

JV GREYHOUNDS WALK ALL OVER THE WALKER SCHOOL POPE WINS 13-7

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon at the Lassiter Field for a baseball game... a warmup per se for the travel ball rodeo we are about to enter at the end of the week. Sunscreen aside, the win moved the Greyhounds record to an even 10-10 for the season.

The Greyhounds capitalized on eight walks coupled with nine hits across the seven inning affair to take the lead in the fourth inning and break away for the plus six ending score. Greyhounds hit three doubles on the day- one each from **Chandler Mathis**, **Davis Smith** and **Thomas Williams**. Smith and Williams had a two hit day. **Everett Espe**, **Maddox Corya**, **Parker Troughton**, and **Aaron Best** each tallied a hit.

Ellis Couch started on the mound for Pope. It was Couch's second start of the season. Couch faced 18 batters in three innings, striking out four and walking only one batter. Reliever **Davis Johnson** entered to pitch the fourth and stayed in for the fifth. Johnson walked two and struck out one in garnering his first win of his high school career. **Davis Smith** pitched a scoreless sixth inning striking out one and **Parker Troughton** steadied the ship with closing out the game with the last batters of the game.

The Greyhounds scored three runs in the first inning when **Thomas Williams** out hustled a dropped third strike, **Jensen Morneau** then walked and the runners advanced on a pop fly by **Maddox Corya**. **Davis Smith** walked to load the bases. A passed ball moved the runners up a base allowing Williams to score. **Parker Troughton** drew a walk to load the bases, again. With **JC Slavis** at the plate, a wild pitch scored Morneau and Smith.

The Wolverines tied the score in their half of the first with some well-placed hits just out of the reach of the leather of the Greyhounds. The Greyhounds moved the score up a notch with a walk to **Aaron Best** followed by a monster double by **Chandler Mathis** to deep center to start the 2nd inning.

Walker evened the score at four in their half of the 3rd inning. **Thomas Williams** executed his first of his glove magic on the day by getting a bead on a very shallow hit ball into right field. His catch with runners aboard tallied the second out and Couch finished with a strikeout looking.

Walker brought out a new pitcher and Pope had enough of the tit for tat exchange and moved a head in the 4th when **Reid Bauer** led off the inning by reaching on an error. **Aaron Best** walked for the second time in the game. A sac bunt by **Chandler Mathis** advanced the runners. A **Thomas Williams'** single scored Bauer and Best took third on the same play. **Jensen Morneau** hit into a fielder's choice to the third baseman that allowed Best to cross the plate for the second run of the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, **Davis Johnson** took the bump striking out the first batter he faced followed by an extra base saving grab by **Thomas Williams** in right field that had

the entire crowd say, in unison- Thank you, Thomas- and a ground out to the third baseman, **JC Slavis**.

In the 5th with one out, Parker Troughton missed a double down the 3rd base line followed by a **JC Slavis** walk. **Everett Espe** singled to load the bases. **Reid Bauer** picked up an RBI by drawing a full count walk. **Aaron Best** grounded out in his at bat but the contact had Slavis crossed that plate. The Greyhounds took an 8-4 lead.

Walker scored one in the 5th with **Davis Johnson** on the mound. Great defense with a throw down to **Parker Troughton** by **Jenson Morneau** got a much needed second out in the inning followed by a comebacker to Johnson to **Maddox Corya** to end the inning.

Walker employed their third pitcher of the day to start the 6th. With one out, **Jenson Morneau** legged out a ground ball to reach first on an error. **Maddox Corya** hit a scorcher to right field and a textbook up the middle ground ball by **Davis Smith** cleared the bases and plated two runs.

Davis Smith took the hill and faced four batters for a scoreless bottom of the 6th. A Smith to Corya to Troughton pick off for the second out and a strikeout made for quick work.

Pope added three additional runs in the top of the 7th. This icing was orchestrated by an **Aaron Best** single, **Chandler Mathis** getting hit by a pitch, an RBI single by **Thomas Williams**, **Maddox Corya** reaching on an error and some deft base running by the Greyhounds.

Parker Troughton came on in the seventh to finish the game. The game ended with the Greyhounds and the Greyhound fans a little more sun kissed than when the game began, 13-7.

The JV Greyhounds finish up their season traveling to River Ridge. The young pups are looking to avenge a rain soaked 3-7 loss last week to the Knights.