

The Ranger Gameday

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SUNNYSIDE BLUE DEVILS (3-1)
VS.
RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (2-3)

Tonight's Matchup:

While it may be the first regular season game of the year, its an important one for two teams with state tournament aspirations. Power points begin today and a victory here means as much as a victory in late January. The Blue Devils will try to push the pace tonight. Seniors Raul Castro and Pedro Muniz are both averaging over 15 points per game for a Sunnyside team that is averaging 65 points a contest. Rincon however has only cracked that amount of points once in five matches and will need to have a good defensive showing tonight. The Rangers advantage will be in the paint as 6'6" Asha Esprit has at least two inches on everyone on the Blue Devil roster.

Season Preview:

The Rangers finished 19-10 with a state tournament appearance last season and now fill 9 of their 14 roster spots with seniors, centered around Asha Esprit. This is an experienced Rincon group that has 12 combined years of Varsity play coming into this season. Juniors Jason Chamberlain and Jesus Nunez, Sophomore Juan Figueroa, and Freshmen Brendan Rumel and David Kerry are the future of the program but are also expected to play crucial roles this season. The Rangers play Sabino, Sahuaro, CDO, and Nogales once and will face section opponents Sunnyside, Marana, Cienega, Ironwood Ridge, Mountain View, Desert View, and Tucson twice.

Salpointe Tip Off Classic:

The Rangers season started off on a sour note as Catalina Foothills beat the Rincon 75-44 in the opening game of the Thanksgiving week tournament. The Rangers were unable to control the Falcons, who shot over 60% from the floor. Asha Esprit led the Rangers with 19 points and Kevionte Alexander chipped in 12 points and 6 assists. Rincon got it rolling the next night with an 87-59 win against Amphi in which Alexander, Michael Miranda, and Esprit each went for over 20. Esprit grabbed 10 boards for his first double-double of the season and the two guards combined for 10 assists. Alexander also had 6 steals. The Rangers followed it up with a 61-46 win over Sabino in which Esprit went for 23 points and 8 rebounds. Rincon finished pool play 2-1 and moved to the second place bracket where they faced Chandler on Friday. The Wolves prevailed 54-46 despite Esprit's monster night of 26 points and 16 boards. The rest of the Rangers combined to go 7-33 from the field. In the final game of the tournament, Rincon fell to Scottsdale Saguaro 57-56 after trailing 41-21 at the half. The second half comeback was again powered by Esprit who went for a career-high 32 points and 12 rebounds. Jesus Nunez had his best game of the tournament adding 7 points and 9 rebounds while Miranda dined out 10 assists. Asha Esprit was named to the All-Tournament Team for his efforts and Mesa Red Mountain defeated Nogales in the championship game of the tournament.



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Next Home Game: Tuesday 12/4 vs Sahuaro