

Pope Fastpitch completes historic season with end of year banquet

On Wednesday November 9th, the Pope Fastpitch softball program celebrated their historic season at the beautiful Hollycrest Hall in Marietta, GA. The program handed out 15 pieces of individual hardware and Pope celebrated their many team accomplishments reached throughout the 2011 season.



Things just keep looking up for the fastpitch program in the win-loss column as both the varsity and JV teams set records for wins in 2011 with the varsity team setting a new school record with 25 wins and the JV team posting a record 9 wins in 2011. Impressively, the JV Hounds tied the school record for 9 wins playing the season with 10 freshman and only 1 upperclassman in 2011.

For first time in school history, Pope fastpitch advanced to the state playoffs in back to back years, and also for the first time in school history, Pope Fastpitch hosted and won a playoff series with the defeat of Dunwoody high school. With the defeat of Dunwoody, Pope advanced to the semifinals which marks the furthest advancement into the state tournament Pope has ever had ending the season 1 game shy of the state finals in Columbus. Through the playoff run, Pope posted 3 victories in the GHSA state tournament which bests the previous school record of 1 state playoff victory which was reached in 2010.

The 2011 Hounds also captured a region 5-AAAA northern sub-region championship and ended the season as region runner up which is the highest region finish of any Pope Fastpitch team ever.

The Varsity team broke 12 records in the following categories:

- Wins ----- 25
- Winning % ----- .758 (25-8)
- Region win % ----- .917 (11-1)
- Singles ----- 246

- HR's ----- 9
- BB ----- 75
- Sacrifice Hits ----- 44
- Stolen Base % ----- .881 (52/59)
- Assists ----- 260
- Putouts ----- 649
- Innings pitched ----- 220 2/3
- Saves ----- 2

The following 14 individual records were broken in the 2011 season:

- At Bats ----- 116 (Jenna Reilly)
- Batting average ----- .491 (Laura Beall)
- Runs ----- 39 (Jenna Reilly)
- Hits ----- 52 (Laura Beall)
- HR ----- 6 (Jenna Reilly)
- RBI ----- 44 (Laura Beall)
- Slugging % ----- .717 (Laura Beall)
- On base % ----- .550 (Laura Beall)
- OPS ----- 1.267 (Laura Beall)
- Pitching Wins ----- 15 (Marisa Boyette)
- Pitcher's winning % ----- .769 (Lindsey Walsh)
- Saves ----- 2 (Marisa Boyette)
- FLD % ----- 1.000 (Laura Beall)
- Assists ----- 69 (Jenna Reilly)

Pope award winners at the 2011 banquet were the following:

JV Top performer: Tamaya Turner and Amanda Dennis
Silver Slugger: Jenna Reilly
“Gold Glove”: Kendall Hahn
Best Pitcher: Marisa Boyette
Rookie of the Year: Lindsey Walsh
Scholar Athlete: Marisa Boyette
Breakout Player: Ellie Viland
Coaches Award: Megan Metzinger and Devyn Smith
MVP: Laura Beall

The other 4 pieces of hardware handed out at the 2011 banquet were the region 5-AAAA All Region awards for the 4 Pope players named to the All Region teams.

Marisa Boyette, Laura Beall, Kendall Hahn, and Jenna Reilly were all named to the 2011 All Region team.

Sadly, the Pope Fastpitch program had to say goodbye to the 2011 senior class at the 2011 banquet. Members of the 2011 senior class are: Marisa Boyette, Rachel Dennis, Kendall Hahn, Lizzie Hunt and Alexis Tinsley. The 2011 senior class is by far the most successful senior class in Pope High School history posting many impressive accomplishments which among these are:



- 70 wins makes this the winningest senior class in Pope History
- 70 – 47 overall varsity record for a .598 winning %. 1st senior class ever to end career with a winning record!
- 223 career hits
- 98 career RBI's
- 58 SB's
- 29 pitching wins

At the time of this publication 2 members of the senior class have decided to play softball collegiately with Marisa Boyette signing a scholarship to play at Georgia College and State University and Kendall Hahn signing to Play at Reinhardt College.

Kendall Hahn was also named to the Georgia Dugout Club Senior All Star team that will participate in the All State games in Columbus Georgia on November 10th and 11th.

Although losing a very talented senior class, Pope Fastpitch is excited about it's 20 returning players in 2011, 10 of which are returning varsity players.