

POPE JV VS CHEROKEE JV AT CHEROKEE HOUNDS LOSE 3-7 AFTER LATE INNING SURGE BY CHEROKEE

With an ever-changing schedule over the past week and a Welcome Back from Spring Break 2024, the Greyhounds started out knocking off some of the cobwebs with some hot bats and good defense but ended up on the losing end of the game.

Pope got on the board first in the top of the 2nd with a leadoff walk to **Everett Espe**. **Greg Gastley** reached on a bunt to the third baseman. With two outs, **Thomas Williams** reached first base on beating out a dropped third strike. Espe took advantage of the miscue and crossed the plate.

Cherokee scored three runs in their portion of the 2nd inning and the Hounds cranked it up in the following half inning. **Davis Smith** hit a scorching double to deep center field with one out in the inning. As we have seen several times this season, the two out drum motivates the team to get to work. **Aaron Best** walked and drew a throw down to first. The error had Smith score and Best advance to second. **Everett Espe** then singled to score Best. The inning ended with the score tied 3-3.

Pope failed to score after that inning and Cherokee had a four-run 5th inning. Cherokee trotted out six different pitchers in the game- a pitcher by committee approach to the game. Pope used three pitchers- a four inning start by **Jacob Israel** and relief appearances by **Lenon Baker** and a one inning 3 up 3 down 2 strike out performance by **Davis Johnson**.

Pope had a total of nine hits in the game- **Thomas Williams** had two. **Maddox Corya**, **Davis Smith**, **JC Slavis**, **Aaron Best**, **Everett Espe**, **Reid Bauer**, and **Greg Gastley** each tallied one in the game.