



Game 25, April 8, 2024  
**Pope Greyhounds 3, Johns Creek Gladiators 4**  
Weather: 75 degrees, 9 mph winds  
Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School  
Varsity Record: Overall 16-9, Region 10-3  
Game 1 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series

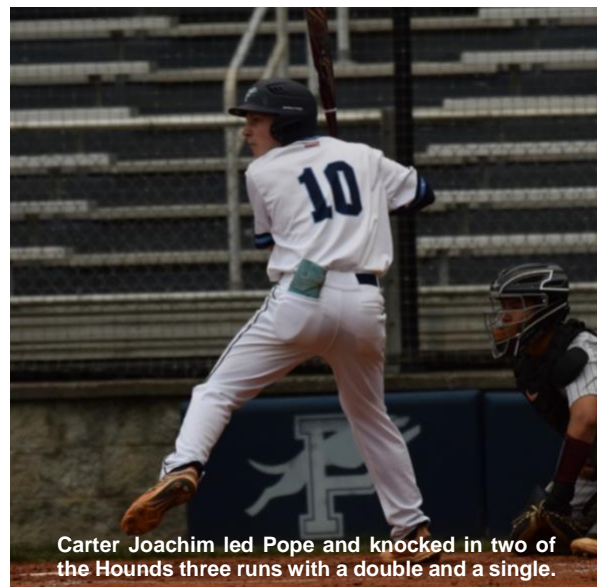


## HOUNDS LOSE CLOSE ONE TO JOHNS CREEK HOUNDS DROP GAME ONE OF REGION SERIES

Pope had opportunities, but fell short and lost to Johns Creek, 4-3, Monday night at Jeff Rowland field in game one of the three-game region series. The Hounds region record drops to 10-3 and overall record is 16-9.

Pope's offense managed five hits. **Carter Joachim** led the Hounds with a double, a single, and two RBI. Stuetzer reached base 4-of-4 times with a single, a walk, a HBP, and an error. He added an RBI and two stolen bases. **Hudson DeLine** reached base 3-of-3 times with a single, a walk, and an error. DeLine score two of the Hounds three runs. **Griffin Tamucci** hit a single and scored one run. **Tanner Morneau** walked one time and stole one base. **Drew Abney** walked one time. **Regan Cochran** stole one base.

**Dawson Jones** started for Pope and battled for five innings. Jones struck out eight batters, scattered four hits, allowed one earned run, worked around four hit batters, and threw 65% strikes (64-99). He also picked off a runner at second base with a nice throw to **John Stuetzer** who made the tag. **Nick Truhan** pitched the final two innings and was perfect. He retired all six batters he faced, allowed no hits, struck out one, and threw 68% strikes (15-22).



Carter Joachim led Pope and knocked in two of the Hounds three runs with a double and a single.

In the bottom of the second inning, Pope scored two runs on two hits to cut the Johns Creek lead to 3-2. Tamucci led off with a line drive single to right field. Tamucci advanced to second base on an errant throw by the pitcher on a pickoff attempt. With one out, DeLine walked on a 3-1 pitch. Joachim hit a line drive shot past the third baseman down the left field line to score Tamucci from second base and move DeLine to third base. With two outs, Stuetzer struck out swinging, but the ball bounced in the dirt away from the catcher. Stuetzer beat the high throw to first base and DeLine scored on the play.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored one run on two hits to cut the Johns Creek lead to 4-3. With two outs, DeLine hit a hard ground ball to the shortstop and was called safe when the first baseman pulled his foot from the base too soon. Joachim hit a first pitch line drive single to left center field and advanced DeLine to second base. Stuetzer hit a two-strike line drive single to left center field that scored DeLine. The Hounds travel to Johns Creek on Wednesday for a 5:30 game and return to Johns Creek on Friday for a 6:00 game.