



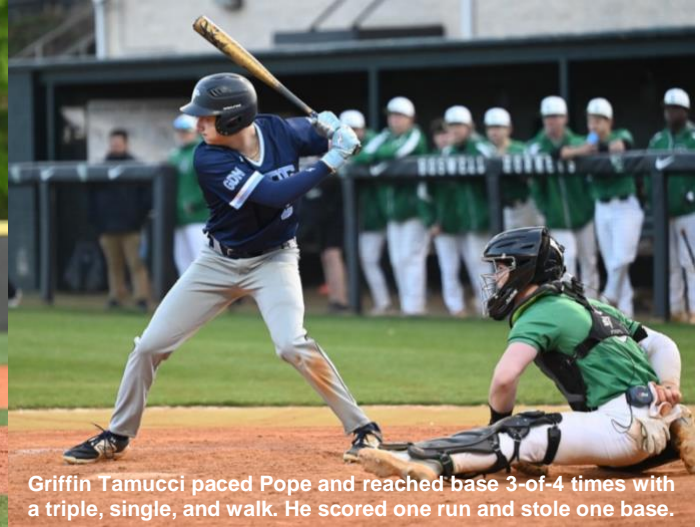
Game 20, March 25, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 3, Roswell Hornets 2
Weather: 62 cold degrees, 15-24 mph sustained winds
Played at Roswell High School
Varsity Record: Overall 13-7, Region 8-2
Game 1 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series



POPE BEATS ROSWELL IN NAIL-BITER STELLAR PITCHING AND TIMELY HITTING HIGHLIGHT WIN



Dawson Jones started for Pope and pitched five impactful innings. He allowed no earned runs and only two hits.



Griffin Tamucci paced Pope and reached base 3-of-4 times with a triple, single, and walk. He scored one run and stole one base.

Pope and Roswell locked up in a high level pitching matchup that saw the Hounds beat the Hornets, 3-2, Monday night at Roswell High School in game one of the best 2-of-3 region series. It was a blustery evening with the flagpole actually bending from the 15-24 mph sustained winds. All in attendance were treated to a well-played game with future college left handed pitchers squaring off against each other. The win improves Pope's region record to 8-2 and overall record to 13-7.

Pope senior lefthander, **Dawson Jones**, an Augusta University signee, pitched his tail off for five innings and 87 pitches. Jones allowed just two ground ball singles, no earned runs, and struck out five. In the second inning, with one out and a runner on third base, Jones dug deep and struck out the next two batters to end the inning with no runs.

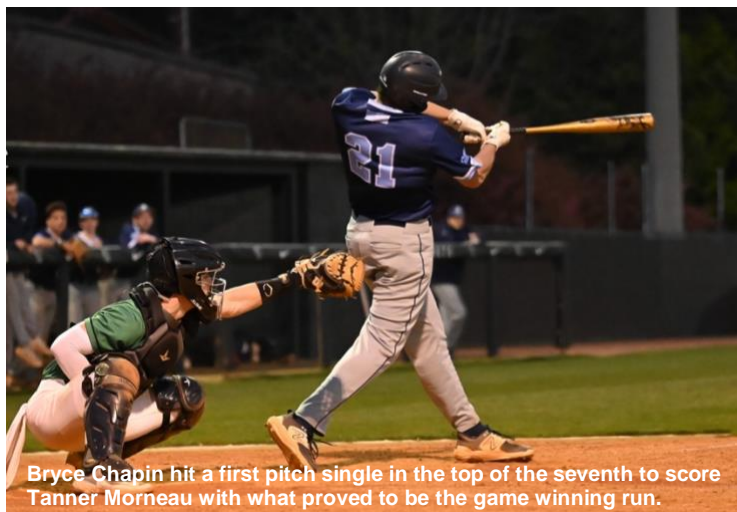


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Junior sidearm specialist, **Nick Truhan** (1-1), pitched the final two innings in relief to earn his first varsity win. Following Jones, a hard throwing left hander, Truhan completely changed speeds and kept the Hornets off balance with a variety of pitches that went from slow, slower, to slowest. Truhan retired 6-of-7 batters he faced, allowed no hits, and one walk. He struck out three batters on varying degrees of off balanced swings by the Roswell hitters. Truhan threw 74% strikes (14-19).

