



POPE BEATS ROSWELL TO WIN SERIES GARRETT DOMINATES AND STRIKES OUT 10 IN SIX INNINGS

Pope sophomore pitcher **Ethan Garrett** was overpowering in the Hound's 5-1 win against Roswell on Thursday night at Rowell High School. The lanky righthander used an upper 80's fastball that topped out at 90 mph and an effective off-speed pitch to strike out 10 Roswell batters in six innings. Pope won two-of-three games to win the region series against Roswell. Pope's overall record is 18-4 and region record is 9-3.



Sophomore Ethan Garrett struck out 10 batters and allowed no walks to earn the win for Pope.

Garrett (4-0) retired the side in order in three-of-six innings and struck out at least one batter in each of the six innings he pitched. He held the Roswell 3-4-5-6 batters without a hit. Garrett walked no batters, allowed just one run, gave up five singles, and threw 72% strikes (59-82). In the sixth inning, Garrett struck out the side, including the final two batters he faced with two runners on base.

Senior closer **Carson Kerce** pitched the final inning and continued the Hounds overpowering pitching. Kerce struck out three, allowed no runs, no walks, and threw a season high 93% strikes (14-15).

Senior catcher **Jesse Walter** was a wall behind the plate. He made multiple stops to keep base runners in check and saved two runs. In the bottom of the first inning, after the Roswell leadoff batter reached base by a HBP, Walter gunned him down at second base trying to steal with a perfect throw to **Jack Myers**, who applied the tag for the out.

Pope's offense had seven singles. Kerce led Pope with two hits and one RBI. **Logan Rapp** had a single, two RBI, and scored run one. **Tanner Morneau** had a single, two RBI, and one stolen base. Walter had a single and a successful sacrifice bunt. **Bryce Chapin** had a single and reached base by a HBP. **Kent Schmidt** had a single. **John Stuetzer** had a sacrifice bunt, walked one time, scored one run, and stole one base. Myers walked two times and scored one run. **Eli Overstreet** reached base on a full count walk.

In the top of the second inning, Pope grabbed a 1-0 lead on no hits. Myers led off with a full count walk. Walter put down a successful sacrifice bunt and moved Myers to second. Myers

advanced to third on a passed ball. Chapin was hit by a pitch. Rapp hit into a 6-4 fielder's choice that scored Myers from third.

In the top of the fourth inning with the score tied, 1-1, Pope scored three runs on four straight singles to take a 4-1 lead. With one out, Walter singled on a two-strike pitch up the middle past the pitcher. Castro ran for Walter. Chapin hit a single past the second baseman in the hole and moved Castro to second. Rapp hit a single into left field and scored Castro from second with what proved to be the game winning run. Chapin and Rapp advanced to second and third on a passed ball. With the Roswell infield in, Morneau hit a chop single up the middle into center field to score Chapin and Rapp.

In the top of the seventh inning, Pope scored one more run on one hit and two walks to take a 5-1 lead. With one out, Stuetzer walked on a full count. On the next pitch, Stuetzer stole second base. Kerce bounced a single into left field and scored Stuetzer.

Pope returns to action during Spring Break on Thursday with a doubleheader at Jeff Rowland Field. At 2:00 the Hounds play River Ridge. Approximately 30 minutes later, the Hounds play Walton.