



Game 14, March 11, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 3, North Forsyth Raiders 2
Weather: 63 degrees, 6 mph winds
Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Varsity Record: Overall 10-4, Region 5-1
Non-Region Game



POPE GETS PAST NORTH FORSYTH DAWSON JONES AND TANNER MORNEAU LEAD THE HOUNDS



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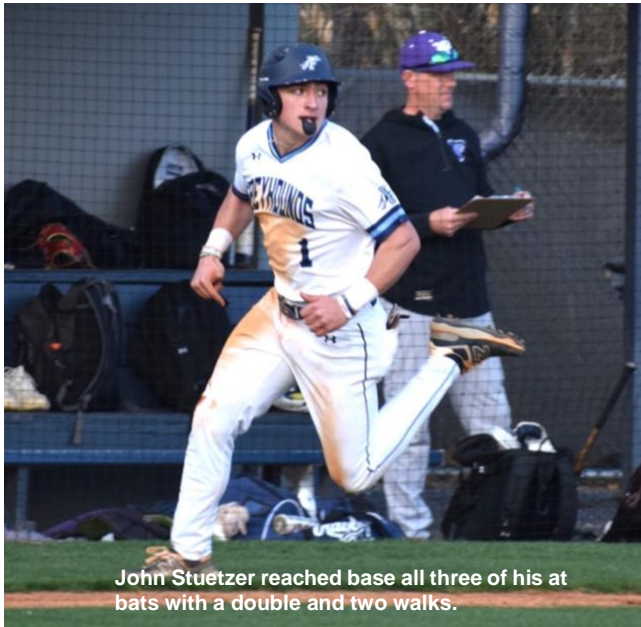


Steady senior Dawson Jones earned his third win, pitched five innings, and struck out nine.

Runs, hits, and pitching were at a premium Monday night in Pope's 3-2 hard fought win vs. North Forsyth at Jeff Rowland Field in a non-region game. The Hounds offense was held to four hits, but they made them all count. Three Pope pitchers combined to strike out 12 batters, allowed just two walks, six hits, and two runs. Pope's overall record improves to 10-4 and region record remains at 5-1.

Tanner Morneau continued to pace the Hounds with two more hits. Morneau had a double, single, and one RBI. It was Morneau's third consecutive multi-hit game where he has gone 8-for-10 at the plate, including three doubles, one triple, and five RBI. **John Stuetzer** reached base 3-of-3 times with a double, two walks, two runs scored, and one stolen base. **Andrew Nelms** had a key double that scored what proved to be the game winning run. **Griffin Tamucci** had one RBI on a ground out. **Ben Hill** had a sacrifice bunt. **Drew Abney** and **Hudson DeLine** both walked one time. **Regan Cochran** had one stolen base and scored one run.

Senior lefthander **Dawson Jones** (3-0) started for Pope and did most of the heavy lifting for the pitching staff. Jones was again dominant to earn his third win. He pitched five innings, struck out nine batters, had no walks, allowed just one run, scattered four hits, and threw 64% strikes (49-77). Jones struck out at least one batter in each inning he pitched and struck out the side in the first inning. Junior right hander **Matt Levinson** pitched the final inning to earn his first varsity save. Levinson struck out two batters and allowed no runs. Senior right hander **Bryce Chapin** pitched one inning and struck out one.



John Stuetzer reached base all three of his at bats with a double and two walks.

In the bottom of the second inning, Pope scored one run on one hit to tie the score 1-1. Stuetzer led off with a walk on a 3-1 pitch. With one out, Stuetzer stole second base. Morneau hit a line drive over the center fielder's head for a double that scored Stuetzer.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored one run on no hits to take a 2-1 lead. Abney walked on a 3-1 pitch. Cochran ran for Abney. Hill put down a successful sacrifice bunt to first base and moved Cochran to third base. Tamucci knocked in Cochran on a ground out to first base on a two strike pitch.

In the bottom of the fifth, Pope scored one run on one hit to take a 3-1 lead. With one out,

Stuetzer walked on a full count. Nelms pulled a fastball down the left field line for a double and scored Stuetzer all the way from first base with the Hounds third and final run.

In the top of the seventh inning, North Forsyth had two runners on base. Abney made two key blocks at catcher to keep both runners from advancing and scoring and helped preserve the win. Defensively, Pope and North Forsyth did not make any errors.

Before the game, Pope Baseball hosted Sponsor Night under the direction of Dugout Club Vice President **Kevin DeLine**. The Hounds celebrated the generous support of the Pope Baseball sponsors. Fourteen sponsors threw a ceremonial first pitch and most were strikes.



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