

Last Meeting - January 26, 2016: Cienega 67 Rincon/University 46

Cienega Bobcats (10-6)

vs.

Rincon/University Rangers (7-11)

Tonight's Matchup:

Cienega brings to the table a balanced lineup, featuring five players averaging 8 points or more per game. Sharpshooting left-handed guard Andrew Leonard (#10) leads the way at nearly 15 ppg and 38% shooting from beyond the arc. Joining him in the backcourt is point guard Jordan Green (#3), who adds 4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals in addition to his 9 points per game. Brevan Burnett (#35) provides the interior presence for the Bobcats, averaging 10 points and 6 rebounds. He also has the ability to step out to three-range, where he is shooting 35% so far this year. Darius Williams (#50) and Alex Muszynski (#15) round out the starting five for Cienega.

Holiday Tournament

The Rangers had a very successful winter break, finishing third of sixteen teams at the Judy Dixon Memorial Tournament in Phoenix. Rincon opened with a 71-43 blowout of Millennium before beating previously undefeated Flagstaff 56-55 on a last second basket by Malik Hunter. The Rangers fell to eventual champion Liberty in the semifinals but rebounded to defeat Queen Creek in the third place game. Estevan Sandoval averaged 15 points per game and hit clutch shots in the closely contested matchups against Flagstaff and Queen Creek. Jon Mueller was named to the All-Tournament Team averaging 12.5 points and 5 rebounds per game.

January Preview

Nine games remain in the regular season for the Rangers beginning with home games this week against Cienega and Marana. Next week marks the start of region play with a trip to Tucson High and a huge home game versus Sunnyside next Thursday. The Rangers will then host CDO and travel to Salpointe before returning to region play the following week versus Tucson at home and at Sunnyside. The four games versus the Badgers and Blue Devils, along with their two matchups on 1/13 and 1/20, will determine which Tucson-area team will get to play for the Southern Region title against the top Yuma-area team. The Tucson-area and Yuma-area teams will all cross match in the final game of the year, February 7th, with the winner of the top match being crowned region champ.

December Recap

It has been almost a month since the Rangers finished their first semester games. After a closely contested 62-53 loss at home to Buena, Rincon went on the road in back-to-back games. At Catalina Foothills, Malik Hunter scored 16 points and grabbed 8 rebounds while Estevan Sandoval added 13 points of his own. But it was not enough as the host Falcons rolled to a 75-58 win. The Rangers bounced back at Palo Verde the following week to close the semester with a 67-62 road victory. Max Siath was dominant in the second half, putting up 17 points on 8-12 shooting and pulling down 8 rebounds. Jon Mueller also scored 17 points for Rincon. The Titans closed the 20 point gap late in the game but were never able to get within one possession and put the game in doubt.

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Next Home Game: Thursday 1/12 vs Marana



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