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## Win Streak!

### Hunter, Rangers Maul First-Place Yankees 18-10

JONES COUNTY, GA. The C-ball Rangers rocked the JCALL world Monday night, battering the Yankees 18-10. After waiting out a four-and-a-half-minute weather delay, playing under the lights in soggy, rainy conditions, the Rangers put it all together—strong offense and effective defense—and the result was a spectacular, stunning, glorious victory! The team’s second win in a row!



Rangers talking strategy in dugout during rain delay.

All the Rangers played their guts out, and it seemed there was a different hero every inning. Zack’s laser throws kept runners from advancing, William Allen Whiddon played steady shortstop and swung a strong bat, Will Pritchard continued to “rake” at the dish, Chandler Sharp knocked in two runs, Jesse Dixon drove in four, Justin Franks played outstanding defense, so did Drake Daughtry.

But second baseman Gregory Hunter was the star of the game, going 4-for-4 at the plate and hitting the ball hard every time up. He doubled twice, notching a *gaudy* six RBI’s (two each at-bat), and oh yeah, Gregory hit the team’s first over-the fence home run—he flat-out killed that ball, man! Gregory turned around a 93 m.p.h. fastball to launch a



high arcing missile that cleared the left-field fence and landed on top of the batting cage.

“That ball flew so high and far,” said Coach Chip, “it nearly stayed in orbit!”

Both teams scored five in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, and it looked like we were headed for a high-scoring shootout. In the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> the Ranger defense kicked in when third baseman Justin Franks made a heads-up play tagging out a Yankee baserunner for the third out, protecting a thin 6-5 lead.

In the middle innings, while the Yanks scored twice, the Rangers ramped up the offense with Kyler Blair, Justin Franks, and Gregory Hunter all three scoring in both innings. Heading into the 5<sup>th</sup> the Rangers had a commanding 14-7 lead.

<b>Game 10 Line Score</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>				
Yankees	5	0	0	2 1 2	10	18	0
Rangers	5	1	5	3 4 x	18	24	1

But the determined Yanks came out swinging in the 5<sup>th</sup>—surely thinking “comeback” just like the last two times the Rangers had them down in late innings. But this time was different—the Rangers had their missing defense back! In fact, this time out, with the pressure on, the Rangers played some of their best defense of the season. Only one of the final six outs was a strikeout, and the

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## Rangers on a Roll

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Rangers *defense* recorded the other five. Now that's how we wanna roll, fellas!



Drake Daughtry focused and ready for action at first base.

Drake Daughtry and Gregory Hunter each tagged out runners between first and second. Game-ball winner Kyler Blair was just plain *clutch*. Kyler threw out a fast runner to end the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, and then after the Yankees had scored two in the 6<sup>th</sup>, he speared a line *shot* to the mound for the final out of the game.

Reportedly, Kyler's mom said, "Thank goodness he caught that ball—not only did we win, but Kyler kept himself from going to the emergency room with a broken jaw!"

Also reportedly, Kyler's dad said, "That's my boy! That's exactly how I taught him!"

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### This and That and the Other

**Happy birthday Coach Curt!** Coach Curt Franks turned 26 yesterday—no really, it's true—and what better way to celebrate! His boy Justin hit the ball well and looked great in the field, and the team wrapped him up a great victory over the league-leading Yanks with a pretty bow and candles and all!

"Best birthday present I could have got," Coach Curt said. Word up!

**Spooky?!?** The Rangers' last two victories have come on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and a night with a full moon (once the clouds cleared away). Can we play on Halloween too?

**Savoring the win:** It wasn't just the rain delay. The Rangers and Yankees were dang sure playing slow Monday night! Apparently there were teaching moments about every 20 seconds, on both sides. Fortunately, the ump must believe C-ball is as much about teaching as determining wins and losses. If we gotta have a game last a whole two hours like this one, at least it was a big fat win!

### Stat Watch:

<b>Batting average</b>	AB	H	AVG.
Drake Daughtry	38	36	.947
Kyler Blair	35	26	.743
Gregory Hunter	30	22	.733
William Allen Whiddon	35	24	.686
Jesse Dixon	28	18	.643
Justin Franks	32	19	.594
Will Pritchard	32	15	.469
Donnie Hale	22	7	.318

<b>RBI (Runs Batted In)</b>	G	RBI
Kyler Blair	10	22
William Allen Whiddon	10	20
Gregory Hunter	9	13
Chandler Sharp	10	11
Will Pritchard	10	10
Jesse Dixon	8	10
Justin Franks	10	9
Drake Daughtry	10	7

<b>Runs Scored</b>	G	R
Drake Daughtry	10	28
William Allen Whiddon	10	17
Kyler Blair	10	16
Gregory Hunter	9	13
Justin Franks	10	11
Jesse Dixon	8	10

<b>Home Runs</b>	G	HR
Jesse Dixon	8	2
<b>Gregory Hunter</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
William Allen Whiddon	10	1
Drake Daughtry	10	1

**On Deck:** Practice Wednesday at 5:30 for all who can make it. Next game is vs. the Blue Jays Saturday at 10:00, practice at 9:15. **Let's practice hard Wednesday, Rangers, and make it three wins in a row Saturday! You can do it!**