



Game 5, February 20, 2024
Pope Greyhounds 3, Milton Eagles 7
Weather: 55 degrees, 0 mph winds
Played at Jeff Rowland Field at Pope High School
Varsity Record: Overall 3-2, Region 0-0
Non-Region Game



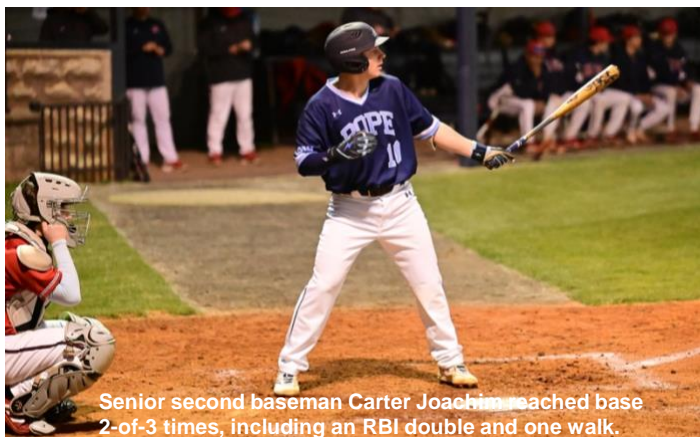
POPE LOSES TO MILTON



Pope scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to cut Milton's lead to 4-3, but the Hounds were unable to plate any additional runs and lost, 7-3, in a non-region game Tuesday night at Jeff Rowland Field. Pope's overall record drops to 3-2.

Dawson Jones started on the mound for Pope and pitched well. He threw four innings, held Milton to two hits, one run, four strike outs, and two walks.

Ben Hill pitched two innings and did his best to work around a couple of defensive miscues. Hill allowed no earned runs, no hits, no walks, and struck out four batters, including three in a row. Hill also picked off a runner to end a scoreless sixth inning. Hill threw to first baseman **Andrew Nelms** at the same time the base runner took off for second base, Nelms caught the ball and threw a strike to **John Stuetzer**, who applied the tag at second base for the out.



Senior second baseman Carter Joachim reached base 2-of-3 times, including an RBI double and one walk.

Pope's offense managed five hits. Nelms led the Hounds with two hits and a successful sacrifice bunt. It was Nelms' second consecutive two hit game. **Carter Joachim** reached base 2-of-3 times with a double, walk, and had one RBI. **Jack Myers** hit a single, had two stolen bases, reached base on a HBP, and scored one run. **Tanner Morneau** hit a single. Stuetzer walked one time, stole two bases, and scored one run. Hill walked

one time and scored one run. **Regan Cochran** had two stolen bases.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Pope scored one run on two hits to tie the score, 1-1. With two outs, Hill hit a hard short hopper to third base and reached base by an error. Nelms followed with a slice single to right center field and advanced Hill to second base. Joachim hit a ground ball that took two bounces and landed just inside the third base line for a double. Hill scored from second.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Pope scored two runs on one hit to cut the Milton lead to 4-3. With one out, Stuetzer walked on a full count. Myers bounced a single between the third baseman and shortstop. Stuetzer was running on the play and sprinted to third base. The Hounds then executed a double steal. Myers stole second base and drew a throw. Stuetzer stole home and was safe with the Hounds second run of the game. **Bryce Chapin** grounded out to the first baseman, but moved Myers to third base. Myers was then balked home and scored Pope's third and final run of the game.

Nelms started at catcher and threw out a runner at second base. Stuetzer made a nice grab of the one-hop throw and applied the tag for the out. The Hounds made three errors and Milton made two. Pope continues with two more games this week. On Thursday, the Hounds host Pace Academy at 5:00 and on Friday travel to Walton for a 6:00 game.

