



Game 30, April 19, 2024  
Pope Greyhounds 3, Blessed Trinity Titans 4  
Weather: 81 degrees, 7 mph winds  
Played at Blessed Trinity High School  
Varsity Record: Overall 19-11, Region 13-5  
Game 3 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series



## POPE DROPS CLOSE ONE TO BLESSED TRINITY HOUNDS WIN SERIES, BUT FINISH RUNNER UP IN REGION



Pope battled to the end with great effort, but fell just short and lost to Blessed Trinity, 4-3, Friday night at Blessed Trinity High School in the final game of the three game series. It was a high level pressure packed game that saw both teams play well. The Hounds won the first two games of the series. The game three loss dropped the Hounds into second place in region seven. Pope finished the regular season with an overall record of 19-11 and region record of 13-5.

The Hounds turn their focus to the upcoming GHSA State Baseball Playoffs for the fifteenth consecutive season. The best 2-of-3 playoffs start on Thursday with Pope hosting a doubleheader vs. Allatoona. The if necessary game is scheduled for Friday at Pope. Allatoona was the three-seed out of region six with a record of 20-10.

Against BT, Pope's offense managed just four hits, but benefitted from seven walks and three HBP. The Hounds left nine runners on base, including five in the final two innings. **Carter Joachim** reached base 2-of-3 times with a key single that scored two runs and walked one time. **Ben Hill** reached base 3-of-4 times with a single, two HBP, and scored one run. **Tanner Morneau** had a single and a stolen base. **Andrew Nelms** had a single.

**Griffin Tamucci** reached base 3-of-4 times with two walks, an error, and scored one run. **Brady Otero** reached base 3-of-4 times with two walks and a HBP. Otero also had a successful

sacrifice bunt. **Luke Winbush** had an RBI on a fielder's choice, stole one base, and had a successful sacrifice bunt. **Regan Cochran** had a stolen base and scored one run. **John Stuetzer** and **Drew Abney** both walked one time.

**Nick Bobrowski** started for the Hounds and pitched five innings. He threw 90 pitches, struck out three, and allowed just four hits. **Matt Levinson** pitched one inning, struck out one, and threw 68% strikes (13-19).

In the top of the second inning, Pope scored one run on one hit to tie the score 1-1. Tamucci led off and walked on a full count. Hill bunted just past the pitcher on the right side of the infield for a single. Tamucci moved to second base. Otero sacrifice bunted to the pitcher and advanced Tamucci to third and Hill to second. Winbush hit a ground out to the shortstop that scored Tamucci from third.

In the top of the fourth, Pope scored two runs on one hit to take a 3-1 lead. Abney led off with a 3-1 walk. Cochran ran for Abney and stole second base. Hill was hit by a pitch. Otero followed and was also hit by a pitch to load the bases. With two outs, Joachim hit a pressure packed line drive single up the middle into center field and scored Cochran and Hill.

Pope's defense played well. In the bottom of the first inning, the Hounds made a nice 8-3-4 (Morneau to Nelms to Joachim) put out of a BT runner trying to advance to second base on a single.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Abney at catcher scooped a short one hop pitch. The BT runner at first base took a couple of steps toward second base. Abney threw behind the runner to Nelms at first base, who made the swipe tag for the out and ended the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Stuetzer made another amazing stop in the hole on a ball only the top 1% could reach. After back handing the ball, Stuetzer threw to Winbush at third base, who applied the tag for the out.

