

Last Meeting - January 21, 2014: Rincon/University 80 Empire 69

Empire Ravens (13-8)

vs.

Rincon/University Rangers (12-9)

Rincon/University

- 3 Estevan Sandoval
- 4 Christian Hagedon
- 5 Juan Figueroa
- 10 Desmond Rowley
- 11 Thomas Wabaunsee
- 12 Eumajii Holmes
- 21 James Chabin
- 22 Brian Guerrero
- 23 Brendan Rumel
- 30 Samuel Bahige
- 31 Max Siath
- 42 David Kerry

Empire

- 2 Jack Plouck
- 3 Grant Plouck
- 5 Gabriel Martin
- 10 Isaiah Martin
- 11 Christian Mortenson
- 12 Gabe Vera
- 13 Jorden Spooner
- 20 Deion James
- 21 Sam Lehman
- 22 Kevin Wulf
- 23 David Beleau
- 25 Adam Smith
- 33 Isaiah Ramirez



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Tonight's Matchup:

On paper, it would appear that Empire should be the favorite in this matchup. They are led by versatile threat Deion James (6-8 195) who is averaging 20 points and 12 rebounds and guard Grant Plouck, averaging 13 points and 4 assists. Compare these numbers to Rincon's top inside/outside duo of Brendan Rumel, 17 points and 9 rebounds, and Thomas Wabaunsee, 11 points and 3 assists, and the Ravens clearly appear to have the advantage. However, it is at every other spot where the Rangers must shine tonight. Big games for Max Siath and James Chabin, who both played well last week, and in the guardline would go a long way for Rincon trying to keep within one game of first place with a big trip to Sunnyside looming Friday.

Rincon 56 Amphi 40

Early foul trouble was not enough of a factor to hurt the Rangers last Friday on the road. In spite of Brendan Rumel and Max Siath's two fouls each in the first five minutes of action, the Rangers built a six-point halftime lead and then pulled away in the second half. James Chabin was there to pick up the slack, leading the scoring with 14 points and more importantly 16 rebounds, 11 of which were offensive. Siath got to double digits on 5-6 shooting and Thomas Wabaunsee also added 13 to go with his 5 assists and 7 steals. Rumel still managed to pull down 13 boards in limited minutes. The Ranger Freshmen and JV also got double-digit road victories, contributing to the program's first perfect week (6-0) of the season.

Rincon 69 Desert View 55

Fresh off a home blowout of Buena, the visiting Jaguars could smell contention in their section for the first time in many years. However, Rincon never waivered and led wire-to-wire in an impressive victory. The Ranger defense suffocated the three-point shooting of Desert View, who finished 5-30 from behind the arc. The Jaguar 1-2-2 zone was no match for Brendan Rumel who had his statistical best game of the season totalling 26 points, 17 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 blocks. Max Siath notched his first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds and Thomas Wabaunsee came close to his second scoring 18 with 8 boards. Desert View fell to Nogales on Friday, likely eliminating them from the section playoffs.

Section Standings

Team:	Record:	Division Ranking:
Cienega	7-1	10th
Sunnyside	6-1	2nd
Nogales	6-1	9th
Sahuaro	6-1	6th
Rincon	5-2	26th
Buena	4-3	23rd
Pueblo	3-3	16th
Empire	3-4	39th
Desert View	3-4	36th
Rio Rico	2-5	55th
Amphi	2-5	61st
Douglas	1-6	62nd
Sabino	1-6	51st
Catalina	0-7	73rd

Next Home Game: Friday 1/30 vs Pueblo