

## OUCH! EXTRA INNING LOSS TO WALTON 3-4

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On a chilly night with a slight gust of wind here and there in the newly christened Walton Ballpark, the Greyhound bats got a little chill themselves and allowed their rivals to walk away with the win. In a game that featured some great pitching by the Greyhound starter **Maddox Corya**, a bottom of the eighth single allowed the home team to break the 3-3 tie with the walk off.

The sophomore left hander Corya scattered two hits across his five-inning scoreless appearance while recording zero walks and striking out four. The top of the 6<sup>th</sup> saw a relief appearance by **Reid Bauer**, his first of the season, and **Jacob Israel**, his first as well. Israel pitched the 7<sup>th</sup> and was on the mound in the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Greyhound offensive performance cranked up in the third inning with hits by **Jacob Israel**, **Ryan Healy** (double), and **Hall Mitchell**. Walks by **Paker Troughton** and **Everett Espe** and **Aaron Best** (hit by pitch) caused movement on the basepaths and RBI opportunities. Mitchell, Troughton, and Espe recorded one RBI each to give the Greyhounds a 3-0 lead going into the 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the bottom of the fifth, a fundamentals-of-baseball-move by the catcher **Greg Gastley**-hustling to cover the back of the bag on the throw over to first- resulted in him tagging the base runner out on first after hitting the single...quelling momentum by the Walton team. Smart baseball by the sophomore Gastley!

The Raiders scored three runs in the bottom of the 6th inning knotting up the game at 3-3. **Jacob Israel** entered the game in relief with runners on the corners. The inning ended when Israel threw to the shortstop **Parker Troughton** who caught the runner trying to sneak into second but instead got tagged out in a rundown with Troughton and first baseman, **Davis Smith**. The third out stranded the runner on third. Israel got out of the inning without throwing a pitch.

The Greyhounds, now 2-1 on the season, will spend the weekend chomping at the bit to best the Walton team on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Game time for the rubber match is set for 4pm at Jeff Rowland Field.