



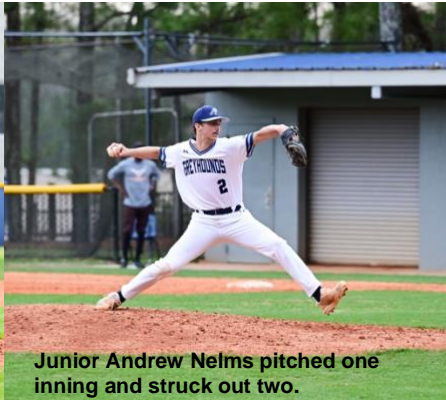
Game 6, February 20, 2023
Pope Greyhounds Varsity 10, Kell Longhorns 0
Six-Inning Run Rule Game
Weather: 74 degrees, 13-20 mph winds, sunny
Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Record: Overall 5-1, Region 0-0



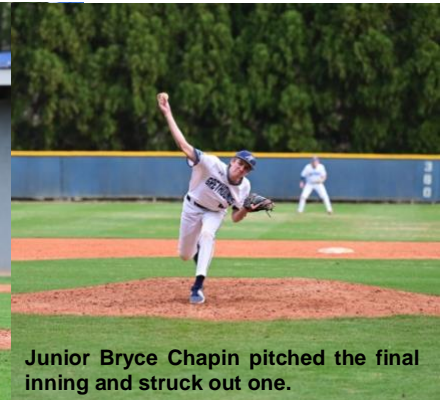
POPE RUN RULES KELL IN HOME OPENER JONES, NELMS & CHAPIN COMBINE FOR NO HITTER



Junior Dawson Jones pitched four innings and struck out five to earn the win.



Junior Andrew Nelms pitched one inning and struck out two.

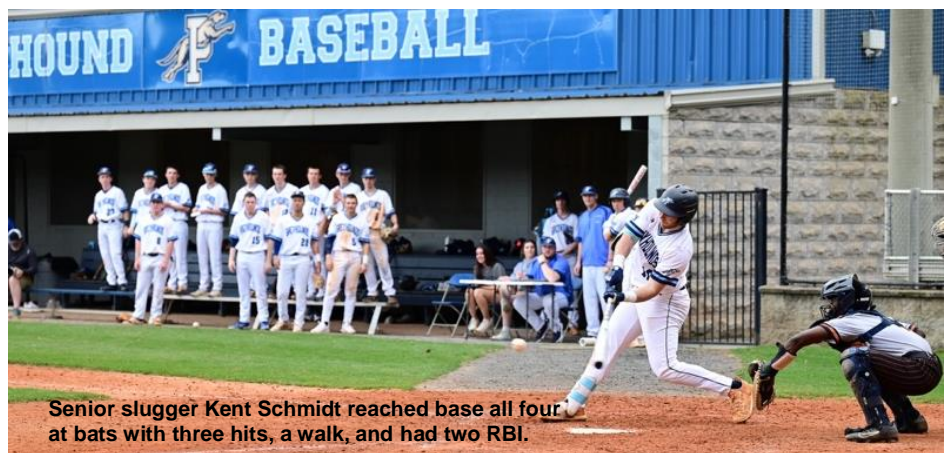


Junior Bryce Chapin pitched the final inning and struck out one.

Pope's offense scored early and often, three Hound's pitchers combined to throw a no hitter, and Pope raced to a **10-0 run-rule victory** in six innings over the Kell Longhorns Monday afternoon at Pope High School's Jeff Rowland Field. Pope's overall record improves to 5-1.

The junior class pitching trio of **Dawson Jones**, **Andrew Nelms**, and **Bryce Chapin** threw a combined no hitter. Jones (1-1) pitched the first four innings and struck out five batters to earn the win. Nelms pitched one inning and struck out two. Chapin made his varsity pitching debut, pitched the final inning, and struck out one. Pope's defense made all the plays and had no errors.

