

The Ranger Gameday

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SUNNYSIDE BLUE DEVILS (3-9)

VS.

RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (5-7)

Tonight's Matchup:

On November 20th of this year, a young and inexperienced Rincon team fell to Sunnyside by five at the Salpointe Tip Off Classic. But don't be fooled into thinking tonight will have a similar outcome. The Rincon team playing tonight is far superior to the one of a month ago. The Mountain View team that Rincon beat last night defeated Sunnyside Tuesday night. The Blue Devils will operate in a run and gun type offense that when left uncovered can stack up points in a hurry, but the Ranger defense should be able to put a lot of pressure on the Sunnyside guards. If the Rangers are able to keep the Devils from getting hot from three land, they will take a 2-0 region record into the winter break.

Next Home Game: 1/8/08 vs. Casa Grande

Rincon 59 Buena 71

On a crisp cool Sierra Vista night, the Buena High School gymnasium provided little warmth for the visiting Rangers. After playing basically even for the first half, the home Colts took over in the second half. Rincon was unable to stop Michael Tryon, Derek Lane, or Brandon MacLellan who had 19, 17, and 17 respectively. While Buena had equally no answer for the breakout performance that Travis Timmons had (19 points on 6-10 shooting, 4 assists, 4 rebounds), it was not enough for the Rangers. The Colts steadily increased their lead to 11 by the end of the third quarter and held it at about that for the rest of the game. Rincon will get a third crack at Buena at home on January 22nd.

Mt. View 53 Rincon 61

Although Rincon had already played against two other Southern Region opponents, the game last night at Mountain View was technically their first official region game due to the fact that both Salpointe and Buena are in the 5A-I conference. The Rangers started in a triangle and two defense to attempt to limit the effect of Andre Hatchett and Aaron Anderson. While the Mountain Lions scored only 22 points in the first half, the Rangers lack of intensity led to an anemic offensive output of only 17. However, Rincon picked it up in the second half, scoring 44. Henry, Tafoya, Foster, Gonzalez, Perry, and Martinez each had at least seven points in all and the combined performance led to a big win. The Rangers get the Lions at home on January 24th.

Salpointe 73 Rincon 58

Last Friday night, the Rangers matched up with their first Southern Region foe, the Salpointe Lancers. The two teams combined for a sloppy first half that ended in a 27-27 tie. The key for Rincon was their ability to shut down Salpointe's go-to-man, Chase Adams. He was held to only two points in the first half and had two personal fouls which caused him to sit the last couple of minutes of the half. However, the Rangers were unable to keep him under wraps in the second half as he put in 19 points included shooting 9-9 from the free throw line. Nick Navarette had 18 for the Lancers and was their only other double-digit scorer. Rincon was led by Gilbert Tafoya's 19 points and 14 rebounds. Jesse Henry also added 12 points and Rob Perry had 10.

