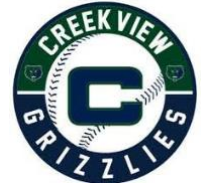




Game 16, March 14, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 6, Creekview Grizzlies 8
Weather: 80 degrees, 7 mph winds
Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Varsity Record: Overall 10-6, Region 5-1
Non-Region Game



HOUNDS PAWED BY GRIZZLIES POPE CELEBRATES TEACHER APPRECIATION AND SENIOR NIGHT



Pope Senior Baseball Players and Families honored were #2-Griffin Tamucci, #4-Jack Myers, #5-Brady Otero, #9-Logan Castro #10-Carter Joachim, #11-Dawson Jones, #12-Andrew Nelms, #19-Regan Cochran, and #21-Bryce Chapin.

Sandwiched between a highly successful pre-game Pope Teacher Appreciation Night and an amazing post-game Senior Night Celebration, the Hounds lost to Creekview, 8-6, Thursday evening at Jeff Rowland Field. Pope carried a 6-0 lead into the sixth inning. Creekview scored one run in the sixth inning and seven runs in the seventh inning. The non-region game drops Pope's overall record to 10-6.

Pope's offense had nine hits, including three doubles. Junior **John Stuetzer** led the Hounds with a double, single, and one run scored. Senior **Carter Joachim** hit a double that scored two runs, walked one time, and scored one run. Senior **Andrew Nelms** had a single, two RBI, and a sacrifice bunt to advance a runner. Junior **Tanner Morneau** hit a 349-foot double to center field that looked like it had a chance to leave the yard.

Sophomore **Drew Abney** reached base 3-of-4 four times with a single and two walks. Senior **Logan Castro** hit a single, one RBI, scored one run, and had a successful sacrifice bunt to advance a runner. Senior **Griffin Tamucci** hit a single, stole one base, and scored one run. Senior **Bryce Chapin** hit a single. Senior **Brady Otero** reached base by an error and scored one run. Senior **Regan Cochran** scored one run and stole one base.

Junior **Ethan Garrett** started for Pope and pitched well. Garrett pitched four scoreless innings, struck out five, allowed just two hits, and threw 62% strikes (34-55). Morneau pitched one scoreless inning, struck out one, and threw 69% strikes (9-13). Joachim pitched one inning, struck out one, and threw 61% strikes (14-23). Nelms pitched in the seventh inning and struck out one. Junior **Matt Levinson** pitched in the seventh inning, struck out one, and threw 69% strikes (9-13).

Abney made several highlight plays from his catcher's position. In the top of the first inning with two outs and a runner on third base, a breaking pitch was in the dirt. Abney shifted to his right, blocked the ball, chased it down, went to his knees, and threw to Garrett, who was covering home. Garrett tagged out the runner to end the inning with no runs. Abney also threw out two base runners trying to steal second base. Stuetzer made both catches and tagged out both runners.

In the bottom of the second inning, Pope scored three runs on four hits to take a 3-0 lead. Abney led off with a 0-2 single past the pitcher into centerfield. Cochran ran for Abney. With one out, Tamucci hit a single to right field and advanced Cochran to third base. Tamucci stole second base. With two outs, Castro hit an infield single to the shortstop's backhand and beat the throw to first base. Cochran scored on the hit. Joachim hit a line drive shot down the third base line for a double and scored Tamucci from third and Castro all the way from first base.

In the bottom of the third inning, Pope scored one run on three hits to take a 4-0 lead. Stuetzer led off with a first pitch line drive down the third base line for a stand up double. Nelms put down a sacrifice bunt to the third baseman, who fielded the ball and overthrew first base. Stuetzer scored from second base on the play. Nelms went to second base on the errant throw.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored two runs on two hits to take a 6-0 lead. Otero led off and reached base by an error by the right fielder. Castro advanced Otero to second base with a successful sacrifice bunt. With one out, Joachim walked on a full count. Stuetzer hit a hard line drive single to left field to score Otero from second base and Joachim from first base.

