

JV GREYHOUNDS HANG A PERFECT 10 ON CHEROKEE JV

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Pope collected 9 hits and 10 runs in seven innings of play to take the game in the bottom of the 6th inning. **Lennon Baker** turned in 5 2/3 innings of two hit four strikeout performance. **Ellis Couch** slammed the game shut with a four-pitch strikeout for the last out of the game.

Baker faced 23 batters on the night, turning in two 3 up 3 down innings. Baker served up eight ground ball outs- the most exciting was a textbook 6-4-3 double play in the top of the 3rd (**Parker Troughton** to **Jack Healy** to **Maddox Corya**). **Jensen Morneau's** throw down to **Luke Winbush** at third base in the 2nd inning ended the noisy half inning of bases full of Cherokee players. Cherokee failed to get anyone in scoring position after that point.

Wasting no time getting on the board, Pope jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the 1st. **Thomas Williams** got on base after getting hit by a pitch followed by a full count walk to **Luke Winbush**. With runners advancing to third and second on a wild pitch, a sac ground out to the second baseman by **Jensen Morneau** scored Williams. Winbush turned on the jets and scored on a passed ball in the inning and **Maddox Corya** walked ahead of **JC Slavis** coming to the plate. Slavis cranked a ball down the left line to the wall for a double allowing Corya to score. A pass ball moved Slavis to third and a sac ground by **Paker Troughton** got Slavis home.

In the bottom of the second, two walks to **Hall Mitchell** and **Jack Healy** and a second HBP of **Thomas Williams** of the game, filled the bases with Greyhounds. With one out via the infield fly rule (irony is not lost on the writer), Morneau hit a sac fly to left scoring Mitchell. Corya then hit a single to right field to score J Healy.

In the 4th inning, the 2-out Greyhound offensive machine fired up, with an infield bunt by Williams, a single by Winbush, and a single by Morneau. Williams scored on the Winbush single by charging down the line worming away from the tag with a dive to the front of the plate. Winbush scored on the Morneau single but his degree of difficulty on the slide of the plate was lower than Williams'.

Will Zeigler tacked on the ninth run of the game in the 5th after he battled to a full count walk to get around the bases on a sac fly by **Chandler Mathis**. The Greyhound defense took the field bent on keeping their opponent off the board.

Thomas Williams changed things up in the bottom of the 6th by hitting the ball instead of getting hit by it with a single to left field. Williams had four plate appearances on the evening and got on base each time. Luke Winbush hit a double to left field scoring Williams for the tenth run and game winner.

The Greyhounds move to 7-8 on the season. The March 22nd match up with Cherokee has been tentatively rescheduled for April 9th. There does appear to be more schedule delaying rain into next week, as well.