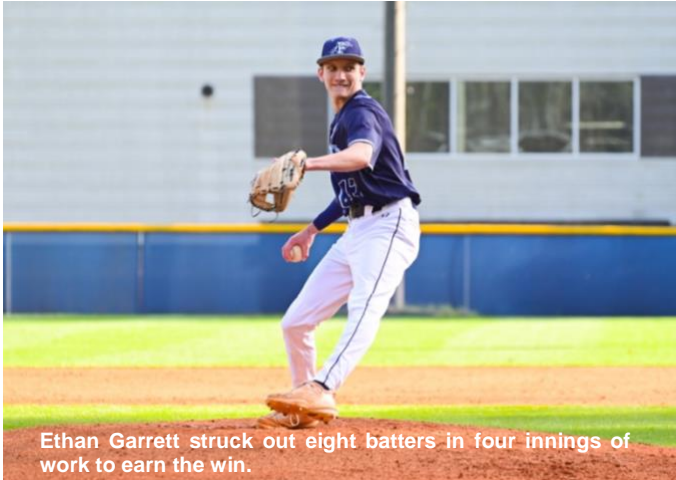




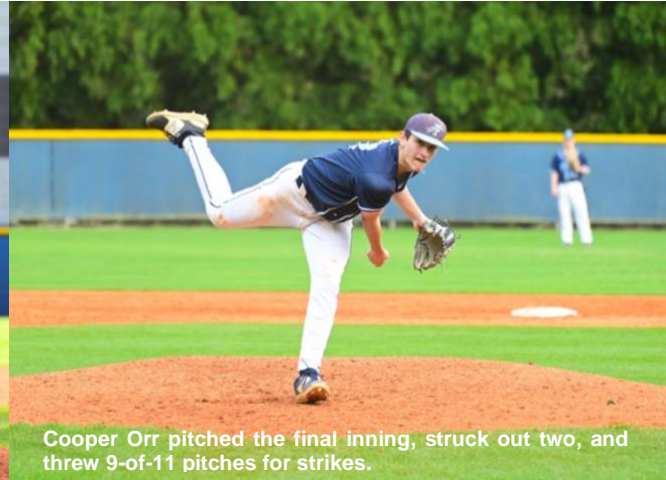
Game 13, March 10, 2023
Pope Greyhounds Varsity 10, Sprayberry Yellow Jackets 0
4½ Inning Run Rule Game
Weather: 60 degrees, 7 mph winds
Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Record: Overall 10-3, Region 4-2



POPE RUN RULES SPRAYBERRY HOUNDS SWEEP SERIES



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Pope scored early and often in the Hounds 10-0 run rule victory in 4½ innings over the Sprayberry Yellow Jackets on Saturday afternoon at Jeff Rowland Field. The Hounds swept the three-game region series. Pope's overall record is 10-3 and region record is 4-2.

In the bottom of the first inning, Pope sent 11 batters to the plate and scored five runs on two hits to gain control and cruise to victory. For the game, the Hounds only had five hits, but showed good patience and benefitted from five walks and four HBP. Pope pitchers combined to shut out the Yellow Jackets with 10 strikes outs, three infield singles, one bloop single, and one walk. Only one Sprayberry baserunner reached third base.

Pope sophomore righthander **Ethan Garrett** (2-1) started for the Hounds and pitched four shutout innings to earn the win. Garrett struck out eight batters, walked one, gave up three singles, and threw 66% strikes (44-66). Garrett got out of a jam in the top of the first when he struck out two consecutive batters to end the inning and leave runners stranded on first and second. Garrett struck out the side in his final inning of work.

Senior right hander **Cooper Orr** pitched the final inning and faced just three batters. After the Sprayberry leadoff hitter reached base by an infield single, Orr promptly picked him off second base with a timed throw to **Carson Kerce**, who applied the tag for the first out of the inning. Orr struck out the next two batters to end the game and preserve the shutout victory. Orr threw 82% strikes (9-11).

Jesse Walter had two of Pope's five hits. He went 2-for-2 with a pair of singles, was hit by a pitch, and had one RBI. Kerce hit a triple that scored three runs, scored two runs himself, and reached base by a HBP. **Kent Schmidt** hit an RBI double scored one run, and reached base

by a HBP. **Eli Overstreet** had a single, one walk, scored two runs, and had one stolen base. **Jack Myers** was hit by a pitch, scored one run, and had one RBI. **Andrew Nelms** walked one time, had one RBI, and was hit by a pitch. **Andrew Walters** walked one time, had one RBI, and had a successful sacrifice bunt. **Cooper Orr** and **John Stuetzer** both walked one time and both scored one run. **Jake Gastley** walked one time. **Tanner Morneau** scored one run and had a stolen base. **Logan Rapp** scored one run.

In the bottom of the first inning, Pope scored five runs on two hits. The Hounds also benefitted from three walks and two HBP. Overstreet led off with an opposite field, two-strike slice single over the second baseman's head. Overstreet stole second base. With one out, Kerce was hit by a two-strike pitch. Schmidt



followed with a 355-foot blast off the top of the left center field fence for a double that scored Overstreet. Kerce advanced to third base. Myers hit a ground ball to the shortstop, who threw home, but Kerce beat the throw and was safe with the Hounds second run. Schmidt and Myers advanced to second and third base on a passed ball. Orr walked on four-straight pitches to load the bases. Nelms walked on four-straight pitches and scored Schmidt from third. Walter was nicked on the shirt (HBP) on a 2-0 count and scored Myers from third. Walters walked on a 3-1 pitch and scored Orr from third.

In the bottom of the third inning, Pope sent nine batters to the plate and scored four more runs on two hits to take a 9-0 lead. Nelms led off with a first pitch HBP on the ankle. Walter hit a line drive single just over the shortstop's head into left field. Rapp ran for Walter. Walters put down a sacrifice bunt to move Nelms to third and Rapp to second. Overstreet hit a ground ball to the third baseman, who threw home for the second out of the inning. Stuetzer walked on a full count to load the bases. Kerce hit a 355-foot line drive shot off the middle of the left center field fence for a triple that scored Rapp, Overstreet, and Stuetzer. Schmidt was hit by a pitch. Myers hit a ball to third base that was misplayed and Kerce scored from third.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored one run on one hit to take a 10-0 lead. With one out, Walter hit a ground ball up the middle and beat the throw to first base for an infield single. Morneau ran for Walter. Walters grounded out and advanced Morneau to second base. Morneau moved to third on a wild pitch. Gastley walked on four-straight pitches, advanced to third base on two more wild pitches, but could not score.

Pope plays three non-region games this week. On **Monday**, the Hounds travel to North Forsyth for a 6:00 game. On **Thursday**, Pope will host Northview at 6:00. Pre-game, the Hounds will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Night. Following the game, the Pope senior class will be honored during the always special Senior Night celebration. On **Friday**, the Hounds host Marietta at 6:00.