

# Ranger Gameday: Senior Night Edition

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*Last Meeting - January 15, 2010: Tucson 71 Rincon/University 65*

**TUCSON BADGERS (15-8)**

**Vs.**

**RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (16-10)**

## **Tonight's Matchup:**

2 weeks ago, the Rangers were on a four game losing streak and in danger of finishing last in the 5A Southern Region, which would mean missing the region tournament. The state tournament was even more in doubt. How quickly things change. Rincon is now on a four game winning streak and has bounced back to .500 in the region. They will play in the region tournament next week and now sit at 8<sup>th</sup> in state power points, almost guaranteed another appearance in the state tournament. Now they face the top two teams in the Southern Region. Before going to Ironwood Ridge on Friday, the Rangers host Tucson High tonight. The Badgers have won their last 2 and 8 of their last 10. Rincon must contain Shakir Smith and Sama Taku to have a chance to keep their streak alive

## **Rincon 58 Buena 41**

The Rangers had beaten the Colts twice already this year, but beating a team three times in a year can be very difficult. Over the years, Sierra Vista has been a very tough place to get a road victory. The bus ride is long and after sitting in the bleachers for 3 hours, it is easy to start slow. This was not the case last Tuesday. The score was 2-2. Two minutes later, Buena took a timeout at 12-2. Another timeout at 16-2. There was an officials timeout at 20-2. Buena took another timeout at 26-2. And at the quarter, it was 31-2. Some nights, there is nothing the other team can do. Rincon missed two first quarter shots, one of which got rebounded and stuck back. On the other end the Colts were stymied. The Rangers forced turnovers and bad shots. Just one of those nights

## **Rincon 77 Flowing Wells 50**

Flowing Wells threw everything they could at the Rangers, but in the end in made little difference. The Caballeros tried many different defenses, most in attempt to take away Juan Pablo Favela. Flowing Wells was able to hold Favela to only 12 points, but the other Rangers did just fine. Billy Morrison had 25 points. Another strong performance after his 14 point, 18 rebound game at Buena. Jose Camargo also contributed 11 points. On the other end, only one player finished in double figures for Flowing Wells, much of which came after the game was out of hand. Many different players are contributing for the Rangers on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. It appears that Rincon is coming together at the right time of the year.

## **Rincon 55 Salpointe 48**

For the third time this season, the Rangers held a second half lead on the Lancers. This time, however, they finished. Rincon held Salpointe's Junior pair of Emilio Acedo and Colby Weaver to a combined 18 points. And while the Lancers did their best to keep the score low, Juan Pablo Favela finished with 18 of his own. Dylan Hidalgo and Ivan Gonzalez stepped up and scored 9 each and Billy Morrison chipped in 7 and pulled down 10 important boards. In one week, the Rangers avenged region losses to both Salpointe and Sunnyside and in doing so, repositioned themselves in the region. Rincon has also beaten Mountain View and Buena this year, leaving only Tucson and Ironwood Ridge as 5A Southern teams that they have left to beat

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