



Game 13, March 7, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 9, Sprayberry Yellow Jackets 3
Weather: 67 degrees, 1 mph winds
DH Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Varsity Record: Overall 9-4, Region 5-1
Game 3 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series



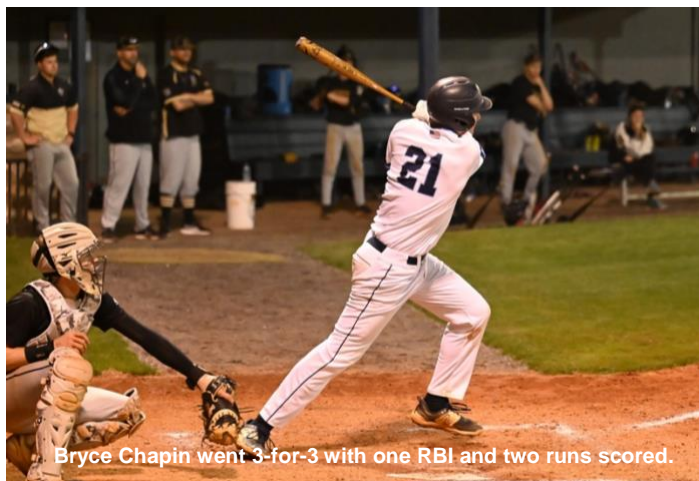
POPE SWEEPS SPRAYBERRY MORNEAU TOTALS SIX HITS IN DOUBLEHEADER DOMINANCE



Tanner Morneau slides safely into third base for a triple as Coach Turco positions himself to make sure he is safe. Morneau also hit a double, single, and had one RBI.

Junior center fielder **Tanner Morneau** continued his torrid hitting performance in game two of Pope's double header win, 9-3, against Sprayberry Thursday night at Jeff Rowland Field. The Hounds win completed a three-game series sweep of the Yellow Jackets. Pope outscored Sprayberry 31-5 in the region series.

Morneau slugged a triple, double, and single. He had one RBI and scored two runs. Coupled with his game one 3-for-3 effort, Morneau went 6-for-7 in the doubleheader sweep.



Bryce Chapin went 3-for-3 with one RBI and two runs scored.

Pope totaled 12 hits, including three doubles and one triple. **Bryce Chapin** put together an impressive hitting night and went 3-for-3 with three singles, one RBI, and two runs scored. **Andrew Nelms** mashed two doubles, scored two runs, and had one RBI. John Stuetzer had a bunt single and scored one run. **Jack Myers** had an RBI single and scored one run. **Hudson DeLine** hit an RBI single.

Drew Abney reached base 3-of-4 times with a single, hit by a pitch, and one walk. **Ben Hill** had a successful sacrifice bunt

that scored a run and walked one time. **Carter Joachim** walked one time and had one RBI. **Matt Strydom** scored one run.

Steady sophomore **Nick Bobrowski** (3-0) pitched 4.1 innings to earn the win. Bobrowski whiffed nine batters, walked just one, allowed two runs, scattered four hits, and threw 62% strikes (49-79). He struck out at least one batter in each inning he pitched and ended the first and second innings with back-to-back strikes outs. **Matt Levinson** pitched 1.2 innings, allowed no runs and struck out two. **Nick Truhan** pitched the final inning and retired 3-of-4 batters he faced. Truhan threw 66% strikes (8-12). Pope's defense made no errors.

In the top of the first inning, Pope scored two runs on three hits to take a 2-1 lead. With one out, Nelms slugged a two strike pitch down the left field line for a stand up double. Morneau slapped an opposite field hit to right field, never slowed down, and slid headfirst into second base with a hustle double. Nelms scored on the play. With two outs, Chapin hit a two strike single past the shortstop into left field and scored Morneau.

In the bottom of the third inning, Pope sent nine batters to the plate and scored four runs on four hits to take a 6-1 lead. Stuetzer led off with a first pitch bunt single to the pitcher and beat the throw to first base. Nelms slugged a first pitch line drive double to left center field that scored Stuetzer from first base.

With one out, Myers hit a single past the shortstop into center field and scored Nelms from second base. It would be the last hit of Myers highly successful high school career at Pope. Chapin hit a hard line drive single to the shortstop's back hand that did not even draw a throw to first base. Myers advanced to second base. Abney was hit by a pitch on a 3-1 count to load the bases. Myers scored from third base on a passed ball. With two outs, Hill walked on a 3-1 pitch to again load the bases. Joachim walked on a full count and scored Chapin from third base.



Drew Abney reached base 3-of-4 times with a single, walk and hit by pitch.



Senior Jack Myers walks off the field for the last time after a stellar career as a Pope Greyhound.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Pope scored one run on one hit to take a 7-2 lead. Chapin led off with a first pitch single past the pitcher into center field. DeLine ran for Chapin. Abney walked on four pitches. **Regan Cochran** ran for Abney. **Griffin Tamucci** hit a first pitch 345-foot fly out to center field that advanced DeLine to third base and Cochran to second base. With one out, Hill hit a successful sacrifice bunt to first base that scored DeLine.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Pope scored two final runs on three hits to take a 9-2 lead. With two outs, Morneau hit a first pitch opposite field single to right field.

Myers reached base on an error by the right fielder. Coach Turco pinch ran Strydom for Myers. As Myers walked off first base towards the Pope dugout for the final time as an active player, he received a well-deserved standing ovation from the stands and many hugs from his teammates and coaches. Myers, a three year starter on the varsity and D1

commit to Georgia Southern, was scheduled for season ending elbow surgery the following day.

DeLine hit a single over third base that did not draw a throw and scored Morneau from second base. Abney hit a high fly to shallow left field that fell behind the shortstop for a single and scored Strydom.

Pope continues action next week with three non-region games. On Monday, the Hounds host North Forsyth at 6:00. It is Sponsor Appreciation Night at the park. On Wednesday, Pope travels to Marietta for a 6:00 game. On Thursday, the Hounds return home for a game vs. Creekview. Before the Creekview game, Pope will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Night. Post-game, the Hounds will honor this year's seniors at the always special Senior Night.

