

## POPE JV GREYHOUNDS TAKE TWO FROM CREEKVIEW GREYHOUNDS JUMP OUT TO EARLY LEAD TO WIN FIRST GAME

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The combination of pitching and hot bats propelled the Greyhounds to their eighth win of the season. **Maddox Corya** jumped on the mound for his fifth start of the season pitched five scoreless innings giving up just three hits and two walks. Corya hurled six strikeouts in his appearance - the most notable coming in the top of the second with the bases loaded. Corya got behind the batter 3-0 and worked the count to 3-2 and ended the inning with a 74-mph fastball looking. **Ellis Couch** came out of the pen for his fifth time on the mound in relief this season.

The Greyhounds cranked up their bats early and jumped out to a 5-0 lead in their half of the first inning. With one out, **Jensen Morneau** reached base on error, Corya reached on a walk, **Davis Smith** smashed a line over the second baseman into right field to load the bases. **JC Slavis** patiently drew a full count walk to pick up an RBI and get the Greyhounds on the board with Morneau cross the plate.

With the bases still full of Greyhounds, the starting pitcher balked, allowing Corya to score and Smith and Slavis to move up on the basepaths. **Parker Troughton** hit the ball in play to the second baseman with the runners on the move. Smith scored and Slavis moved to third. With two outs in the inning, a wild pitch helped Slavis to head home. **Aaron Best** worked the count full and drew a walk followed by a walk to **Everett Espe**.

It was a short evening for the Creekview starter. **Ryan Healy** greeted the new pitcher with a line drive single to left field. Best crossed the plate on the hit. As the first ended, the Greyhounds were up 5-0.

Creekview made some noise in their half of the second timely defense and a hyper focused Corya on the mound recording a third out strikeout. The inning ended with the bases loaded.

The Greyhounds scored an additional run in the second inning thanks to a leadoff double by **Thomas Williams** followed by a single by **Maddox Corya** two batters later. Up 6-0, the Greyhounds scored again in the fifth with some small ball. **JC Slavis** walked, **Aaron Best** looped a single into center, and with two outs, **Ryan Healy** hit the ball hard to third that was bobbled allowing Slavis to score and Healy to reach base.

**Ellis Couch** faced the remaining ten batters throwing thirty-two pitches - 21 of them for strikes. Couch pitched innings six and seven recording three strikeouts in appearance.

The Greyhounds tallied a total of eight hits on the night. **Ryan Healy** had two on the night. Williams, Morneau, Corya, Smith, Best and Espe each had one knock.

## STELLAR GLOVES HAND CREEKVIEW ANOTHER LOSS

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The JV Greyhound Defense put together a lot of footage for a highlight reel. In the first inning, **Maddox Corya** back pedaled into shallow right field to snag a tricky pop up for out number one, a 6-4 groundout got two on the board, and **Will Zeigler** ended the inning with his hustle from left field into foul territory for the third out. Third baseman **Jensen Morneau** displayed his speed in the bottom of the second with a backwards catch of a ball in foul territory. In the third, **Jack Healy** had a bead on a hard pop up near second that he caught up to take a base hit away. Minutes later in the same inning, **Luke Winbush** threw down to Healy at second to catch a Creekview steal attempt to end the inning. In the fifth inning, **Thomas Williams** snagged a laser hit into right field to take away a multi base hit.

The defensive efforts coupled with some hot bats and fabulous starting pitching made it a great night for baseball. On the eve of Spring Break, the Greyhounds got two hit nights from **Jensen Morneau** and **Maddox Corya**. **Parker Troughton** accounted for the fifth of five hits for the Greyhounds.

**Jacob Israel** trotted out to the mound for the start- picking up his fourth win of the season. He had four 3 up 3 down innings- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and the 6<sup>th</sup>. He pitched six complete innings facing 22 batters, tallying seven strikeouts, giving up just three hits, walking two and notching one earned run. **Lennon Baker** came on in relief in the final inning. Baker picked up two strikeouts in his appearance.

The Greyhounds got on the board in the top of the second with a leadoff single by Maddox Corya to right field and a Parker Troughton walk. Corya got to third on a wild pitch followed by an error by the catcher to score.

In the third inning, **Hall Mitchell** led off with a walk after being down 0-2 and moved to third on two passed balls. Mitchell scored on a **Jack Healy** ground out RBI. Later in the inning with two outs, **Luke Winbush** walked, and **Jensen Morneau** singled to left field. The speedy Winbush scored off of teammate **Maddox Corya's** single to right field. With Morneau on second and Corya on first, a drop third strike and a hustling **JC Slavis** had the bases loaded with Greyhounds. **Parker Troughton** worked his 0-2 count into a walk to score Morneau and the bases still full. **Will Ziegler** picked up an RBI and a lump when he was hit by a pitch. The Greyhounds ended the inning up 5-0.

Creekview scored one run in the bottom of the fourth only to have the Greyhounds crank it up again in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. **Luke Winbush** was hit by a pitch to start the inning and Morneau singled a line drive to center field. Winbush turned on the jets and scored on an errant throw in from center field. With one out, Slavis walked. Morneau scored from third on a wild pitch and Slavis moved to third. Troughton grounded a ball into left field. **Will Zeigler** took a fastball to the foot loading the bases. With **Reid Bauer** at the plate, a passed ball scored Slavis and moved the

runners up a base. Bauer's dropped third strike had him hustle down the line along with his teammates on the move on the basepaths. Troughton scored for the ninth run of the game.

The win moved the Greyhounds to 9-8 on the season. The team will take a week off and head back into action with three games the week of April 8<sup>th</sup> at River Ridge on Monday, at Cherokee on Tuesday, and end the season at home against River Ridge on Wednesday.