Pope's offense slugged 12 hits, benefitted from five walks, one error, and one HBP. Senior first baseman **Kent Schmidt** led the Hounds. Schmidt went 3-for-3 with a double, two singles, one walk, two RBI, and scored two runs. Schmidt also made a nice defensive running catch at first base on a pop up in the third inning. Senior shortstop **Carson Kerce** went 2-for-2 with two singles, one walk, three runs scored, and one RBI. **Carter Joachim** slugged a pinch-hit walk off RBI double in his first career varsity at bat. **John Stuetzer** had a single, one walk, one RBI, two runs scored, and one stolen base. **Jack Myers** had a single, one walk, and one run scored. **Eli Overstreet** had a single and stole one base. **Cooper Orr** had a sacrifice fly that scored a run, was hit by a pitch, and scored one run. **Jesse Walter** and **Andrew Walters** both had a single and RBI. **Jake Gastley** had a sacrifice



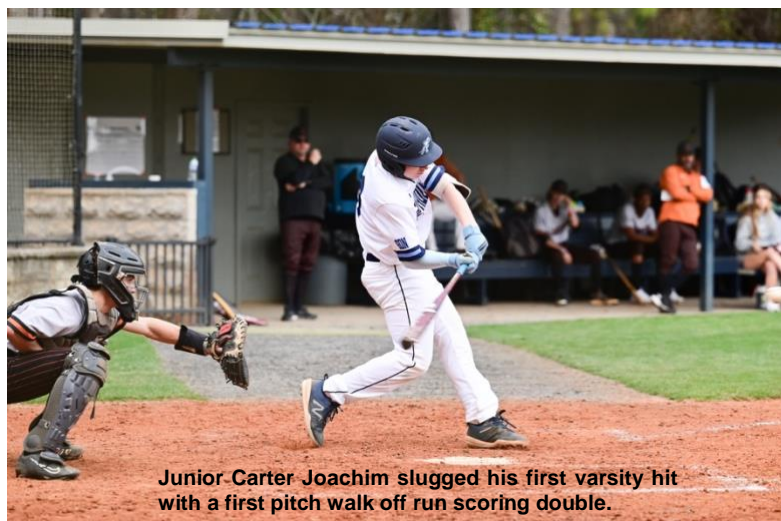
Senior slugger Kent Schmidt reached base all four at bats with three hits, a walk, and had two RBI.

fly that scored a run. **Ethan Garrett** had a pinch-hit single and scored one run. **Brady Otero** walked one time.

In the bottom of the first inning, Pope sent eight batters to the plate and scored four runs on five hits. Myers led off with a full-count single that was sliced down the right field line. Myers was balked to second base and advanced to third on a passed ball. Stuetzer hit a two-strike ground ball to the shortstop, beat the throw to first for an infield single, and scored Myers. Kerce sneaked a single past the second baseman into right field and scored Stuetzer. Schmidt slugged an opposite field double to the left center field fence at the 345-foot mark and scored Kerce from first base. Overstreet hit a first-pitch single to left field that advanced Schmidt to third. Orr hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Schmidt. Overstreet stole second base, but could not score.

In the bottom of the third inning, Pope again sent eight batters to the plate and scored three more runs on two hits. Kerce led off with a walk on four pitches and advanced to second base on a wild pitch. Schmidt walked on a 3-1 count. With one out, Orr was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Gastley hit a sacrifice fly to right field that scored Kerce from third. Walter hit a ground ball single to right field and scored Schmidt. Walters pulled a 3-2 pitch into right field for a single and scored Orr.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored two runs on two hits to take a 9-0 lead. Stuetzer led off with a walk. Kerce singled up the middle just past the pitchers right ear and into center field. Schmidt pulled a first-pitch fast ball to right field for a single and scored Stuetzer. Overstreet grounded out, but scored Kerce from third.



Junior Carter Joachim slugged his first varsity hit with a first pitch walk off run scoring double.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Pope scored one run on three-straight hits to end the game. Garrett led off with a pinch hit, full-count single past the shortstop and into left center field. Schmidt hit an opposite field single into left center and advanced Garrett to second base. Joachim made his varsity hitting debut and wasted little time in the opportunity. He slugged the first pitch he saw deep into the left field corner for a walk-off double that scored Garrett and led to a nice celebration around Joachim as he walked back to the dugout.

Pope's next game is on Thursday night at home vs. North Atlanta at 6:00. On Friday, the Hounds travel to Dunwoody to play a 5:55 game.