

SEVEN INNINGS OF STRONG PERFORMANCES ENDS IN POPE DEFEAT JV GREYHOUNDS LOSE A TOUGH ONE 4-5

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The Greyhounds jumped out 1-0 to start the game and the battle was on. It was a back and forth game with a strong pitching performance from the southpaw starter sophomore **Maddox Corya**. The deeper the game, the stronger Corya got. Corya turned in a 1-2-3, 3rd, 4th, and 6th innings. Corya had 6 strike outs on the evening. The biggest was a 3rd strike looking in the bottom of the first which got the team out of the inning with Titans on second and third.

Additionally, we saw the freshman Ian Hair's first start for the young pups. His very efficient appearance in the bottom of the 6th consisted of just 8 pitches (5 strikes), sitting the Titans down in 1-2-3 order, as well.

At the plate, the Greyhounds mustered up four hits. **Thomas Williams, Reid Bauer, and Jack Healy** each tallied a single; **Davis Smith** hit a double in the game. William's hit in first inning scored the speedy **Aaron Best** who had reached in the first inning on a walk followed by a steal of second.

Davis Smith clocked a monster line drive in the top of the 2nd and later scored a run by moving on the basepaths with a well-executed sac bunt by **Jacob Israel** and a groundout by **Reid Bauer**. Israel had two sac bunts in the game. The Greyhounds scored one in the 1st inning, one in the 2nd inning, and two in the 5th inning.

With the Greyhounds down 2-4, Smith started the 5th with a walk. Israel moved him over with a sac bunt. Bauer came up big with an opposite field single on a 1-2 count scoring Smith. With two outs in the inning, **Jack Healy's** hustle down the line beat the throw to first. In the chaos around the base hit, **Ryan Healy**, who had entered the game for the catcher Bauer and snagged second to move on a passed ball into scoring position, sneakily took home in the chaos of his sibling's single, knotting the score in the top of the 5th at 4-4.

The JV Greyhounds head back to the classroom on Monday and will head to crosstown rival Kell High School for a 6pm on Tuesday at Kell High School. The Greyhounds will enter the game looking to turn around their 2-4 season record with a strong performance against the Longhorns.