

BATS COOLED DOWN A BIT... POPE JV FALLS TO KELL 4-8

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The Greyhounds battled on the basepaths but couldn't find the offensive power to overcome Kell like they did in their previous meeting on Tuesday evening. And while the bats were chilly, the game saw extreme heat in an incredible three inning relief appearance by sophomore **Jacob Israel**.

The freshman southpaw **Lennon Baker** started the game and pitched 4 strong innings giving up just 3 hits, 2 walks, and 2 earned runs across that time. He recorded 3 strikeouts on the night as well. **Ian Hair** came in to start the top of the 5th for the Greyhounds. Hair was relieved in the same inning by **Jacob Israel**.

Israel faced the final 9 batters of the game giving up just two hits and recording seven strikeouts- 6 of them swinging. It was Israel's third appearance of the season, and he was untouchable. In the top half of the 7th, he struck out the side.

The Greyhounds jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the first thanks to singles from **Thomas Williams** and **Maddox Corya** and sacrifice liners from **Everett Espe** and **JC Slavis**. The lead was trimmed but held 4-3 in the bottom inning number 3.

The 4th inning saw Pope commit errors in the field and the score tipped 4-5 Kell. Pope made some noise in the bottom of the 4th with singles from Slavis and **Greg Gastley** but failed to get runners across the plate.

Kell capitalized on singles, being by pitches and a fielders choice to move the score to 4-8 in the top of the 5th. Pope's bats didn't string anything together and that's where the scoring ended for both teams.

Pope was out hit by a margin of 7-8 with **JC Slavis** accounting for 2 singles in that tally. **Aaron Best**, **Parker Troughton**, **Thomas Williams**, **Maddox Corya**, and **Greg Gastley** collected one each on the night.

The Greyhounds will drive over to Sandy Plains Road on Saturday afternoon for the first of the two-game series to take on the Sprayberry Yellow Jackets. Game time has moved to a 2pm start to allow for more field prep time.