Pope's offense had eight hits, including a triple and a double. The Hounds left 11 runners on base, but got key hits, when necessary, and scored 2-of-3 runs with two outs.

Senior right fielder **Griffin Tamucci**, an Augusta University commit, led the Hounds and went 2-for-3 with a triple, single, walk, one run scored, and stole one base. Senior **Bryce Chapin** had a single that scored **Tanner Morneau** with what proved to be the game winning run. Senior **Carter Joachim** reached base 2-of-3 times with an RBI single, walk, and one stolen base. **Andrew Nelms** went 2-for-4 with a double and a single. Morneau had an infield single, stole one base, and scored one run. **Drew Abney** had an infield single. **John Stuetzer** walked two times. **Ben Hill** reached base two times with a HBP and walk. **Luke Winbush** had a successful bunt to advance two runners. **Hudson DeLine** scored one run.

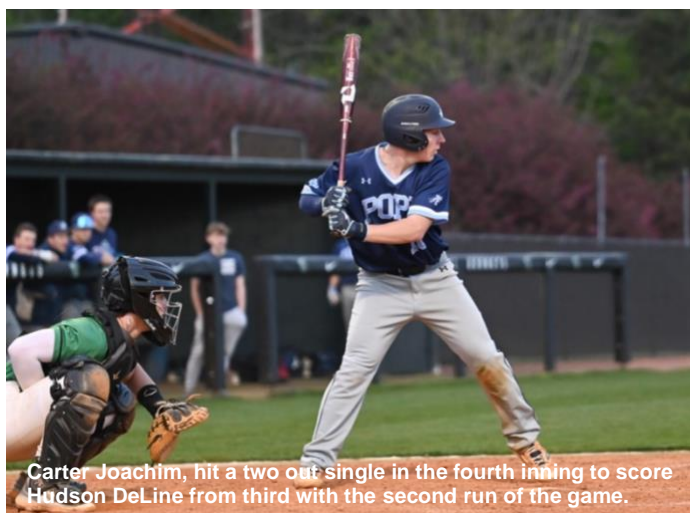


Bryce Chapin hit a first pitch single in the top of the seventh to score Tanner Morneau with what proved to be the game winning run.

In the top of the seventh inning, with the score tied 2-2, Morneau led off with an infield single when he hit a ball that nicked off the pitcher's glove to the shortstop. Morneau beat the throw to first base, and ran to second base when the ball went over the first baseman's head. With one out, Chapin hit a clutch first pitch line drive single to center field that scored Morneau with the go ahead run. Chapin was mobbed by his teammates as he came off the field and **Matt Strydom** pinch ran for him. Tamucci followed with a first pitch line drive single to right center. Strydom

advanced to third base on the hit. Both runners were unable to advance and were left on base.

In the top of the second inning, Pope scored one run on no hits to take a 1-0 lead. Tamucci led off with a four-pitch walk. Hill reached base when he squared to bunt, pulled back, and was hit on the hand. Winbush put down a successful first-pitch sacrifice bunt down the first base line to advance Tamucci to third base and Hill to second base. With two outs, Tamucci scored on a wild pitch.



Carter Joachim, hit a two out single in the fourth inning to score Hudson DeLine from third with the second run of the game.

In the top of the fourth inning, Pope scored one run on two hits to take a 2-1 lead. Tamucci led off with a triple when he pulled a two-strike curve ball down the right field line past the right fielder to the fence. DeLine ran for Tamucci. With two outs, and DeLine still at third base, Joachim hit a key one strike line drive over the third baseman's head for a single to score DeLine.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, with two outs and a runner on second base, the Roswell batter hit a sharp ground ball up the middle. Stuetzer at shortstop ranged to his left,

collected the ball behind second base, made a 360-spin, and threw to Nelms at first base to record the out and end the inning with no runs.

Pope and Roswell both made three errors, both struck out eight times, and both walked three times. The series continues with game two on Wednesday at Pope and game three on Thursday at Pope. Both games start at 6:00.

