

The Ranger Gameday

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4 Dylan Hidalgo
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42 Jose Camargo

Girls' Roster

Ashley Chaney
Aleya Islas
Briana Monteverde
Alexis Mort
Alyssa Mort
Jocelyn Olsen
Sherri Saunders
Aja Young

YUMA CRIMINALS (0-1)

VS.

RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (4-3)

Tonight's Matchup:

Double-header tonight. Girls: Yuma returns only two players from last year's team that went 2-17. Yuma is 0-2 so far this year and reportedly has no players over 5'9" on their roster. Boys: Last year's Yuma team finished a very respectable 28-6, even winning a state playoff game before falling in the quarterfinals. Unfortunately for this year's team, no one was a part of last year's success. All of last year's players graduated and Coach Louie Pisano was let go at the end of last year. The Criminals have played only one game so far and it was a 52-22 loss to Yuma Kofa. The Rangers should be able to score often down low, so posts, Jose Camargo and Billy Morrison could be in line for big nights. Expect two very lopsided wins tonight for Rincon.

Rincon 84 Sahuaro 62

The Rangers began the regular season with a solid win over the visiting Cougars. While Sahuaro hung around for a while, the game never appeared to be in question. Juan Pablo Favela led Rincon in scoring, but the story of the night was the breakout performance of Jose Camargo. The forward had a season high 18 points and 15 rebounds as he dominated the paint. The Cougars' star, Dior Ford, contributed a solid 15, but it wasn't nearly enough. Rincon's Billy Morrison had another nice effort with 15 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 steals, while Ivan Gonzalez added 11. For power points sake, we now have to hope that Sahuaro wins a couple of games in the weak 4A Kino region. Every win they get adds 5 points to our power point total, which is used for state playoff seeding

Palo Verde 75 Rincon 73

Last night, the Rangers traveled to Palo Verde High School for what should be their toughest non-region contest. The Titans start four seniors and will contend against Amphi and Santa Rita for the 4A Gila Region title. Palo Verde jumped out to an early 9-2 lead and the Rangers spent the rest of the half getting back into the game. Rincon, led by Juan Pablo Favela's 25 and Billy Morrison's 21, took the lead on numerous occasions in the second half but were never able to extend that lead beyond one point. The Titans had a balanced effort with Derrian Coleman, DeVante Harkins, and Bryce Cotton having 18, 16, and 15 points respectively. Favela hit two big threes late to give the Rangers a chance, but Palo Verde finished by making their final 14 free throws to ice the game.

Freshman/JV Teams

The Ranger Freshman are 2-0 after back-to-back blowout victories over Sahuaro and Palo Verde. Asha Esprit leads the team in scoring at 9.5 per game, but both games have been balanced efforts and the freshmen currently have 7 players averaging at least 6 ppg. More importantly, they have shut down their opponents defensively. Combined the freshmen have outscored Sahuaro and Palo Verde 132-48. The JV team is off to a tough start at 0-2. They came close last night at Palo Verde but ended up on the wrong end of a 55-49 game. Junior, Enrique Garcia, is leading the JV team in points at 12.5 per game. They will need to improve upon their 35% shooting percentage and 20+ turnovers per game to contend this season. They have a lot of talent, but it is yet to come together.



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