

# The Ranger Gameday

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## Rincon/University

3 Joe Mueller  
4 Jason Chamberlain  
5 Kevionte Alexander  
10 Mack Flaherty  
11 Jesus Nunez  
12 Corey Bullock  
20 Michael Bernal  
21 Juan Figueroa  
22 Charles Muse  
23 Brendan Rumel  
30 Elijah Wesley  
32 Michael Miranda  
33 Asha Esprit  
42 David Kerry

## Nogales

1 Anibal Montoya  
3 Kevin Lucero  
5 Charlie Jimenez  
10 Max Verdugo  
11 Marcel Renteria  
12 Andres Marquez  
13 Miguel Corrales  
20 Juan Sanchez  
21 Chris Urquidez  
23 Miguel Navarro  
25 Bryan Cervantes  
30 Mike Lopez  
31 Fernando Parra  
40 Rene Garcia  
55 Juan Barnett

*Last Meeting - January 16, 2012: Nogales 69 Rincon/University 57*

**NOGALES APACHES (14-3)**

**Vs.**

**RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (11-9)**

## **Tonight's Matchup:**

Nogales finished as the runner-up in the Salpointe Tip Off Classic at the beginning of the year and dropped two games in the Phoenix Union Holiday Tournament, but other than that remain unscathed. The Apaches come into tonight's game undefeated (9-0) in regular season games, albeit against a very weak schedule. They currently sit as the fourth ranked team in the state in Division II, with their only quality win being a one-point victory at home versus Cienega. This will be the Apaches toughest road test so far. They are led by senior swingman Bryan Cervantes, but expect them to put multiple players on the floor that will look to run and gun for 32 minutes.

## **Rincon 66 Cienega 61:**

In a game that swung back and forth, the Rangers got the final blow to even the season series against the visiting Bobcats. Cienega jumped out to a 10-0 lead before Rincon woke up and dominated the second quarter en route to a nine-point halftime lead. However, the Bobcats chipped away and eventually took a small lead in the fourth quarter before Asha Esprit hit a three to even the score at 52. After the Bobcats scored three free throws, it was Michael Miranda who saved the day with a three with 3.2 seconds remaining. Jesus Nunez iced the game in overtime with four straight free throws to put it out of reach. Kevionte Alexander led Rincon in scoring with 20 and Esprit had 19.

## **Holiday Hoops Classic:**

The Rangers travelled again to Prescott Valley during the holiday break to participate in Bradshaw Mountain's annual tournament. Despite leading all but the last 10 seconds of their opening contest, Rincon fell to Notre Dame 50-48. This was the first pool play loss in six years in this tournament for the Rangers. Asha Esprit scored 17 and Michael Miranda scored 16 but turnovers at the end of the game proved costly. Rincon turned it around in the final two pool games, first beating Moon Valley 64-59 with Esprit scoring 21 and then beating Prescott 55-54 in a hotly contested overtime game. Esprit scored 20 points on only 8 field goal attempts while Kevionte Alexander chipped in 13. The 2-1 record moved Rincon to the secondary bracket where they would compete for the consolation championship. The Rangers dominated Cibola in a 55-42 win in the first game of bracket play. The Rangers got great play from Freshman Brendan Rumel who scored 8 on 4-5 shooting, while backing up Esprit, who had 18. However, the Rangers finished the tournament with a performance to forget, dropping the consolation championship game 51-28 to Mesa Westwood. Asha Esprit was named to the All-Tournament Team and Scottsdale Chaparral beat Gilbert Perry by two in overtime to capture the tournament championship.



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*Next Home Game: Tuesday 1/15 vs Tucson High*