

*Last Meeting - January 17, 2017: Tucson High 72 Rincon/University 57*

## *Tucson High Badgers (10-14)*

*vs.*

## *Rincon/University Rangers (9-15)*

### Tonight's Matchup:

Round two of region play begins tonight for Rincon with all important games against Tucson High and Sunnyside this week. The Badgers claimed round one at home thanks in part to an outstanding effort by Jordan Robinson (#11). Not only did he finish with a team-high 14 points on 6-11 shooting, but he created open looks for his teammates on drive and kicks, resulting in 6 assists. He also added 7 steals. The other half of the dynamic backcourt is Derek Williams (#10), a speedy guard who is shooting 42 percent from three on the season. While those two are the focus, Tucson High is very well balanced, with 8 players averaging at least four points per game. The Rangers will need a great team effort if they wish to flip the script and ascend to the top of the region standings.

### Salpointe 67 Rincon 52

For three quarters, the Rangers stayed with the Lancers, but the last eight minutes got away and Salpointe pulled out the victory last Friday night. Rincon took a lead early and held a 19-14 advantage after one quarter on the back of Estevan Sandoval's 10 first quarter points. He finished with 18. Christian Bahige carried the rest of the offensive load, scoring 14 points. Salpointe brought the game back to a 30-30 tie at halftime and edged the Rangers 12-11 in the third quarter. The Lancers continued to hold the Rangers offense down in the fourth quarter, allowing 11 points again, while their offensive finally got going, putting up 25 in the final period. Salpointe currently sits at 3rd in the 4A power rankings.

### 6A Southern Region Update

With four of six games in the Tucson subregion complete, all three teams are in the running to represent in the region championship game next Tuesday. Tucson High, sitting at 2-1, has a chance to clinch tonight. A win by the Badgers would make Friday's night Rincon/Sunnyside game meaningless, but a loss would eliminate Tucson from contention. The Rangers, at 1-1, can win the region outright with wins over the Badgers tonight and Blue Devils Friday. And Sunnyside, currently 1-2, is hoping for a three way tie at 2-2, in which they hold the tiebreaker of best conference record. The Yuma region is equally messy. Kofa can clinch tonight with a win over Cibola but a loss would force a three way tie that either San Luis or Cibola could still win based on conference games Friday.

### CDO 57 Rincon 54

Last Tuesday, the Rangers dropped a disappointing home game to Canyon del Oro. The Rangers led most of the way but back-to-back three pointers with three minutes remaining put the Dorados ahead for good. Rincon was badly outshot from beyond the arc, finishing 1-10, while CDO hit 9-24. Malik Hunter was dominate again down low, finishing with 21 points and 9 rebounds. Christian Bahige contributed 11 points and 7 rebounds while Japhon Harrison added 8 points and 7 rebounds. The Freshmen and JV Rangers each got wins over the younger Dorado squads. The JV is currently 11-4 and the Freshmen are 13-2. All three levels will finish their season next Tuesday at home in a crossover match with a Yuma team.

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*Next Home Game: Tuesday 2/7 vs Cibola/Kofa/San Luis (SENIOR NIGHT)*

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