The Ranger Gameday

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SUNNYSIDE BLUE DEVILS (5-15) Vs.

RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (11-11)

Tonight's Matchup:

The Rangers need tonight's game to move within half a game of first place behind idle Buena in the Southern Region. Rincon finishes with a brutal stretch against Salpointe, Buena (2X), Tucson, and Ridge. The Blue Devils look to play spoiler. The first meeting between these teams was close throughout, until the Rangers stretched it out at the end. Raul Castro led Sunnyside with 23 points, but the Blue Devils don't have a main guy to key on. Rather, they rely on a balanced attack including lots of deep range shooting. Sunnyside will likely play some 2-3 zone to try to negate some of the size disadvantage they will face tonight. The Rangers need to be patient on offensive and do work in the paint and on the boards in order to secure this contest.

Rincon 83 Ridge 76 OT

The Rangers ended a 9-game losing streak against the host Nighthawks last Tuesday, but only barely. With a seven-point lead and a minute and a half remaining, Rincon had a minor melt down and gave up a 10-0 run before Dylan Hidalgo saved the day with a three-point play in the final seconds. The Rangers cruised in overtime on the backs of Asha Esprit's 26 points and Billy Morrison's 25. Both players had double digit rebounds as well (Esprit 11, Morrison 17). Morrison also added 8 assists. This was a complete team effort with Jay Bowser, Dylan Hidalgo, and Hasan Tucker each scoring at least 8 and Fred Cox dishing out 7 assists while holding Ironwood Ridge shooter, Tyler D'Amore to only 11 points. The Rangers will host the Nighthawks on senior night, February 11th.

Rincon 60 Mt View 46

Not much pretty about this one, but the Rangers built a lead and hung on for another solid region victory. The Rangers are now 5-1 in region play, trailing only Buena (6-0). Billy Morrison filled the stat sheet again on Friday, scoring a game-high 21 points while also totaling 8 rebounds, 8 assists, and 5 steals. Asha Esprit chipped in 14 points. Zach Carter's 16 on 8-9 FG shooting led the Mountain Lions while Dominic Balsino had 16 as well. However, Mountain View was again outmatched and dropped to 1-6 in region play, ahead of only Sunnyside (0-6) and trailing Ironwood Ridge (3-4) and Tucson (2-3). A big question for the rest of region play is the health of Salpointe (4-1) star, Emilio Acedo who was injured in last week's game against Buena.

Salpointe 77 Rincon 46

Last Monday at McKale Center, the Lancers embarrassed the Rangers as part of the Martin Luther King Day games. Rincon got out to a sluggish start, scoring only six points in the opening quarter, but managed to hold Salpointe to eleven and remain in the game. However, the Lancers, led by senior guard Emilio Acedo (12 points) stretched the lead to 34-18 at the half. From that point, senior forward Colby Weaver took over. He scored 20 of his game-high 33 points in the third and put the game away. Dylan Hidalgo had 16 and Billy Morrison had 11 for the Rangers but they combined to go 5-27 from the floor. This result was surprising considering Rincon had played Salpointe within six earlier in the year. The Rangers get one more shot at the Lancers this Friday at Salpointe.