

The Ranger Gameday

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Last Meeting - November 27, 2007: Rincon/University 64 Sahuarita 67

SAHUARITA MUSTANGS (1-1)

Vs.

RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (3-2)

Tonight's Matchup:

In their first year in the 4A conference, the Mustangs took second in the Gila Region last season behind eventual state runner up Santa Rita. However this season may be a little tougher. With the departure of leading scorer Chris Rieman and others, Sahuarita is left with only four returners (two of which logged any real minutes last year). While Allonte Singfield and Daniel Conorque combined for 19 points in the match up with the Rangers last year, the Mustangs will depend on much more from them if they wish to contend again tonight. Expect the Rincon guards to be too much for Sahuarita to handle and for the home team to notch the first regular season game in the win column.

This Year's Team:

Of the 10 underclassmen on last year's roster, only half remain this season. Seniors Travis Timmons, Nate Foster, JC Gonzalez, Gilbert Tafoya, and Eli Foy will be the leaders of this version of the Rangers. Rincon will also count on JV move ups Juniors Mike Cardella, Conor Kingston, Rene Luna, Nick Mata, and Sophomore Billy Morrison. Also adding to the team this year are transfers Juan Pablo Favela (Junior) and Jose Ibarra (Senior) from Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico. Don't be fooled by the 12-man roster; the Rangers are deep at every position and will be able to put pressure on teams by pushing the tempo. While this Rincon team is getting little notice now, all that matters is in February.

Salpointe Tip Off Classic:

Last Monday morning, the Arizona Daily Star printed that Buena was the most likely local team to win the Salpointe Tournament. Less than 24 hours later, Buena was 0-1 as they fell 73-72 to Rincon in the opening game of the season. Travis Timmons, Juan Pablo Favela, Nate Foster and JC Gonzalez all scored double digits for the Rangers. Rincon followed with a convincing win over 4A power, Cienega. The Rangers jumped out to a 22-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back. While Favela lead all scorers with 26, the story of the game was the triple double (11 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists) of point guard Travis Timmons. Sophomore Billy Morrison also added 14 points and 7 rebounds. In the final pool game, Rincon started out slow, but had a strong fourth quarter to claim a 21-point victory over Mountain View. While Timmons and Favela continued to score, the emergence of Gilbert Tafoya as a factor was what this game was all about. If the Rangers are going to make a playoff run later this year, he will have to play a big role. The weekend was less kind to Rincon however, with losses to Basha and Catalina Foothills. In both games, the Rangers were in constant foul trouble and were unable to keep their opponents field goal percentage down. Rincon also had turnover problems and yet with all these issues, still lost each game by less than 10. The Rangers finished the tournament in 4th place out of 16 teams.



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Next Home Game: Friday 12/5 vs Catalina Foothills