

## **Pope Fastpitch has second consecutive record breaking year**

The 2010 Pope fastpitch softball team will go down in the books as the greatest fastpitch softball team that Pope High School has ever had. The 2010 team can rightfully make that claim due to its multiple records that the team broke as well as advancing further in the state tournament than all of its predecessors.

For only the second time in school history, the Pope fastpitch team qualified for the GHSA tourney. The previous state qualifier, the 2006 team, fought valiantly in their two playoff games but came up on the short end of the score dropping games to Gwinnett County powerhouses Mill Creek and Parkview by scores of 2-0 and 3-2. The 2010 Hounds surpassed the 2006 team by winning a state playoff game.

In a format switch from 2006 (double elimination sectionals to best of 3), the Hounds had to face the state #2 ranked team in the Creekview Grizzlies. The Hounds dropped game 1 but bounced back to take the victory in game 2 to stave off elimination. With the game 2 win, the Hounds advanced closer to the state title than ever before!

The 2010 Hounds broke many other school records and even had a player listed among state record holders for the first time in school history.

The Hounds broke 15 team school records and an additional 14 individual school records.

Please see the records page to view the updated records.

The team records broken are the following:

Wins, Winning %, Region win %, Runs, Batting Avg, Slugging %, On base %, OPS (on base + slugging %), Hits, singles, doubles, triples, RBI, Walks, and assists.

The individual records broken are:

Batting average, Hits, doubles, triples, RBI, Slugging %, On base %, OPS, hit by pitch, Walks, assists, At bats, Runs, and fielding %.

Pope fastpitch had a banner year and looks to capitalize on their growth going into the 2011 season.

8 players will return from the record breaking 2010 squad and of the 14 records broken, 10 were broken by players that will return in 2011.