



Game 11, March 4, 2024  
Pope Greyhounds 11, Sprayberry Yellow Jackets 1  
Weather: 67 degrees, 7 mph winds  
Played at Sprayberry High School  
Varsity Record: Overall 7-4, Region 3-1  
Game 1 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series



## POPE RUN RULES SPRAYBERRY



Senior Dawson Jones pitched five shutout innings, allowed one hit, and struck out eight to earn his second win.



Pope's coaching staff preparing for the next big inning for the Hounds.

Pope made the short drive down Sandy Plains Road to Sprayberry High School and took care of business Monday night against the Yellow Jackets, 11-1, in a six-inning run rule game. The Hounds were clicking on all cylinders in the opening game of the best 2-of-3 region series. Pope's region record improves to 3-1 and overall record is 7-4.

Pope's offense had nine hits and benefitted from five different players that were hit by pitches. **Carter Joachim** led the Hounds and reached base 3-of-3 times with a double, single, fielder's choice, and scored three runs. Joachim has now reached base 10 straight at bats over the past three games with six hits, two walks, one fielder's choice, and one error.

**Andrew Nelms** reached base 3-of-4 times with two singles, one walk, had one RBI, and scored two runs. **Jack Myers** had a double, was hit by a pitch, had three RBI, and scored one run. **Drew Abney** hit a double that scored one run. **John Stuetzer** reached base 4-of-4 times with a single, two walks, one HBP, and scored three runs. **Tanner Morneau** reached base 3-of-3 times with a single, HBP, fielder's choice, had two RBI and scored one run. **Hudson DeLine** had a single and scored one run. **Griffin Tamucci** was hit by a pitch and scored one run. **Matt Strydom** knocked in a run on a ground out. **Matt Levinson** was hit by a pitch.

Pope's pitching limited Sprayberry to just two singles, struck out nine batters, and allowed no earned runs. Senior left hander **Dawson Jones** (2-0) started on the mound for Pope and earned the win. Jones was never threatened. He pitched five shutout innings and allowed just

one hit. He struck out eight batters, walked two, and threw 62% strikes (46-74). He retired the side in order in 3-of-5 innings. Only one batter reached second base and no runners reached third base. Jones picked off a base runner at first base on a throw to **Bryce Chapin**. Junior Tanner Morneau pitched the final inning, allowed no earned runs, struck out one, and threw 75% strikes (12-16). Tanner's catcher for the final inning was his younger brother, freshman **Jensen Morneau**.

In the top of the third inning, Pope sent eight batters to the plate and scored four runs on four hits to take a 4-0 lead. Joachim led off and hit a hard one bounce grounder off the shortstop's glove to reach first base. Stuetzer bunted down the third base line and beat the throw for a single. Joachim moved to second base. Nelms followed with a bunt single down the first base line that did not even draw a throw. With the bases loaded, Morneau hit into a fielder's choice that scored Joachim from third base. Nelms was forced out at second and Morneau was safe at first. Myers slugged a line drive double over the center fielder's head that scored Stuetzer from third and Morneau from first. With two outs, Abney hit an opposite field line drive double down the left field line that scored Myers.

In the top of the fourth inning, Pope scored two runs on two hits to take a 6-0 lead. With one out, Joachim hit a line drive over the left fielder's head for a double. Stuetzer walked on a 3-1 pitch. Nelms grounded out to the second baseman, but moved the runners to second and third. With two outs, Morneau hit a single to right field that scored Joachim from third and Stuetzer from second.

In the top of the sixth, Pope sent nine batters to the plate and scored five runs on three hits to take a commanding 11-0 lead. DeLine pinch hit and led off with a first pitch single to right field. Joachim remained red hot and ripped a single past the third baseman into left field. DeLine ran to third base. Stuetzer walked on a full count to load the bases. Nelms hit a high fly to left field that dropped for a single and scored DeLine.

Tamucci pinch hit and was plunked by a pitch on a full count after seven pitches. Joachim scored on the play. With the bases loaded, Myers was hit by the first pitch thrown and scored Stuetzer. Five pitches later, Nelms scored from third base on a wild pitch. Levinson pinch hit, worked the count full, and was (you guessed it) hit by a pitch to load the bases. It was the third batter in a row to be hit by a pitch and fifth in the game. Strydom pinch hit and grounded out, but scored Tamucci from third base with the Hounds final run.

Pope hosts Sprayberry on Thursday in a doubleheader beginning at 5:00 pm.

