

The Ranger Gameday

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33 Asha Esprit
40 Charles Muse
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CDO

No Roster Available

Last Meeting – November 24, 2010: Rincon 48 CDO 47

CDO DORADOS (6-8)

Vs.

RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (8-8)

Holiday Hoops Classic:

For the fourth year in a row, the Rangers spent the time between Christmas and New Year's in Prescott Valley at the Bradshaw Mountain Tournament. On Monday, Rincon started pool play with a win over Liberty 71-62. Billy Morrison started off on the right foot with a 24 point, 11 rebound performance. Asha Esprit, Hasan Tucker, and Dylan Hidalgo also scored in double digits. And each totaled at least 6 boards. The Rangers came back that night and fully dismantled Mayer 88-20, a game highlighted by a posterizing dunk by Jay Bowser. All ten Rangers who made the trip scored with Morrison leading with 24. He also added 9 steals and 5 assists. Rincon won its pool again (for the fourth time) and was re-pooled with two other day one winners, Cimarron and Paradise Valley. The Rangers laid an egg the next morning in the first half against Paradise Valley, falling behind 42-22 at half. They were able to cut the lead to six, but couldn't quite dig themselves out of the hole, losing 76-66. Rincon then lost to Cimarron (NV) 56-43 in the nightcap. Hidalgo paced the Rangers early, scoring 18 points in the first half; however, the Spartans keyed on him in the second half and pulled away. This left the Rangers playing Perry for fifth place on Wednesday. Rincon led wire-to-wire behind 25 points from Morrison and 17 from Esprit en-route to a 61-53 win. Cimarron (NV) beat Fountain Valley (CA) in the final and both Billy Morrison and Dylan Hidalgo made the All-Tournament Team.

Tonight's Matchup:

Both of these teams were struggling when they met earlier this season, a game won by the Rangers 48-47. However, Rincon is starting to come around, winning 7 of its last 9, and CDO is finally at full strength. The Dorados had to wait for football players Ka'Deem Carey, Blake Martinez, and Jason McBrayer to finish their playoff run. Their biggest addition tonight will be Josh Lewis, who was ineligible first semester, but torched Rincon for 40 during last year's matchup. The Rangers will have to keep him in check if they wish to prevail tonight. Other players to watch include Drey Anderson and Nico Hughes who combined for 26 points in the first meeting this season.

Rincon 2-0 in Region

The Rangers began their region campaign with games against Mountain View and Sunnyside right before the break. In beating the Mountain Lions 64-55, Billy Morrison put up 29 points and 10 rebounds. Dylan Hidalgo added 16 points and 7 boards. Asha Esprit, Patrick Tafoya, and Hasan Tucker had 7, 7, and 6 rebounds respectively in the team effort. The next night, Rincon travelled to Sunnyside and beat the Blue Devils 65-51. Esprit led the team with 17 points, but the line of the game belonged to Hasan Tucker, who had 14 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 9 steals, and 7 blocks. This is a 5 X 5 game, which is extremely rare. The Rangers play their last two non-region games this week.



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Next Home Game: Friday 1/14 vs Tucson