

# Ranger Gameday: Senior Night Edition

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*Last Meeting - January 21, 2009: Rincon/University 59 Ironwood Ridge 77*

**IRONWOOD RIDGE NIGHTHAWKS (22-4)  
VS.  
RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (21-6)**

## Tonight's Matchup:

4 weeks ago, the Nighthawks were pumped to play the Rangers after being embarrassed by Santa Rita. They caught Rincon on a streak of playing poorly and never let them in the game. Today's contest will be much different. The Rangers are back to the good basketball they played early in the season. Ironwood Ridge has won the region and has essentially nothing to play for, while Rincon may need this win to hold onto the 4 seed (Boulder Creek plays tomorrow). While Brandon Duliakas and Chad Carter were too much to handle the first time, the Ranger big men are playing as well as they have all year, including Jose Ibarra who was unavailable for the first matchup, but has come on as of late. This is a good test for Rincon as they prepare for the region and state tournament.

## Casa Grande 69 Rincon 81

Another game, another crucial victory. Last year, the Rangers were in the top eight of power points, poised to host a state playoff game, until the last week of the season. If there was a glaring reason for their drop, it was two losses to Casa Grande, who finished 9-17. This year, Rincon made no such error and beat the visiting Cougars for the second time. Gilbert Tafoya had another big night (23 points and 11 rebounds) while Juan Pablo Favela had 21. Travis Timmons continued to run the show and dished off another 10 assists while Jose Ibarra had another good showing with a season-high 12 points. Casa Grande, Tucson, Salpointe, Mt View, and Sunnyside will need to win the region tournament to advance to state. Rincon, Ridge, and Buena are already in

## 5A-II Power Points

<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Ironwood Ridge	15-2	119.81
2. North	15-2	118.89
3. Central	14-3	113.89
4. Rincon	13-4	105.14
5. Boulder Creek	13-4	99.44
6. La Joya	12-6	96.67
7. Yuma	13-3	93.06
8. Ironwood	10-7	87.78
9. Pinnacle	10-6	86.94
10. Tolleson	10-7	86.67
11. Camelback	8-9	85.83
12. South Mountain	7-10	84.17
13. Willow Canyon	10-6	83.61
14. Marcos de Niza	8-9	82.75
15. Kofa	9-7	81.76
16. Carl Hayden	6-11	76.94

## Rincon 71 Tucson 67

In the first half, the Rangers looked untouchable. Travis Timmons drove the lane and converted, JC Gonzalez knocked down two big threes, Conor Kingston got loose and scored a couple of buckets, and Gilbert Tafoya and Jose Ibarra controlled the paint. At the same time, Tucson's leading scorers Shakir Smith and Sama Taku were held to 6 points combined on 3-13 shooting. Rincon took a 40-27 lead into the break. However, the second half was a different story. The Badgers turned up the intensity, switching between a half court and full court press. The Rangers made turnovers that led directly to baskets and allowed Tucson to climb back into the game (and even to the lead with two minutes to go). But Rincon overcame and made some late plays to escape with the W.

**Next Home Game: Thursday 2/26 vs TBD (1<sup>st</sup> Round State Playoffs)**



#4 Travis Timmons  
 Position: Guard Height: 5-11 Weight: 145  
 Born: February 21, 1991 Birthplace: Tucson, Arizona  
 Middle School: Fickett High School: Rincon Year: Senior  
 Favorite Food: Mom's french toast, eggs, and bacon  
 Favorite Music: Rap Favorite Artist: Lil Wayne  
 TV: College football and basketball Movie: Happy Gilmore  
 Likes listening to music, relaxing, hanging out with friends and family  
 5 time AAU state champion (Sporting Chance)  
 2 time TUSD city champion (Fickett)



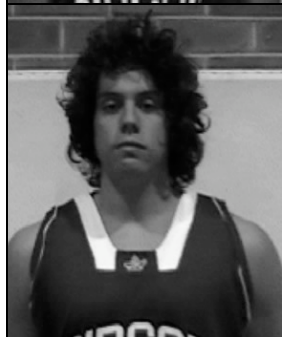
#23 JC Gonzalez  
 Position: Guard Height: 5-11 Weight: 185  
 Born: November 1, 1990 Birthplace: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico  
 Middle School: Doolen High School: Rincon Year: Senior  
 Favorite Food: Pizza  
 Favorite TV Show: House of Payne  
 Favorite Movie: Space Jam  
 2 Hispanic Awards for Volunteering  
 Academic Reaching for the Stars Award (2005)  
 Down Under Sports Team Arizona Nominee



#31 Gilbert Tafoya  
 Position: Forward Height: 6-2 Weight: 240  
 Born: November 11, 1990 Birthplace: Tucson, Arizona  
 Middle School: Townsend High School: Rincon Year: Senior  
 Favorite Sport: Track 3 Time Most Valuable Thrower 2nd Team All Region  
 Favorite Food: My girlfriend's mom's spaghetti  
 Favorite Music: Everything  
 Favorite College Team: Stanford  
 Favorite NFL Team: St. Louis Rams  
 "Gilbert Time. I am a strong beast"



#33 Eli Foy  
 Position: Forward Height: 6-2 Weight: 170  
 Born: June 26, 1991 Birthplace: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands  
 Middle School: Secrist/Vail High School: Rincon Year: Senior  
 Other Sports/Activities: Track and Field, Volleyball, and Drumline  
 Back to Back Track and Field MVP  
 Favorite Music: Rap and Reggae



#42 Jose Ibarra  
 Position: Forward Height: 6-3 Weight: 215  
 Born: May 15, 1990 Birthplace: Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico  
 Middle School: Colegio Enrique Arreguin High School: Rincon Year: Senior  
 Favorite Food: Tacos  
 Favorite Music: Rap  
 Favorite TV Show: Family Guy  
 Favorite Movie: The Godfather

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