



POPE STUNG BY HORNETS

Pope fell behind Roswell 3-1 after one inning of play. The Hounds never got their offense started and lost to the Hornets, 4-2, on Wednesday night at Roswell High School in game two of the three-game region series. The series is tied, 1-1. Pope's overall record is 17-4 and region record is 8-3.

Pope was retired in order the final three innings of the game and were out hit for only the second time this season, 7-6. The Hounds had five singles and a solo home run. There were no errors made by either team. The game was completed in one hour, 40 minutes.

Carson Kerce hit a 375-foot monster home run deep to left field and through the top of the trees. It was the second game in a row that Kerce hit a home run and his third of the season. **John Stuetzer** and **Kent Schmidt** had two singles each. Schmidt scored one run. **Bryce Chapin** had an RBI single. **Tanner Morneau** walked two times. **Jack Myers** walked one time.



Blythe Keisler (6-1) started for Pope and held Roswell scoreless in three-of-five innings. Keisler struck out four and threw 72% strikes (53-74). Chapin pitched one inning, allowed no runs, and retired three of the four batters he faced.

In the top of the first inning, Pope scored one run on two hits to take a 1-0 lead. With two outs, Kerce hit a two-strike solo home run. Schmidt singled to right field, but was not able to advance.

In the top of the fourth inning, Pope scored one run on two hits to cut the Roswell lead to 4-2. Schmidt led off with a single to right field and advanced to second base on a wild pitch. Myers walked on a 3-1 pitch. Walter put down a successful sacrifice bunt to the right side and moved Schmidt to third and Myers to second. With one out, Chapin hit a first pitch looping fly ball single to right field that scored Schmidt.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, with two outs, Roswell had a runner on second base. The Hornets clean-up batter singled to center field and the runner from second tried to score. Stuetzer fielded the ball and threw a one-bounce strike to catcher **Drew Abney**, who caught the ball and waited on the runner to get to home plate. When the runner finally arrived, Abney applied the tag for the out and ended the inning.

Pope and Roswell complete the three-game region series on Thursday night at Roswell High School.