

# The Ranger Gameday

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1 Nick Onate  
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33 Dillon Siler  
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*Last Meeting - January 5, 2010: Salpointe 53 Rincon/University 44*

**SALPOINTE LANCERS (15-6)**

**VS.**

**RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (13-10)**

## **Tonights Matchup / Big Picture:**

The Rangers have played the Lancers twice this year and in both games have led most of the way. In the Tip Off Classic at the beginning of the year, Rincon fell 53-52 to Salpointe in the third place game. Emilio Acedo scored 16 and Nick Onate and Colby Weaver each had 11. The second time around, the Lancers won 53-44 after trailing 38-36 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Acedo again led in scoring with 12 but behind a much more balanced attack from Salpointe. Currently, he leads them in scoring at 12.3 a game and Weaver is second at 10 per game. However, the Lancers have 8 players averaging more than 4 points per game compared to only 5 for the Rangers. Rincon's big two of Juan Pablo Favela and Billy Morrison have outplayed the Salpointe junior twosome of Acedo and Weaver in both games and yet have come up 0-2. The Rangers know they can play with Salpointe, but if they are going to do so they will need help from their supporting players in tonight's game. The Rangers have escaped the basement of the 5A Southern Region after their win on Tuesday. Now with 3 wins, they are a step ahead of the 2-win teams (Buena, Sunnyside, and Mountain View). The last place team will not make the region tournament. Ironwood Ridge has more or less run away with it and left Salpointe and Tucson battling for second place and a bye in the first round of the region tournament. The Rangers currently sit 13<sup>th</sup> in power points with five games to play. The top 16 teams make the state tournament. All of this means a very important last few weeks for Rincon

## **Rincon 78 Sunnyside 50:**

This Tuesday, the Rangers worked their way out of a four game losing streak by dismantling Sunnyside, who had beaten them earlier this season. Jose Camargo returned from injury and had 10 points and 9 rebounds in the contest. Billy Morrison had 21 points, getting to the line a total of 15 times. Morrison also had 5 assists in the match. Juan Pablo Favela had 19 points and was 5-5 from the free throw stripe. This was a big win for Rincon, who despite having no wins to show for it, had controlled much of their previous three games, only to blow leads in the fourth quarter. This time there was no doubt. The Rangers got out early and often in the first half. They held the Blue Devils to only 11 first half points in building a 22-point halftime lead. Rincon continued to get contributions from many different players in the second half and the devils never closed the gap. Sunnyside has a big game against Mountain View tonight on the road

## **Mountain View 56 Rincon 53:**

Last Friday, the Rangers lost their fifth Southern Region game of the year to the visiting Mountain Lions. Rincon led most of the way, but again fell apart in the late stages of the game. Billy Morrison scored 22 for the Rangers including shooting 7-8 from the line and pulling down 9 boards. Juan Pablo Favela contributed 14 and Ivan Gonzalez had 11, but it was not enough. Demetrius Morant scored 15 to lead Mountain View, who also got double digit scoring from Scott Volpe and Dominick Balsino. Morant also altered many shots on the defense end. Only a sophomore, he will be an obstacle for the Rangers for years to come



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