Pre-game, our senior baseball players selected their **Most Influential Pope Teacher** who have made a positive impact on them during their high school careers. The teachers wore the player's jersey at school in recognition of their selection. **Stephanie Myers** did an outstanding job organizing the meaningful event.



Griffin Tamucci selected Ms. Christina Watson. Regan Cochran also selected Ms. Christina Watson. Jack Myers selected Ms. Cathi Monk. Brady Otero selected Ms. Sara Register. Logan Castro selected Ms. Dani Hall. Carter Joachim selected Ms. Ashley Wallace. Dawson Jones selected Ms. Sharee Thomas. Andrew Nelms selected Ms. Erica Cason. Bryce Chapin selected Dr. Julie Kokan.



Post-game, our Senior Baseball Players, Senior Team Manager, and Senior Diamond Girls were recognized and honored for their achievements, both on and off the field.

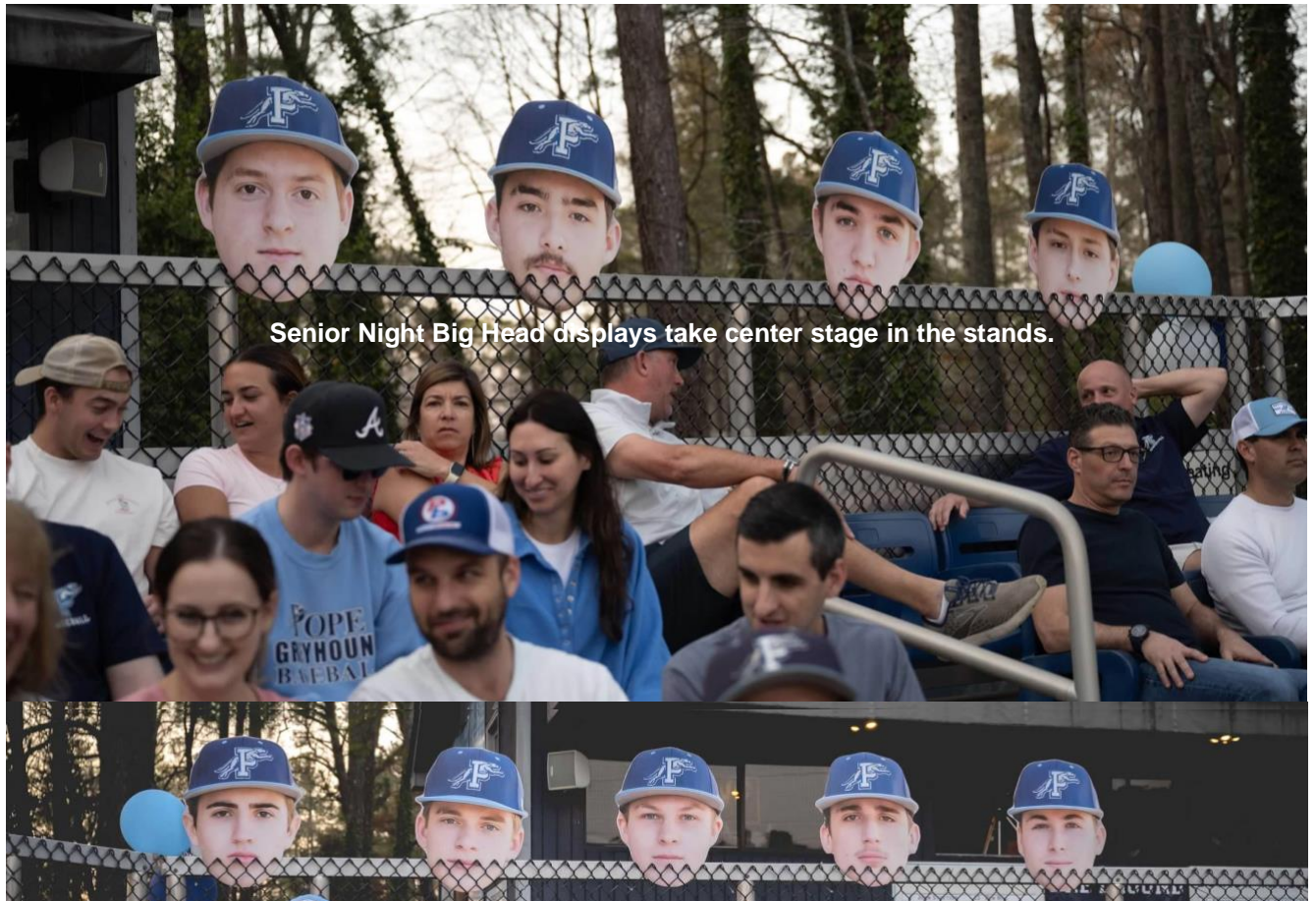
KC Bobrowski and **Tracy Garrett** did an amazing job putting together the special evening. **Dave May** was excellent behind the microphone announcing the events.



