



Game 7, February 23, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 0, Walton Raiders 10
Weather: 62 degrees, 11-18 mph winds
Played at Walton High School
Varsity Record: Overall 4-3, Region 0-0
Non-Region Game



POPE FALLS TO WALTON



Freshman catcher Jensen Morneau threw out a runner trying to steal second base and caught a tough pop up behind home plate. Morneau also had a single.

Pope lost to Walton Friday night at Walton High School. Pope's overall record drops to 4-3.

Pope's offense was limited to three hits. The **Morneau brothers** accounted for two of the hits. Freshman **Jensen Morneau** hit a first pitch single up the middle. Later in the game. Jensen's older brother, **Tanner Morneau**, hit a first pitch 350-foot line drive to the left field fence for a double. Sophomore **Ben Hill** hit an opposite field line drive single to right field. Four Pope players reached base by a walk, **John Stuetzer**, **Andrew Nelms**, Tanner Morneau, and **Jack Myers**.

Jenson Morneau got the start behind the plate at catcher and played well. Morneau caught a difficult high foul pop towards the backstop that tailed back toward home plate. Morneau later threw out a base runner trying to steal second base with a strong throw to Stuetzer, who applied the tag.

Pope's defense turned two double plays and made no errors. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Stuetzer fielded a ball at shortstop, stepped on second base for one out and threw to Nelms at first base for the second out. In the bottom of the fifth, **Carter Joachim** fielded a ball at second base. He threw to Stuetzer covering second base for one out. Stuetzer made the throw to Nelms at first base to complete the double play.

Pope opens region play next week with a three game series vs. Lassiter. The Hounds host the Trojans on Tuesday at 6:00 and travel to Lassiter on Thursday and Friday for games beginning at 6:00.