

JV Lady Greyhounds Fall Short in Season Finale

September 19, 2012. Playing its final game of the season, the visiting JV Pope Lady Greyhounds lost to the JV Roswell Lady Hornets by a score of 5-3. Pope managed just 4 hits in the full 7 inning game, but were in the game the entire way. Pitcher Amanda Dennis and the Pope defense left 5 runners on base in the first two innings, keeping the game scoreless. Dennis scored the game's first run in the 3rd inning after reaching base on the first of her 2 hits. In its half of the 3rd, Roswell took a 2-1 lead on 2 unearned runs. Pope went back on top 3-2 in the 4th on an RBI triple by Katie Deady and an RBI single by Madeline Dobkin. But that was it for the Pope offense. Roswell recaptured the lead in the 4th inning, and the Lady Greyhounds went hitless in the final 3 innings.

Amanda Dennis pitched the complete game, giving up 2 earned runs in 6 innings with 4 strikeouts, 1 walk, and 1 hit batter.

The JV Lady Hounds completed the season with an overall record of 9-6, going 7-4 in the regular season and 2-2 in tournament play. The 9 victories tied the record for most wins in a season by a JV Pope Lady Greyhounds fastpitch team.

Lassiter Handles JV Lady Greyhounds

September 17, 2012. Lassister High School has a top-flight softball program, so the JV Pope Lady Greyhounds needed to play at the top of their game if they were going to beat the home team. Instead it was Lassiter that brought its A game, winning by a score of 10-0 on a rainy night. After a scoreless 1st inning, Lassiter scored 3 in the 2nd to go on top. With the score 5-0 in the 3rd inning with Lassiter still batting, there was a short rain delay. The Lassiter bats came out smoking when play resumed, finishing the inning with a 10-0 lead.

Crimsyn Hawk had a long double to center, helping Pope load the bases with no outs in the 5th and final inning. Yet the Lady Greyhounds did not plate any runs. Credit goes to the JV Lassiter Trojans, who consistently hit the ball hard and fielded well in wet playing conditions.

The JV Lady Hounds (9-5) wrap up their season at Roswell High School on September 19.

JV Lady Greyhounds Fall to Kennesaw Mountain

September 12, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds lost at home to Kennesaw Mountain High School by a score of 7-4. The score was tied 1-1 after 4 innings. Kennesaw Mountain scored multiple times in the 5th and 6th (final inning due to time limit) to take a 7-1 lead. Even though the rally fell short, the never-say-die Lady Hounds battled in their half of the 6th, sending 8 batters to the plate while scoring 3 times and

bringing the tying run up to bat. For the Pope offense, Crimsyn Hawk was 3 for 3 with a triple and an RBI; Madeline Dobkin was 2 for 3 with a double and an RBI; and Olivia Pittarelli was 2 for 3 with a double.

The Kennesaw Mountain offense pressured the Pope defense, putting the ball into play in 35 of its 40 plate appearances. The Lady Greyhound outfield played an excellent game. Leftfielder Sydney Higginbotham, centerfielder Lindsey Monkiewicz, and rightfielder Olivia Provost each converted difficult plays into putouts, helping to keep the score close.

The JV Lady Hounds (9-4) will travel to Lassiter High School on September 17 for their next game.

JV Lady Greyhounds Dominate Cambridge

September 10, 2012. Playing at home, the JV Pope Lady Greyhounds beat Cambridge High School by a score of 12-1. Eleven Pope players reached base safely via a hit or walk. Lindsey Monkiewicz was 2-3 with a walk, 2 RBI's, and a stolen base; Tamaya Turner was 1 for 1 with 2 walks; and Amanda Dennis was 2 for 3 with a double.

Amanda Dennis and Devyn Smith combined to pitch the 4-inning one-hitter. In 3 innings, Dennis struck out 3 and walked 1. Smith pitched the final inning with 1 strikeout and 1 walk.

Next up, the JV Lady Hounds (9-3) will host Kennesaw Mountain High School on September 12.