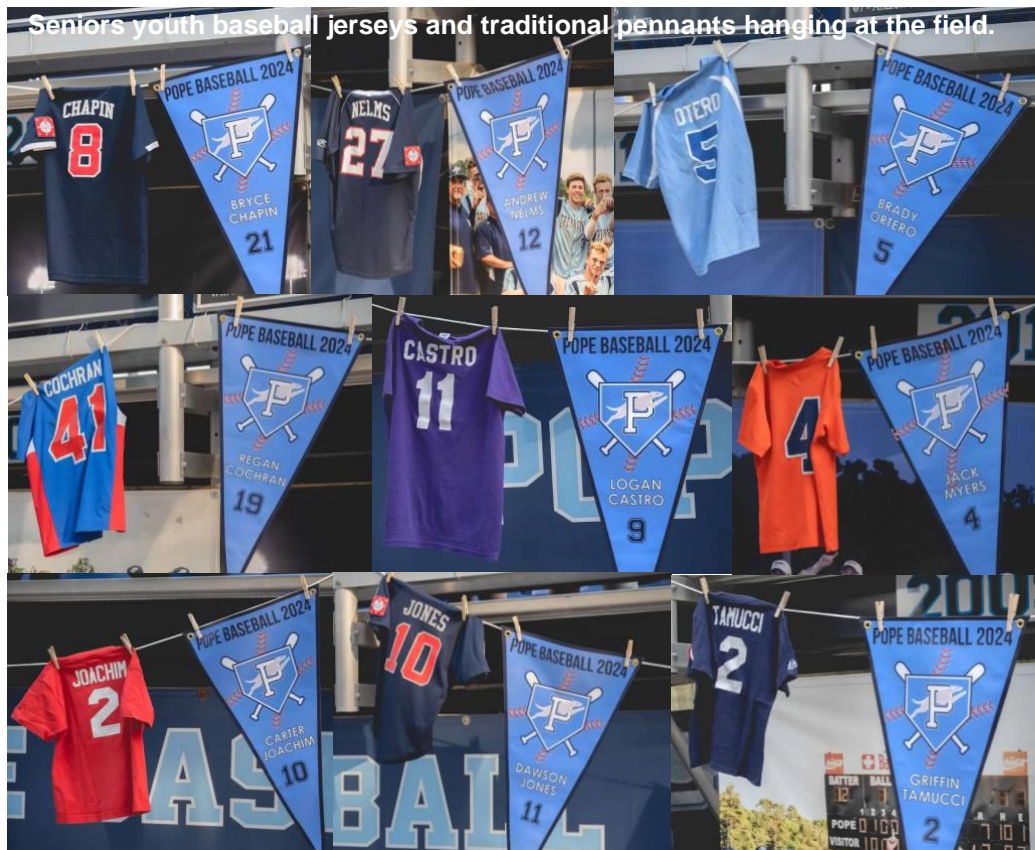
Pope Baseball Senior Manager: Kailey Martin.



Pope Baseball Senior Diamond Girls: Claire Borland, Ella Gibbons, Madeline Miller, Nadia Opperman, and Ann Macon Watkins.



Senior Night Big Head displays take center stage in the stands.



Seniors youth baseball jerseys and traditional pennants hanging at the field.