

# The Ranger Gameday

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*Last Meeting - February 5, 2008: Tucson 75 Rincon/University 55*

**TUCSON HIGH BADGERS (4-12)**

**VS.**

**RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (16-3)**

## **Tonight's Matchup:**

For the second consecutive year, this contest will be one of experience versus youth. Last year, the top six players (all seniors) for the Badgers were too much to handle. But now, with their graduation, only two key seniors remain and Tucson is being lead in scoring by Juniors Sama Taku and Troy Bradshaw along with Sophomore Shakir Smith. On the other side of the ball, Seniors Travis Timmons, Gilbert Tafoya, and JC Gonzalez are now the veterans poised to make a deep run in their last year. While this isn't a region game, the Rangers need every win they can get to gain power points and finish in the top four teams to guarantee themselves two playoff games at home. Truthfully, this game is as important as any, Rincon has much bigger aspirations than just a region title

## **Sunnyside 66 Rincon 75**

It's not easy to play region games on back-to-back nights. However, Rincon was up to the task as they brought enough game last Friday night to defeat the host Blue Devils despite their hot shooting. Sunnyside totaled 15 three pointers on only 30 attempts let by Ryan Rosthenhausler who had 8 made on his own. The Rangers, shot pretty well themselves though (8 for 18). Juan Pablo Favela kept them in the game early with scoring against a 2-3 zone to weather the storm of Blue Devil threes. In the third quarter, JC Gonzalez took over, hitting two of his four three pointers and getting to the free throw line nine times, making six. In the end, Sunnyside didn't have enough weapons, but don't be surprised if they pick up a region win somewhere on a night they're on

## **Mt View 60 Rincon 68**

A week ago tonight, the Rangers opened up Southern Region play with a home matchup with the Mountain Lions. Rincon didn't need to stop Aaron Anderson but simply to keep him in check. That they did, holding him to 17 points while the three headed Ranger monster (Travis Timmons, Juan Pablo Favela, and Gilbert Tafoya) scored 17 each. Rincon combined to go 17-23 from the line to seal the deal and move to 1-0 in region play. They will have to travel to Mountain View on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month but it is unlikely they will be upset. The Rangers scored right at their average (68 points per game) and the Mountain Lions scored 12 above their average (48 points per game) and yet they could still not keep up with Rincon. They just don't have the firepower,

## **Rincon 82 Casa Grande 79**

After an hour and a half bus ride and sitting in the bleachers for three more hours, the Rangers were slow out of the gates to say the least. While Travis Timmons and Juan Pablo Favela were able to break the Cougar's press, Rincon failed to convert on opportunities. Missed layups and free throws, along with some early threes by Casa Grande put the Rangers in a hole. In the second half, Timmons and Favela continued to cut up the Cougar defense and this time finished on their own. Both had 20 points in the match including Timmon's 8-9 performance from the stripe. The spark for the Rangers was JC Gonzalez who took it strong to the basket when Rincon was in desperate need of points. He ended with a game high 23.

*Next Home Game: Friday 1/23 vs Salpointe Catholic*