

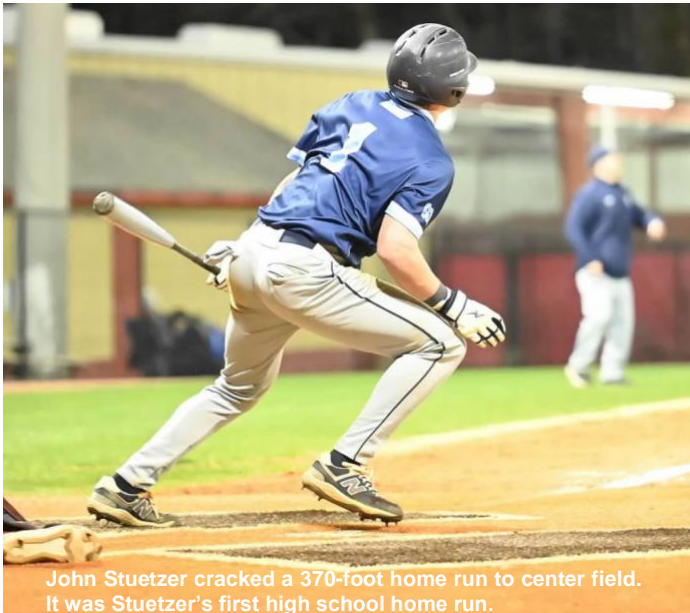


Game 17, March 19, 2024  
Pope Greyhounds 6, Alpharetta Raiders 8  
Weather: 58 degrees, 13-20 mph winds  
Played at Alpharetta High School  
Varsity Record: Overall 10-7, Region 5-2  
Game 1 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series



## POPE COMEBACK FALLS SHORT BY A RUN

Pope rallied late, but dropped a close one to Alpharetta, 4-3, Tuesday night at Alpharetta High School in game one of the best 2-of-3 region series. The Hounds' region record drops to 5-2 and overall record is 10-7.



John Stuetzer cracked a 370-foot home run to center field. It was Stuetzer's first high school home run.

Pope's offense was held in check and managed four hits. **John Stuetzer** blasted a solo home run, walked two times, scored one run, had one stolen base, and one RBI. **Tanner Morneau** had a single and walked one time. **Carter Joachim** hit a single and had one RBI. **Ben Hill** hit a single. **Drew Abney** reached base 2-of-3 times with two walks. **Nick Bobrowski** had one RBI. **Griffin Tamucci** walked one time. **Luke Winbush** walked one time. **Regan Cochran** scored one run. **Hudson DeLine** reached base by an error.

**Dawson Jones** started for Pope and worked his way out of multiple jams. Jones pitched 4.2 innings, struck out five batters, scattered six hits, walked just one, and threw 69% strikes (66-98). **Nick Truhan** pitched 1.1 innings in relief, gave up no runs, no hits, and no walks.

In the top of the third inning, Pope scored one run on two hits to cut the Alpharetta lead to 2-1. With one out, Stuetzer stepped to the plate and worked the count to 3-1. The next pitch was a fastball down the middle. Stuetzer sized up the pitch and barreled a 370-foot bomb to center field for a solo home run. The speedy Stuetzer was even fast running around the bases during his home run trot. It was Stuetzer's first high school four bagger.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Pope battled and scored three runs on two hits, but came up a little short and lost, 4-3. Winbush led off and walked on a full count. Hill hit a first pitch line drive single to left field. Cochran ran for Hill. Winbush advanced to second base. Bobrowski pinch hit and grounded out to the second baseman, but scored Winbush from third on the play. With one out, Joachim hit a high one bounce single over the third baseman and scored Cochran from second base.

Pope ended the game with runners on second and third base. Pope and Alpharetta play a doubleheader at Pope on Thursday night in the final two games of the region series.



Nick Truhan pitched 1.1 scoreless innings in relief to keep the Hounds within striking distance.