



Game 2, February 16, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 1, Walnut Grove Warriors 2
Weather: 61 degrees, 8 mph winds
Played at LakePoint Sports in Emerson, GA
Varsity Record: Overall 1-1, Region 0-0
Georgia Dugout Club Tournament



POPE DROPS CLOSE ONE TO WALNUT GROVE BOBROWSKI SHINES ON THE MOUND FOR THE HOUNDS



Nick Bobrowski was close to perfect in the first five innings he pitched. The sophomore left hander retired 15-of-16 batters that he faced, struck out five, and allowed just one hit.

Sophomore left hander **Nick Bobrowski** pitched five masterful innings, but Pope's offense was unable to get untracked, and the Hounds dropped a 2-1 decision to Walnut Grove Friday night in game one of the Georgia Dugout Club Tournament at LakePoint Sports Facility in Emerson. Pope's overall season record is 1-1.

Bobrowski got his first varsity start on the mound for Pope and was outstanding. Bobrowski pitched five big time innings. He retired Locust Grove in order in 4-of-5 innings, sat down 15-of-16 batters he faced, and struck out at least one batter in those five innings. Bobrowski finished with six strike outs, three walks, allowed only a bunt single on a very (very) close play at first base, and threw 63% strikes (47-75). Bobrowski kept the Warriors batters off balance with a variety of pitches ranging in speeds from 62 mph to 79 mph.

In the bottom of the sixth, **Nick Truhan** entered the game in relief with the bases loaded and no outs. Truhan pitched well. He retired three of the four batters that he faced and extinguished what could have been a very big inning for Locust Grove. Truhan threw 60% strikes (18-30). Locust Grove was held to two hits.

Pope's offense could not find any rhythm, had three offensive hits, walked four times, and struck out eight times. Pope had four base runners reach second base and one reach third. **Jack Myers** led the Hounds and reached base two-of-three times with a double, a walk, and one stolen base. **Ben Hill** had a line drive single. **Brady Otero** hit a single. **John Stuetzer** reached base on a walk, stole one base, and scored one run. **Tanner Morneau** had a fielder's choice that scored Pope's lone run. **Jensen Morneau** walked on four straight pitches. **Hudson DeLine** walked one time.



In the top of the sixth inning, Pope scored one run on one hit to take a 1-0 lead. Stuetzer led off with a walk on a full count. Stuetzer stole second base on the next pitch. Two pitches later, Stuetzer advanced to third base with no outs after a pickoff attempt ended up in center field. Morneau followed and hit a hard ground ball to the shortstop. Stuetzer took off on contact from third and raced home. Stuetzer slid headfirst and was able to get under the catcher's tag and was safe. Morneau reached first base on the play, but was later picked off on a very (very) close play. Myers slugged a two-strike line drive stand up double down the left field line for the Hounds first extra base hit of the season. Myers was left stranded on second.

Pope's defense made no errors. Stuetzer led the Hounds with six defensive plays at shortstop. In the second inning, Stuetzer ranged to his left, fielded a ball behind second base, and threw to Otero at first base to record the out.

In the first inning, Tanner Morneau made a diving catch in center field. Morneau broke left, sprinted towards a sinking line drive, extended to the ball, and made the catch to end the inning. In the fourth inning, Tanner's younger brother, Jensen Morneau, a freshman making his first varsity start, fielded a ball at third base and made a nice throw to Otero at first base to record the out.

In the sixth inning, DeLine grabbed a hard hit line drive in right field for the second out of the pressure packed inning. Later, catcher **Andrew Nelms** caught a tough foul pop up three steps from the backstop netting to end the inning.

Pope continues action in the Georgia Dugout Tournament on Saturday at the LakePoint Baseball Complex in Cartersville. Pope plays a doubleheader with games against Kennesaw Mountain at 3:00 and Sequoyah at 5:30.