JV Lady Greyhounds Come Back to Go 2-2 in Tournament

September 8, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds participated in the Kennesaw Mountain High School JV tournament at Addams Park, losing two games yesterday evening and then coming back to win two games today.

The Lady Hounds lost the first game on Friday to Brookwood High School by a score of 5-2. The game was scoreless going to the 3rd inning when the Greyhound defense committed a couple of errors that helped Brookwood score 4 times. RBI hits by Pope's Tamaya Turner and Kyra Williamson were not enough to bring the team all the way back. Amanda Dennis pitched the complete game.

In the nightcap on Friday, Pope faced off against Harrison, the only team to beat the JV Lady Hounds this year prior to this tournament. Greyhound pitcher Devyn Smith had an excellent game. She pitched the 5-inning complete game, allowing 3 runs on 5 hits and 2 walks while striking out 2. The 3 runs were enough for Harrison, as they shut down the Pope offense to win by a final score of 3-0.

In game one on Saturday, Pope beat Etowah High School by a score of 6-4. Hits by Katie Deady and Kyra Williamson helped the Lady Hounds build a 3-0 lead. Etowah scored 4

in its half of the 4th via multiple bunts, walks, and errors. Now trailing 4-3, Pope came right back in the 5th, using RBI's from Katie Deady and Lauren Lattizori to take a 6-4 lead. Devyn Smith came on in relief to close out Etowah in the final inning.

In the final game, Pope topped Perry High School by a score of 4-1. Pitchers Devyn Smith and Lauren Lattizori combined to hold the Perry offense in check. The Lady Hound defense had a big final inning. Catcher Madeline Dobkin parlayed a great catch on a popup into a double-play, catching the runner off first base. The final out of the game came on long fly ball run down by centerfielder Lindsey Monkiewicz. Dobkin and Amanda Dennis provided RBI hits for the offense in the 2nd and 3rd innings.

The JV Lady Hounds (8-3) next game is at home on 9/10/12 versus Cambridge High School.

JV Lady Greyhounds Extend Win Streak at Blessed Trinity

September 5, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds beat the home team Blessed Trinity Titans by a score of 4-2 for their 6th consecutive victory. Devyn Smith earned the 5-inning complete game win. She gave up 1 earned run on 4 hits while striking out 4 and walking just 1.

Offensively for Pope, Lindsey Monkiewicz was 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's, and Olivia Pittarelli was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Tamaya Turner reached base in all 3 of her plate appearances via a double, walk, and hit-by-pitch.

Olivia Provost completed the final play of the game on a nice running catch in right field.

Next up for the JV Lady Hounds (6-1) is the Kennesaw Mountain JV tournament at Addams Park in Kennesaw on September 7-8.

JV Lady Greyhounds Slam Cherokee

August 30, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds won their 5th straight game, beating Cherokee High School by a score of 5-2. To the delight of the home fans, in the 2nd inning, Madeline Dobkin pounded a high fly to left field that easily cleared the fence for a grand slam homerun. The 4-0 lead was all Pope really needed. Amanda Dennis pitched the 5-inning complete game win, striking out 4 while walking none with 2 hit batters.

The defensive play of the game came in the top of the 2nd inning with one out, runner on 3rd, and no score. Third baseman Tamaya Turner converted a hard grounder into a 5-2 putout, with catcher Dobkin applying the tag.

The JV Lady Hounds (5-1) will play next at Blessed Trinity to face the Titans on September 5.

JV Lady Greyhounds Streak Past Sequoyah

August 27, 2012. The home team JV Pope Lady Greyhounds won their 4th straight game, topping Sequoyah High School by a score of 7-1. Pope scored in 4 of the 5 innings played, including breaking on top 3-0 in the first inning. Katie Deady had 2 hits for the JV Lady Hounds, including an RBI triple in the right centerfield gap.

Amanda Dennis pitched the 5-inning complete game win, giving up 3 base hits while striking out 3 and walking 2.

The JV Lady Hounds (4-1) will look to keep it going this week, at Sequoyah on August 28 and at home versus Cherokee on August 30.

