

The Ranger Gameday

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**MT VIEW MOUNTAIN LIONS (0-4)
Vs.
RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (3-6)**

Tonight's Matchup:

The Rangers ride a two game win streak into tonight's game, while the Mountain Lions are just trying to get their first win this season. In this, the first matchup of Southern Region play, Rincon will have to take advantage of a Mountain View team that seems to be reeling from the loss of center Demetrius Morant, who led the Mountain Lions in scoring and rebounding last year as a sophomore before moving away. They are now being led in scoring by Zach Carter (7.3 ppg) and Jake Fleetwood (7.0 pps). The Rangers need wins tonight and tomorrow at Sunnyside to start the year off on the right foot. They will then have a break until the Holiday Classic in Prescott Valley right before New Years.

Rincon 82 Vista Grande 47:

In the first ever matchup against the Vista Grande Spartans, the Rangers set a good precedent, putting pressure on early and never looking back. Dylan Hidalgo got Rincon started with a pick and layup that set the tempo for the game. He finished with 16 points on 7-8 shooting. Billy Morrison led the Rangers in scoring with 26 points on 11-17 shooting. The Spartans looked overwhelmed as this is their first year of official varsity competition. All ten Rangers scored in a balanced attack Vista Grande just couldn't handle. This was also the Rangers first sweep of the year as the Freshmen (1-2) won 66-42 and the JV (2-1) squad got a 47-38 victory.

5A Southern Region Preview:

In the three years this region has had these teams, it has been all Ironwood Ridge. But with the departure of Jan Mahlen, the Nighthawks will have to play without a 6'8" or bigger player for the first time since 2005. They have started the year 5-3 but will now be getting Tyler D'Amore and Mitch Fischer, who have yet to play because their football season was still rolling. They open up region play tonight against Sierra Vista Buena, who may be the preseason favorites in this region. Last year this preview said the Colts might be a year away. Well, here they are 7-1 with four players, seniors Devonte Malcolm and Merle Branch and juniors Marcus Mears and Mark Matthews all scoring in double figures. That one loss, however, came against the team that has set out early to prove a point in this league, Salpointe. Clearly the most veteran team here, the Lancers are led by seniors Emilio Acedo and Colby Weaver, who are combining to score over 36 points per game. Returning junior Talbott Denny is also adding 10.5 ppg. Salpointe looked very impressive winning their preseason tournament. Tucson, on the other hand, did not play in a tournament and has quietly started 3-0. They are the dark horse in this group with returning region player of the year Shakir Smith averaging 22 a game so far. Rincon now is the young team that needs to improve if they want to mix it up this season, but they appear to be moving the right way. Mountain View and Sunnyside round it out.



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Next Home Game: Tuesday 1/4/11 vs CDO