

# 2022 Pre-Season Prospectus



The 2022 Hounds will look to build on a record setting 2021 season in ultimate hopes of emerging victorious on the final game of the season. The 2022 roster will be a combination of young talent mixed with veteran experience on the “big stage”. Pope will be competing within a new region, region 7-AAAAAA, competing against local schools Alpharetta, Blessed Trinity, Johns Creek, Lassiter, Roswell, and Sprayberry, as well as navigating a new playoff format, moving from the traditional best 2 of 3 series to a double elimination “regional” format to secure a spot in the Elite Eight in Columbus. The 2022 squad is prepared for the challenge and is ready to chase excellence through competing each and every day.

Pope Fastpitch graduated 5 seniors from the 2021 varsity squad, **Kate East**, **Kayla Keller** (Union College Softball commit), **Cara Levy**, **Peyton McCormack**, and **Katie Ward** (University of North Georgia Softball commit) and returns 10 from the state third place team in 2021, including 3 seniors who were a part of the 2019 state championship team. 4 newcomers to the varsity line up will look to contribute in a variety of ways.

**Kailey Martin**



Of the returning roster, 3 players were named to the All-State team in 2021. This includes junior **Kailey Martin** (2<sup>nd</sup> team, utility) who led all of AAAAAA in homeruns with 15 on the season, junior **Kendall Frost** (1<sup>st</sup> team, pitcher, her second consecutive All-State nod), who led the Hounds from the circle with a 21-4 record and 2 saves, and senior **Jadyn Laneaux** (GACA 6A All State Player of the Year, her third consecutive nod to the team and first “Player of the Year” award) who drew an astounding .644 on base percentage and reached safely in every game she played in.

## Battery

Pitching looks to continue to be a strength of the 2022 Hounds, led by veteran **Kendall Frost** and rising sophomore **Ellie Paley**. **Kendall Frost** has dominated opposition on the biggest of stages over the past two years, sporting a career 39-8 record and 1.69 career ERA. Sophomore **Ellie Paley** proved to be a force to reckon with during her freshman campaign of a 12-0 record and a 1.12 era over the course of 81 innings pitched.



**Ellie Paley**

**Emily Ricci**



Senior duo of **Emily Ricci** and **Natalie Klingler** will continue to anchor the Hounds behind the plate and even more so within a leadership role. The experience of both players will be valuable as both catchers were members of the 2019 state championship team and look to end their career in the same fashion they began. The experience in big game moments, mixed with hot bats and an IQ behind the plate will give the duo a chance to lead the Hounds through the 2022 season. Both players are versatile and can find themselves on other spots of the field whenever necessary, including adding to the outfield depth.



**Jadyn Laneaux**

**Kendall Frost**

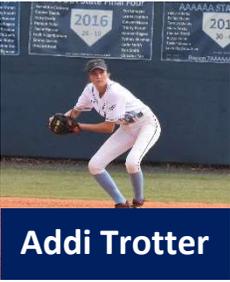


**Natalie Klingler**



## Infield

A mix of young talent will look to round out the Hounds' infield. Sophomore **Ellie Paley** will have the ability to continue her role at 1<sup>st</sup> base when not pitching and lock down the right corner, as she left 2021 with an incredible .995 fielding percentage in 36 games played, surrendering just one error.



Junior **Kailey Martin** and sophomore **Abby Lawson** will both play critical roles in the corner infield spots, securing the hot corner at 3<sup>rd</sup> and providing strong depth for all scenarios. In the mix for middle infield spots include some incredibly versatile and skilled athletes: varsity returners, sophomore **Addi Trotter**, junior **Sam Tener**, as well as varsity newcomer and sophomore, **Erin Kappel** will look to replace graduated middle infielders Katie Ward and Peyton McCormack. Junior **Ava Rocco** provides sound softball mechanics and IQ to be used in a utility role at the 1<sup>st</sup> base position or in the outfield, and varsity newcomer and sophomore **Lily Kate Cariaco** provides another utility option, whose athletic ability gives availability for both infield or outfield spots. **Cariaco** set multiple school records with the Track team in the spring, so her speed can also be utilized on the basepath.



**Abby Lawson**



**Sam Tener**



**Erin Kappel**



**Lily Kate Cariaco**



**Ava Rocco**

## Outfield

Four-year starter, senior **Jadyn Laneaux** will take hold of the outfield and look to lead the way to a storied career book-ended by state championships. She will be joined with junior lefty slapper **Addy Garris**, who has developed strength and tact in her slapping ability over the off-season and over the past two years, and sophomore lefty slapper **Lizzie Metzinger**, whose gritty play will aid the Hounds offense and defense. Utility **LK Cariaco** and **Ava Rocco** are in the mix, as well as any other Hound who may use their versatility to create a full line up and find themselves in an outfield spot.



**Addy Garris**



**Lizzie Metzinger**

The depth of the Hounds program cannot be understated, as a strong JV team will also look to emerge victorious throughout a 21-game season, with lots of young talent to add to the program.

The Varsity Hounds will kick off action with a scrimmage at Pace Academy on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and first official game at West Forsyth on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Home opener will be Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, against Cambridge High School. Pope opens region play on August 17<sup>th</sup> against East Cobb neighbor, Lassiter High School.

