

*Last Meeting - January 7, 2014: Rincon/University 57 Nogales 56*

## *Nogales Apaches (11-3)*

*vs.*

## *Rincon/University Rangers (9-7)*

### Tonight's Matchup:

Section season is heating up and no one has an easy schedule. This section has 7 teams ranked in the top 22 of the 76 teams in Division II (2-Sahauro, 5-Sunnyside, 6-Nogales, 11-Pueblo, 16-Cienega, 21-Rincon, 22-Buena). Nogales currently sits tied atop the standings at 2-0 while the Rangers are 2-1. The top 4 teams advance to the sectional playoffs. The Apaches have 5 players averaging over 9 points per game and will have the edge in three point shooting and in transition however they do not match up well with Rincon's 6-10 force Brendan Rumel. Whoever wins tonight's matchup will have a huge leg up in the battle for the top of the toughest section in the state.

### Holiday Hoops Classic:

Rincon travelled to Prescott Valley for the Bradshaw Mountain Holiday Hoops Classic and opened with an 84-63 win over Cactus thanks to Christian Hagedon's 23 points and Brendan Rumel's 20. The pair combined to go 19-20 from the free throw line. The Rangers would finish second in their pool however after a 75-48 loss to Apollo. David Kerry had 13 points on 6-7 shooting but 33 turnovers doomed the Rangers. They would rally however in bracket play with a 64-58 quarterfinal win over Cibola. Rumel had 28 points, 12 rebounds, and 6 blocks. Rincon played a familiar foe in the semifinals in Sahuaro and led the entire game until a buzzer-beating three-pointer sent the game to overtime. The Cougars would then run away to a 63-54 win. Rumel had 15 points. Sahuaro would go on to beat Apollo in the championship game. Brendan Rumel was named to the all-tournament team.

### Road Trip:

The Rangers return home for the first time since December 11th. They finished the 2014 regular season with 3 straight road games beginning with a victory at CDO 66-60. Brendan Rumel scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Rincon then lost their first section game at Buena 62-49. Christian Hagedon lead the scoring with 16 as the Rangers led until halftime and stayed close until late. David Kerry pulled down 13 boards. Rincon then got a huge section victory at Cienega 68-66 thanks to a game-winning three-pointer by Thomas Wabaunsee with 15 seconds remaining. A Cienega three-pointer was waived off just after the buzzer. Rumel had 22 points and 13 rebounds and James Chabin had 15 points.

### 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

### Nogales

- 1 Ramon Cruz
- 2 Phelipe Montesillos
- 3 Jesbre Valenzuela
- 4 Jose Estrada
- 5 Adlberto Diaz
- 12 Jesus Penunuri
- 13 David Zuniga
- 15 Robert Ronquillo
- 21 Kevin Zuniga
- 23 Alberto Maldonado
- 25 Isaac Ayala
- 33 Mikael Bracamonte



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*Next Home Game: Friday 1/9 vs Ironwood Ridge*