



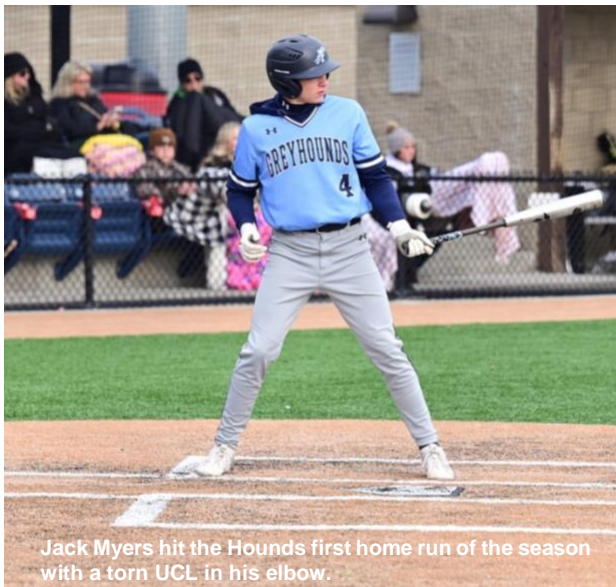
Game 4, February 17, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 10, Sequoyah Chiefs 0
Weather: 38 degrees, 10-17 mph winds
Played at LakePoint Sports in Emerson, GA
Varsity Record: Overall 3-1, Region 0-0
Georgia Dugout Club Tournament



POPE RUN RULES SEQUOYAH MYERS LEADS HOUNDS OFFENSIVE BREAK OUT; PITCHING REMAINS DOMINANT HOUNDS WIN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



Senior designated hitter **Jack Myers** ignited Pope's 14-hit offensive awakening and helped the Hounds run-rule Sequoyah, 10-0, Saturday night at the extra cold LakePoint Sports Facility. With the win, Pope captured the Georgia Dugout Club tournament championship in the Harvey Cochran Division for the second consecutive season. The Hounds went 2-1 in the tournament and won the three-team tiebreaker by allowing only three total runs in three games. The Hounds overall record improves to 3-1.

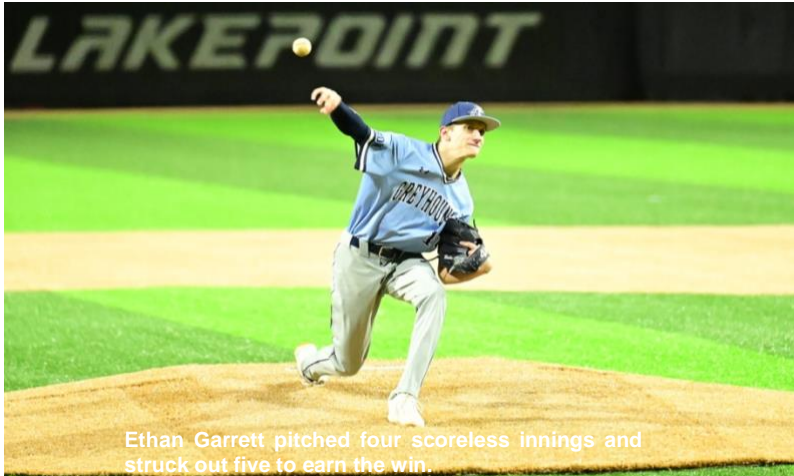


Jack Myers hit the Hounds first home run of the season with a torn UCL in his elbow.

Myers, a three-year varsity starter for Pope, who was playing with a torn UCL in his elbow, showed that apparently you don't need a UCL to hit a baseball. Myers went 3-for-4 with a two-run home run, one double, one single, three RBI, and two runs scored. Myers home run was a masterclass in hitting. After falling behind 0-2 in the count, Myers fouled off five of the next seven pitches before hitting a line drive 330-feet over the left field wall. Myers is scheduled for Tommy John elbow surgery in about a week.

Pope's 14 hits vs. Sequoyah equaled the Hounds 14 hits combined in the first three games of the season. In addition to Myers, seniors **Andrew Nelms** and **Brady Otero** both had two hits and both had doubles. Nelms had

three RBI and one run scored. Otero had one RBI and two runs scored. Senior **Carter Joachim** reached base 3-of-3 times with a single, walk, and fielder's choice. Joachim also scored one run. Junior **John Stuetzer** had a single, one stolen base, and scored two runs. Junior **Tanner Morneau** had a single that scored two runs. Freshman **Jensen Morneau** had an infield single and scored one run. Sophomore **Drew Abney** had a single. Freshman **Luke Winbush** and junior **Hudson DeLine** both singled and both collected their first varsity hit. Senior **Regan Cochran** scored one run.

