

The Ranger Gameday

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Last Meeting - December 12, 2008: Rincon/University 70 Salpointe 52

SALPOINTE LANCERS (8-12)

Vs.

RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (17-4)

Tonight's Matchup:

Tonight begins the second time through against 5A Southern opponents. In the earlier meeting this season, Salpointe's leading scorer, guard Frank Kalil (averaging 15.1 points per game) was held in check by Rincon's Conor Kingston. Kalil totaled only 7 points on 2-11 shooting from the field. Sophomores Emilio Acedo and Colby Weaver stepped up to lead the Lancers with a combined effort of 21, but the Rangers prevailed 70-52. Tonight, Salpointe will have to try something different if they are going to stick in the game. See if they will come out in a 1-3-1 zone to try to slow the pace a little bit and limit possessions. The problem for them is that their offense is built to run and gun, which plays right into Rincon's hands, giving the Rangers opportunities to fast break

Rincon 59 Ironwood Ridge 77

After losing big on Monday to Santa Rita at the McKale Center, Ironwood Ridge did exactly what a good team should do, put it behind them and move on. The Nighthawks came out of the gates strong and put the visiting Rangers on their heels. After storming out to a 21-11 lead at the end of the first quarter and pushing it to a 17 point lead at the half, Ridge never let Rincon back within 15. Posts Chad Carter and Brandon Duliakas caused lots of problems, scoring 40 points combined, but more importantly clogging the lane defensively. When Rangers weren't getting blocked, they had to alter their shots into low percentage attempts. Credit should be given to Gilbert Tafoya who was up to the challenge and scored 23, but he alone was not enough to hold Rincon in it

Tucson 62 Rincon 66

25 turnovers is not a stat that usually leads to victory. But that is what happens when you play an ultra-athletic team like Tucson High. The price they pay though is often being out of position and giving up many easy baskets. The Rangers were able to shoot 23-48 (48%) from the field, which was just enough to pull out the win. Juan Pablo Favela led all scorers with 24 on only 10 field goal attempts. Travis Timmons broke down the Badger defense late and dished off some of his 10 assists to Gilbert Tafoya who scored 22 on only 14 shots. This efficiency once getting past the front line of defenders was what carried Rincon, who led almost the entire game after getting off to a 21-9 start. The crowd, by far the biggest so far, made a difference down the stretch with their energy

Region Records:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>
Buena	4-0	9-3
Salpointe	1-2	3-8
Casa Grande	1-2	6-5
Tucson	1-3	2-10
Ridge	3-0	9-2
Rincon	2-1	9-2
Mt. View	1-2	2-9
Sunnyside	0-3	2-9

Next Home Game: Wednesday 2/4 vs Sunnyside