

# The Ranger Gameday

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*This is the first ever meeting between the two schools*

**VISTA GRANDE SPARTANS (2-5)**

**VS.**

**RINCON/UNIVERSITY RANGERS (2-6)**

## **Tonight's Matchup:**

The Spartans, playing their first full season of Varsity basketball this year, are 2-5 and coming off a blowout loss to Skyline. Vista Grande is led in scoring by Ryan Del Vecchio (9.0 ppg) and Scott Weddle (7.2 ppg). The Rangers look to get their season on the right track today and start a little win streak beginning with their victory at Yuma last Friday. Rincon has two other winnable games this week versus Mountain View on Thursday and at Sunnyside on Friday. Both of these are region games. While the Rangers are young, they have a lot of potential this season, especially with the Southern Region a little down. The key will be how much they improve between now and February.

## **First Week:**

The Rangers started their regular season campaign on Tuesday with a trip to Sahuaro. Rincon led for most of the game, but fell short 63-56. Billy Morrison had 17 and 9 again for the Rangers, but missed opportunities plagued Rincon. Thursday and Friday's games were both blowouts with Rincon coming up on the good end only once. Palo Verde ripped the Rangers 80-55 behind the scoring of guards Dorian Page and Roland Jones. Rincon then traveled to Yuma and beat up on the Criminals 56-23. Asha Esprit led the Rangers in scoring with 13 while Morrison had his second double-double of the year (12 points and 11 rebounds).

## **Salpointe Tip Off Classic:**

The Rangers began their season in the local Thanksgiving week tournament. While Ironwood Ridge's preseason tournament has taken some of the competition away, the Salpointe tournament still hosts some of the best teams in Tucson. The season opener pitted the Rangers against Amphi, the preseason favorite to win the 4A-II State Championship. The Panthers jumped out to an early lead and continued to push the margin. Billy Morrison scored 28 points and had 15 rebounds in the 89-61 defeat. Rincon followed with a solid effort against eventual tournament champion Salpointe. But the Lancers were too much late in the fourth quarter in a 65-59 game. Morrison again led the Rangers with 15. Rincon then beat CDO 48-47 in a defensive struggle. Dylan Hidalgo scored 13 including going 9-11 from the line and Patrick Tafoya and Asha Esprit pulled down double-digit boards. The Rangers finished third in their pool and met Desert Vista in the first weekend game. However the Thunder pulled away in the second half en route to a 71-55 win. Morrison had 17 and 9 in the loss. The Rangers finished the tournament with a 78-69 loss to Gilbert Christian. The Knights shot a great percentage and while Hidalgo tried to pull the Rangers back in the second half where he scored 19 of his team-high 21 points, it was too little too late and Rincon ended their tournament 1-4.



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*Next Home Game: Thursday 12/8 vs Mountain View*