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# Rangers Roundup & Gazette

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## Rangers Win Again!

JONES COUNTY, GA. There was little suspense but plenty of excitement in the C-Ball Rangers' 17-3 Saturday morning romp over the Blue Jays. Leadoff man Drake Daughtry pounded the first pitch he saw high and far—over the infield, over the Blue Jay outfielders, all the way over the left-center fence! Outta here! And the rout was on.

When all was said and done, the Rangers had a rocking good time, hitting the ball hard and scoring in every inning, with solid defensive contributions all across the diamond. The team's third straight "W" improved their season record to 4-7. Sounds a heck of a lot better than 1-7, don't it?!

The first five Ranger batters were all 4-for-4 on the day—that's Drake, Will Pritchard, William Allen Whiddon, Kyler Blair, and Gregory Hunter. Besides knocking that one ball *outta here*, Drake doubled and hit an inside-the-park home run, scoring four and driving in three. Will doubled, scored four, and knocked in one. William Allen doubled twice, scoring four and racking up four RBI's.

Kyler Blair's 4-for-4 included two doubles and a triple, his first of the season. Kyler scored three and knocked in *five!* Gregory doubled three times, crossing the plate once and driving in four. Add to all this Chandler Sharp's RBI single in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Donnie Hale's leadoff single and run scored in the 4<sup>th</sup>, and what do you have? A whole *passel* of runs! Way to swing those bats, guys!

<b>Game 11 Line Score</b>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>E</i>				
Blue Jays	0	1	2	0 0	3	6	0
Rangers	4	5	3	5 x	17	22	0

The Rangers played well in the field, too. Drake Daughtry made unassisted putouts in each of the first two innings at first base, and in what may be his defensive highlight of the season, he leapt four, maybe five feet into the air and caught a tall throw from pitcher Kyler Blair for a sensational putout in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.

William Allen Whiddon also saw time at first base—he, too, snared a grounder and tagged a runner for



an out unassisted. Not to be outdone, Gregory Hunter took part in *two* putouts playing first base, one clean "pick" of a grounder for an unassisted forceout, one "1-3" play on a quick, hard throw from Kyler Blair to retire a *hustling* Blue Jay hitter.

Probably most exciting in this game, though, was seeing the regular outfielders get playing time in the infield. Will Pritchard put in two strong innings at third base, and in the final frame, it was awesome seeing Zack Chance at shortstop, Donnie Hale at second, and Chandler Sharp at pitcher. These guys don't always get all the "glory" the regular infielders do, but they are each and all hard-working ballplayers who deserve loads of credit for their unselfish play. The coaching staff did notice that the Blue Jays didn't score a single run with the outfielders on the infield. Hmmm! Let's do this again soon, boys!

In an unprecedented move, Coach Curt was awarded the game ball. Despite the unavoidable absence of his son Justin, Coach Curt did double duty coaching third base and playing catcher—this in 105-110-degree heat! That's above and beyond the call of duty, for sure! Coach Curt was visibly choked up at receiving this momentous honor. We would say he was so moved he could not speak, but the truth is, our fearless reporter did not write down the precise witticism he uttered in a broken, emotional voice. No doubt the paper's editor will insist that reporters record all interviews in the future. ☺

**On Deck:** The Rangers take on the Athletics Monday, practice at 5:00, game at 6:00. **Let's make it four wins in a row, fellas! Go, Rangers, Go!**