



Blazers infielder Alex Murphy swings at the ball against Thunderducks on April 22.

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Blazers fall to Thunderducks

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The North Lake Blazers baseball team lost to the Richland Thunderducks 6-3, after a failed late-game rally on April 21.

Blazers pitcher Hunter Greenwell took the mound at the top of the first inning. It did not take long for the Thunderduck's presence to be felt as a home run put them up 2-0.

Going into the top of the third after a scoreless second inning, the Thunderducks extended their advantage by a run after a single. Then, at the bottom of the inning, the Blazers got on the board after infielder Danny Berenthy hit a single to bring infielder Tyler Yancey home to score and put the game at 3-1.

The game then went scoreless for three innings as the pitchers for both teams traded strikeouts. Then at the top of the seventh inning, an error from the Blazers catcher gave the Thunderducks a free run for a 4-1 lead.

The top of the eighth started well for the Blazers but even with two outs the Thunderducks updated the scoreboard to 5-1 and at the bottom of the 8th inning, the Thunderducks made a pitching change and brought in their relief pitcher.

The pitching change had an immediate effect on the Blazers, as infielder Garrett Gregory scored a run from pitcher Carlos Pirela's single. Later in the inning, a single from infielder Carter Mach brought in infielder Danny Berenthy for the score and made the game 5-3.

Going into the top of the ninth inning the Blazers had all the momentum on their side despite being down 5-3.

The Blazers then brought in relief pitcher Logan Lathrop to replace pitcher Hunter Greenwell who despite the home runs had a great game. The pitching change had no impact on the game as the Thunderducks could not be stopped.

The Thunderducks stole home plate after a fly out and went up 6-3. This then killed

all momentum for the Blazers as they went on to get shut out at the bottom of the ninth.

Blazers head coach Greg Sommers said that pitcher Hunter Greenwell threw a great game that gave the Blazers a shot of winning.

"We did a great job of getting guys on base. We just didn't do a great job of fielding them ... sometimes you pitch well, sometimes you hit well, sometimes you play defense well," Sommers said. "Today, we just didn't do all those. We pitched well, we hit okay and we played defense okay."

Sommers then had the outfield working on fielding in the ball after the game. Close defensive plays in the outfield is what Sommers described as one of the key factors in their loss.

"I think they ended up scoring, three runs off home runs and three runs off real close plays in the outfield, they ended up with six. So if we could have made those close plays, maybe they ended up with three or four runs," Sommers said.

Despite the loss and their



Blazers pitcher Michael Shepa and catcher Noah Angus work together to strike out Thunderducks player on April 22.

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record at (18-27) the Blazers are still postseason contenders as they sit fourth in their conference.

"Our guys are still in playoff contention as fourth place in conference, and the top five

teams out of our conference go to the playoffs and we only have two series left ... so I feel confident that we're going to be in the postseason," Sommers said.

The Blazers will play

against Dallas College Mountain View on April 27, 28 and 29 for their next series. Then Dallas College Eastfield on May 3, 5 and 6 to end the regular season.

Texas Rangers offer ticket discounts to Dallas College

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As the Texas Rangers start the season off hot so have ticket prices for Dallas college faculty, students and staff.

Dallas College will be a sponsor of the Texas Rangers for the 2023 MLB season. The sponsorship will allow faculty, students and staff, access to every Rangers home game at a discounted price. The cheapest ticket available is \$11. The total amount of discount will vary from the game and from the seat chosen.

To access the discounts, go to mlb.com/rangers/tickets/single-game-tickets, when on the single ticket screen, scroll down and select any home game, click "buy tickets." Then on the right-hand side there will be an offer code box where the code DallasCollege23 can be entered, once applied, the discount price will be reflected by the prices shown on the screen.

16 out of 82 games have already been played at Globe Life Field the home of the Rangers, which still leaves 66 more opportunities to come

out.

"[Dallas College] now has 7 branches, so there is a big presence ... It's still a community college primarily, but compared to UNT, UTD, SMU, [Dallas College] is in the realms of being able to have a nice specific of folks come out," Erick Vega Rangers Senior Account Executive said.

Rangers tickets have always been on the cheap side, and they have only gotten cheaper with the current sponsorship.

"Back then you might pay \$30 or even less ... I've paid less ... maybe like \$15," Purdy said.

Medical Virologist student Jesus Torres said he will be taking advantage of the discounted seats if it meant he could go see Rangers players Adolis Garcia and Martin Perez play.

Faculty, Students and staff are also encouraged to bring family and friends to games



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Texas Rangers prepare to go head to head against the Yankees at Globe Life Park.

as they can also be included in the discount.

"Baseball is always for the family," Torres said.

"I hope to go ... I need to get a few friends together and we all go out there and have a

good old time," Purdy said.

Additionally with the sponsorship, Rangers fans within Dallas College should look out for key games on

Jun. 17, when the Rangers face the Toronto Blue Jays

for Mexican Heritage Day. On this day fans who purchase tickets through this QR code will be able to receive a Mexican heritage theme jersey sponsored by Dallas College.

As well as a Dallas College community night on Aug. 1, when the Rangers face the Chicago White Sox. Where upon entry the ticket holder will receive a Texas Rangers/Dallas College theme cap.

The rangers are currently sitting at (14-10), this comes after the hiring of new manager Bruce Bochy during the off-season and from star players like Adolis Garcia and Jacob deGrom who are currently having a good year.

"I'm really looking forward to it ... If guys can stay healthy that will really be key. And then the new manager, he seems to be clicking with the guys good and so I think all

that mixing together might really be magic," Purdy said.

It has been six years since the Rangers last playoff appearance, and Rangers fans are optimistic this year could be a good one.

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