JV Lady Greyhounds Hold Off Sprayberry Comebacks

August 23, 2012. The JV Sprayberry Lady Yellow Jackets kept coming back on the JV Pope Lady Greyhounds, but Pope ultimately won. The Lady Hounds had a 3-0 lead go to 3-3, a 7-3 lead become 7-6, and finally prevailed when an 8-6 lead turned into an 8-7 final.

The Sprayberry battery struggled with multiple hit batters, wild pitches, and passed balls. For Pope, Olivia Provost, Tamaya Turner, and Lauren Palace had one hit apiece and reached base safely in each of their 3 plate appearances via a combination of errors, hit batters, and walks. Palace scored 3 times, Turner and Provost twice each. Provost's hit was a long drive over the leftfielder's head. Katie Deady had a single and 3 RBI's.

Devyn Smith pitched the first two innings, yielding 6 runs (3 earned) on 2 hits and 4 walks, striking out 1. Amanda Dennis closed the game with two innings, using her changeup very effectively. She gave up 1 run (unearned) on 2 hits and 1 walk while striking out 2 (both on changeups).

The JV Lady Hounds (3-1) will look to make it four straight when they host Sequoyah High School at Pope on August 27.

JV Lady Greyhounds Overwhelm North Springs

August 21, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds scored 8 runs in each of the first two innings to beat the visiting JV North Springs Lady Spartans by a score of 16-1. The offensive highlight was a 3-run homer by Tamaya Turner, a high line drive over the left centerfield fence.

Amanda Dennis pitched the 3-inning complete game. She struck out two batters, walked none, and yielded no earned runs.

The JV Lady Hounds (2-1) will look to make it three straight when they travel to Sprayberry High School on August 23.

JV Lady Greyhounds Shutout Kell

August 16, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds (1-1) visited Kell High School and won for the first time this season, topping the JV Lady Longhorns by a score of 10-0. Pope put the game away with a 9-run 3rd inning. In the inning there were 2 batters hit by pitches, 1 walk, and 5 base hits, including Kyra Williamson's long double over the leftfielder's head.

Amanda Dennis pitched the complete game shutout, striking out two batters while walking only one. She was backed by the defense, which played errorless ball.

The JV Lady Hounds will look to win again when North Springs visits Pope on August 21.

JV Lady Greyhounds Come Up Short in Season Opener

August 14, 2012. The JV Pope Lady Greyhounds (0-1) lost the opening game of the season to the Harrison Hoyas by a score of 6-2. It was the inaugural game at the newly reconstructed Pope softball field. Even with the loss, the home fans enjoyed the crisp new surroundings and the well manicured field.

Harrison has a top softball program, and even though Pope did not perform at the top of its game, the team hung in the entire way. Harrison did a good job of putting the ball into play, keeping pressure on the Pope defense. Amanda Dennis pitched the first four innings, faced 19 batters, striking out one and walking two. Devyn Smith pitched the final three innings, faced 17 batters, striking out one and walking two. Solid defense and clutch pitching with runners on kept the Hounds in the game. Going into the home half of the 6th inning, the Hoyas led 3-0 with single runs in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th innings. Multiple walks and errors by Harrison in the 6th inning helped Pope to close the gap to 3-2. But the Greyhounds could not complete the comeback when the Hoyas responded with three runs in the top of the 7th.

The Lady Hounds never got the offense going, mustering only four base hits. Lindsey Monkiewicz reached base in all four plate appearances via three walks and an error, plus a stolen base. Tamaya Turner had two walks and a single. Her only out was on a line drive to right that was hit so hard, the rightfielder turned it into a 9-3 putout. Tamaya also had a fine game in the field, making several good plays. In the 4th inning, leftfielder Monkiewicz made a fine running catch on a short line drive, and quickly doubled up the

baserunner on third attempting to get back to the bag. That play kept the Hoyas from having a much bigger inning than one run.

Next up for the JV Lady Hounds will be a visit to Kell to play the Longhorns on August 16.