

The Ranger Gameday

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CATALINA Foothills FALCONS (6-1)
VS.
RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (5-2)

Tonight's Matchup:

Less than a week ago: 30% field goal percentage, 25 turnovers, 31 fouls leading to 44 free throw attempts. These were Rincon's stats Saturday night in the Salpointe Tip Off Classic third place game. Sounds like they add up to a 30-point blowout loss. But in reality, with the Rangers playing their worst game of the year so far, Catalina Foothills was only able to manage an 8-point victory. Give credit to the Falcons, who were able to take Rincon out of rhythm all night long; however, the Rangers have to come into tonight's game still believing they are the favorites. It is unlikely Rincon will be held to 46 points again (they have averaged 75.5 in the other 6 games), while Foothills will probably score at about their season average in the mid-50s. Rangers win this rematch.

Rincon 80 Marcos 53

Close after one quarter, big lead at the half after second quarter run, another big run to start the second half, control the rest of the game and cruise to an easy victory. Feel like déjà vu? That's because this is getting to be a trend. In the same fashion that Rincon beat Cienega and Mt View last week and Sahuarita Tuesday, the Rangers dominated the host Padres of Marcos de Niza last night in Tempe. Guards Travis Timmons and Juan Pablo Favela set the pace, each scoring 16 before sitting the final 12 minutes of the game. Sophomore Billy Morrison took over from there, scoring a game high 18 points. For the second game in a row, Rincon had all but one player score. It certainly feels like the Rangers are clicking and are back on the right path after the two losses last weekend.

Sahuarita 56 Rincon 87

Tuesday night, the Rangers came out hot and blew the visiting Mustangs out of the gym. After leading 19-12 at the end of the first period, Rincon caught fire in the second quarter, led by the three point shooting of JC Gonzalez. The senior guard made 3 three pointers in the quarter. The Ranger defense held Sahuarita to only 9 points in the quarter and was able to create transition opportunities that lead to fast break points. Rincon lead 51-21 at the start of the second half and stretched the lead to as much as 41 midway through the third quarter. The Rangers, led in scoring by the 25 of Gonzalez, put up a season high 87 points in their regular season opener. Gonzalez also pulled down 9 boards while point guard Travis Timmons contributed 10 assists.

Freshman/JV Teams

The Ranger freshman are 2-0 after a 21 point victory over Sahuarita and a 3 point win at Marcos de Niza. Greg Vinueza leads the Freshman in scoring. He had 12 last night after sitting out Tuesday. Alex Overson is next with 9.5 ppg and Dylan Hidalgo is contributing 4.5 assists per game. The defensive pressure (22.5 deflections and 13.5 steals per game) has been the key to the good start by the youngest Rangers. Meanwhile, the JV team sits at 1-1 after giving up a lead last night to Marcos de Niza. Brian Huff is averaging 22.5 ppg and Jonathon Matthews is averaging a double double with 11 points, 10 rebounds per game. The good news: the starters average 61.5 ppg. The bad news: the bench is averaging 2.5 ppg. They will need better contributions to be successful this year

Next Home Game: Tuesday 1/6/09 vs Buena