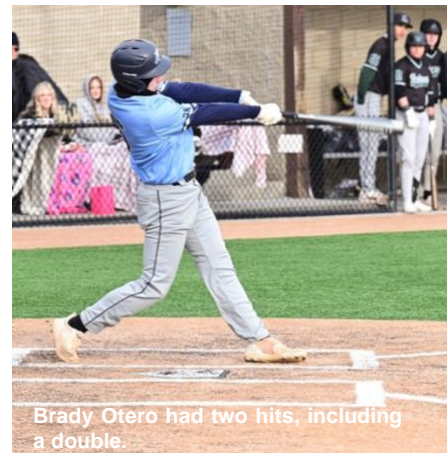


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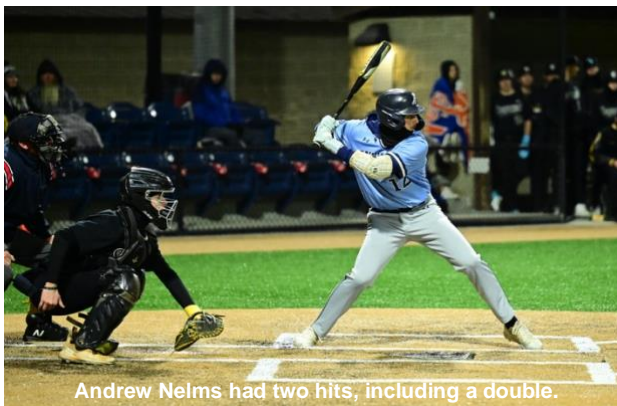
Junior **Ethan Garrett** (1-0) started for Pope and pitched four shutout innings to earn the win. The hard throwing right hander used a 86-89 mph fast ball and 73 mph breaking pitch to strike out five, walk one, and limit the Chiefs to just three hits. Garrett threw 64% strikes (34-53). He also picked off a runner from second base with a timed play to Stuetzer at shortstop. Senior **Bryce Chapin** pitched the final inning and allowed no runs.

Pope's defense made only one error. In the bottom of the fifth, DeLine made a double play at third base to end the game. With runners on first and second with one out, DeLine fielded a ball at third, touched the base, and threw to Nelms at first base to complete the double play.

In the top of the first inning, Pope sent eight batters to the plate and scored four runs on five hits to take a 4-0 lead. The four runs matched the Hounds run production from their prior two games combined. With one out, Stuetzer hit a two-strike single past the third baseman into right field. Myers followed with a first pitch 340-foot line drive blast to the base of the left center field fence for a double and scored Stuetzer from first. Otero made it back-to-back doubles with a line drive over the first baseman's glove down the right field line and scored Myers from second. Abney collected the Hounds third hit in a row with a high pop behind the shortstop that dropped for a single. Cochran ran for Abney. Otero and Cochran advanced to third base and second base on a wild pitch. Nelms slugged a two-strike line drive into left field to score Otero and Cochran.



Brady Otero had two hits, including a double.



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In the top of the third inning, Pope again sent eight batters to the plate and scored three runs on four hits to take a 7-0 lead. Otero led off with a hard line drive past the third baseman into left field for a single. With two outs, Nelms cracked a first pitch 325-foot line drive double off the fence and scored Otero from second. Jensen Morneau hit a ground ball to the shortstop's backhand and beat the throw to first for an infield single. Nelms moved to third base. Joachim

walked on a 3-1 pitch. Tanner Morneau hit a single past the third baseman and scored Nelms from third and his younger brother Jensen, from second. It was the **Morneau brothers'** first ever dual hit inning.

In the top of the fifth inning, Pope sent eight batters to the plate for the third time in the game. The Hounds scored three runs on three hits to take a 10-0 lead. DeLine led off with a check swing single to right field for his first varsity hit. Joachim hit a line drive to left field. The Sequoyah fielder dove for the ball and it was not immediately clear if it was a catch or not. With a delayed call that the ball was not caught, DeLine was forced out at second base and Joachim reached base by a fielder's choice. With two outs, Stuetzer hit a ground ball to the shortstop. The throw to first pulled the first baseman's foot off the bag and Stuetzer was safe. Joachim ran to second and was on his way to third. The throw from first base got past the third baseman and Joachim scored on the hustle play. Myers then hit his first home run of the season and scored Stuetzer.

Pope plays three games during Winter Break with 6:00 home games on Tuesday vs. Milton and Thursday vs. Pace Academy. On Friday, the Hounds make the short trip to Walton to play the Raiders at 6:00.

