach Jenny
42 Ricky Shear
44 Deandre Little
50 Merle Branch
52 Casey MacKin
54 Parker Dalrymple



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**SIERRA VISTA BUENA COLTS (10-5)
Vs.
RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (13-2)**

Alvarez Tire Holiday Hoops Classic:

The Rangers started out their second tournament of the season last Monday afternoon. The setup was six pools of three and Rincon opened with the power points 3rd ranked team in 4A-II, the Notre Dame Saints. Gilbert Tafoya and Travis Timmons combined for 38 points, but it was the Rangers defense that made the difference. Holding the Saint's leading scorer to 2 points and totaling 15 steals, Rincon was able to build a 21-point lead after three quarters and cruise to a 54-40 win. Later that night, the Rangers met up with Marana. While Seth Wilson led the Tigers with 15 points, Rincon's JC Gonzalez put up a game high 18 and Timmons and Tafoya continued to do work; both finished with double doubles. Timmons had 14 points, 10 assists and Tafoya had 13 points, 14 rebounds in the 77-49 victory. On Tuesday, the teams were repooled (the six pool winners into two 3-team pools) and the Rangers started their morning with a matchup against Perry, the power points 4th place team in 4A-II. Tafoya had a beastly game, totaling 23 points and 20 rebounds and carrying Rincon 52-47. Poor free throw shooting down the stretch almost cost the Rangers the game but the Pumas complied with missed attempts of their own. Timmons also contributed 10 points and 8 assists. That set up a nightcap with host Bradshaw Mountain with a spot in the finals on the line and wow was Rincon ready. After grabbing a 14-9 lead after one quarter, the Rangers pounded the Bears 25-3 in the second period and sailed to the 67-34 blowout. Tafoya (20 points, 10 rebounds) and Timmons (10 points, 12 steals) along with more great defense (15 steals, 20 deflections) paved the way to a championship match up with Cimarron, Nevada. Tafoya and Timmons had 23 and 16 points respectively there, helping to claim the title for the Rangers. Timmons was named Tournament MVP while Tafoya made the All-Tournament Team. Not too bad overall considering Rincon was missing leading scorer Juan Pablo Favela and three others.

Tonight's Matchup:

With the departures of do everything point guard Mike Grayson and big man Brandon MacLellan, this year's version of the Colts was expected to be a handoff to returners Derek Lane and Casey MacKin. However, with Lane out most of the first semester with injury and MacKin failing to step forward into a bigger role, it has been senior Cole Colvin that has led Buena in scoring this season. Many other players including Daniel Chavez and Anthony Miller are contributing around 9 points per game but there really is no single player that the Rangers must key on. That isn't to say the Colts aren't dangerous; their only two regular season losses have come against Gilbert and Mesquite, both ranked in the top seven of 5A-I. Welcome to January basketball.

Leaders At The Break:

Points

Favela 18.2
Timmons 14.4
Tafoya 12.3

Assists

Timmons 7.8
Favela 4.2
Morrison 1.2

Blocks

Timmons 0.7
Mata 0.5
Morrison 0.5

Rebounds

Tafoya 7.6
Favela 5.0
Morrison 4.2

Steals

Favela 2.8
Timmons 2.6
Kingston 2.0

FT%

Favela 77
Kingston 75
Luna 75

Next Home Game: Thursday 1/8 vs Mountain View