

Game 19, March 21, 2024

Pope Greyhounds 2, Alpharetta Raiders 0

Weather: 69 degrees, 1 mph winds
DH Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Varsity Record: Overall 12-7, Region 7-2
Game 3 of Best 2-of-3 Region Series



BOBROWSKI HURLS COMPLETE GAME SHUT OUT POPE BEATS ALPHARETTA TO WIN SERIES



Crafty sophomore lefthanded pitcher **Nick Bobrowski** came up big when the Hounds needed him most. After Pope and Alpharetta split the first two games of the three game region series, Bobrowski took matters into his own hands in the final game. Bobrowski threw a 101-pitch complete game gem to lead Pope past Alpharetta, 2-0, Thursday night in the second game of a doubleheader at Jeff Rowland Field. Pope won both games to improve their region record to 7-2 and overall record to 12-7.

Bobrowski (4-1), also known as Nicky Bobby, in reference to the classic movie Talladega Nights, had command of his fastball and mixed in a sweeping curveball to keep the hard hitting Raiders off balance. Bobrowski threw 70% strikes (71-101), struck out seven batters, allowed just three singles, worked around three defensive errors, and stranded eight base runners. Only one Raider base runner reached third base. Bobrowski struck out at least one batter in 5-of-7 innings, including 2-of-3 batters in the final inning. Sophomore catcher **Drew Abney** was locked in with Bobrowski and did a great job behind the plate.

Pope had four hits off the impressive Alpharetta lefthanded pitcher who pitched a complete game. Senior second baseman **Carter Joachim** only had two at bats during the game, but did he ever make them count. Joachim singled home the first run of the game and successfully sacrifice bunted home the second run of the game.

Andrew Nelms had half the Pope hits with two singles. John Stuetzer led off the game with a two-strike single and had one stolen base. Ben Hill reached base two times on a walk, an error, and scored what proved to be the game-winning run. Luke Winbush reached base two of three times with a walk and HBP. Griffin Tamucci walked one time. Hudson DeLine stole one base and scored one run.

In the bottom of the second inning, Pope scored one run on one hit to take a 1-0 lead. With two outs, Hill hit a two-strike swinging bunt in front of the catcher, who picked up the ball and threw over the first baseman into right field. Hill ran to second base on the play. Winbush walked on a 3-1 count. Joachim hit a hard ground ball single past the shortstop, off the lip of the outfield grass, and into left field. Hill scored from second base with the first run of the game.

In the top of the third inning, Alpharetta had runners on first and second base with two outs. The Raiders' batter hit a looping sinking fly ball to center field. The Hounds **Tanner Morneau** got a good break on the ball and raced in to make a diving catch and end the inning with no runs.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored one more run on no hits to take a 2-0 lead. Tamucci led off with a full count walk.

Carter Joachim was clutch at the plate and knocked in Pope's only two runs of the game with a single and sacrifice bunt.

DeLine ran for Tamucci. Three pitches later, including two foul bunts, DeLine stole second base. After one more pitch, DeLine advanced to third on a wild pitch. With one out, Winbush reached base by a HBP. With a 1-0 count, Joachim executed a clutch sacrifice bunt inches from the first base line and scored DeLine from third base.

Pope plays Roswell next week in a best 2-of-3 region series. On Monday, the Hounds play at Roswell at 6:00.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Pope hosts Roswell in single games each night beginning at 6:00.