

POPE GREYHOUNDS FASTPITCH 2013 VARSITY GAME SUMMARIES

Pope 3 - Harrison 2 (1-0)

Pope starts off the Cobb County softball season in game 1 of the Longhorn classic on the campus of the East Cobb Baseball complex on Lee Waters Road in Marietta Ga.

Pope senior pitcher Ellyn Strother takes the rubber for the Hounds after a 4 year absence in the circle and tosses an impressive 1 hit victory over pre-season AAAAAA #6 Harrison.

The young Hounds paced the offense for the day with Sophomore Quentin Staton and Freshman Samantha Crabtree pounding out the Hounds' lone hits. The Greyhounds scored all 3 runs in the third taking advantage of passed balls and defensive miscues by the Hoyas.

Pope 14 – Walton 2 (2-0)

In Game 2 of the Longhorn classic, senior Lindsey Walsh posted a strong pitching performance for the Hounds notching her 1st win of the season and the 20th win of her career moving her into the #3 spot for all time Greyhound wins. Devyn Smith made her first career appearance for the Hounds throwing 2 shutout innings in relief.

The Hounds pounded out 10 hits and were led by Katie Deady's perfect 3 for 3 night in which she had a double and 2 RBI's. Ellie Viland was the only other Hound with multi hits as she went 2 for 3 with 3 runs scored.

Megan Metzinger went 1 for 4 on the night but was able to utilize effective situational hitting to plate 3 RBI's and Ellyn Strother, Sydney Segers, Shawna Finister, and Lindsey Monkiewicz all added base hits for the Hounds.

Pope 5 – Sonoraville 3 (3-0)

Lindsey Walsh and Ellyn Strother combined for a 5 hit victory over Sonoraville in game 3 of the Kell Longhorn classic. Walsh secured the victory making her record 2-0 and Strother secures the save for the Greyhounds coming in to pitch after catching 6 innings!

Strother was more than impressive at the plate knocking 3 hits for the Hounds with a double and a RBI. Lindsey Walsh had two hits and a double for the Hounds as well as Sydney Segers with 2 hits for the Hounds. Quentin State added a hit and 2 RBI's and Megan Metzinger had a hit and an RBI for the Greyhounds.

Pope 6 – Ridgeland 7 (3-1)

Game 4 of the Longhorn Classic was a rain soaked affair with the afternoon marked by multiple stopages of play. The Greyhounds seemed to lose momentum with each game stoppage as each time the Hounds seemed to make progress, mother nature did not want to cooperate.

The Greyhounds jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the fourth batter of the game, Ellyn Strother, blasts a mammoth grand slam which was one of Strother's 3 hits on the day. Megan Metzinger and Quentin Staton each added three hits and Lauren Palace had two hits.

Devyn Smith made her first career start for the Hounds throwing three innings while scattering 5 hits and exiting the game with a 5-4 lead. The Hounds could not hold on to the ball, or the lead as the Hounds ultimately fell in 7 as Lindsey Walsh took the loss in relief making her record 2-1 on the weekend.

Pope 8 – Wheeler 0 (4-1)

Pope senior pitcher Lindsey Walsh notches her third victory of the season by throwing a 1 hit shutout carrying a no hit bid into the 5th inning. Megan Metzinger, Ellyn Strother, Ellie Viland and Sydney Segers all notched 2 hits for the hounds with each player also notching a double in the contest. Metzinger had 3 RBI's on the night and Segers had 2 RBI's for the Hounds.

Pope 5 – Milton 0 (5-1)

Lindsey Walsh was at it once again throwing a 1 hitter and shutting out Milton running Walsh's scoreless inning streak to 14 innings. Sydney Segers had the lone multi hit game for the Hounds knocking 2 singles in the contest and Quentin Staton had a big 2 run double to plate two Hounds in the first inning. Katie Deady also had an RBI single for the Hounds.

For her efforts on the week, Lindsey Walsh was named Marietta Daily Journal player of the week as she surrendered on 2 hits in 13 innings while striking out 11 and walking 4. Opponents hit a paltry .043 vs Lindsey on the week!

Pope 0 – Cherokee 7 (5-2)

The Hounds were blanked by the strong pitching of Savannah Dover of Cherokee who was more than impressive in her 1 hit bid vs. the Hounds. The lone hit for the Hounds was Ellyn Strother who had a single in the 3rd inning.

Pope 4 – BT 6 (5-3)

The Hounds entered the 5th inning of the game with a 3-2 lead, but defensive miscues cost the Hounds the lead and ultimately the game. The Hounds bat's came to life in this game knocking 9 hits in the contest with Viland, Metzinger, Staton and Strother all having multi hit games. Lauren Palace notched a single in the contest rounding out the 9th hit for the Hounds.

Pope 5 – Riveridge 0 (6-3)

Devyn Smith started at pitcher for the Hounds for her second career start and notching her first career win making her record 1-0. Lindsey Walsh made her first appearance of the week and finished out the final 4 innings of the game for the Hounds to secure the save. In Lindsey's 4

innings, she once again did not surrender a run and bringing her scoreless streak to an impressive 18 innings. The Hounds blasted out 5 runs in the first inning and securing victory with an 11 hit attack. Megan Metzinger was the Hounds' leading hitter pounding out 3 hits and 2 RBI's on the night. Sydney Segers, Lauren Palace, and Ellyn Strother each chipped in 2 hits for the Hounds.

Pope 2 – Kell – 4 (6-4; 0-1)

Pope begins the defense of the 7-AAAAA region championship by dropping a close game 4-2 to Kell High School. Pope found themselves behind 4-0 early before battling back with 2 runs in the 4th and then loading the bases with 2 outs in the 7th before finally submitting to the Longhorns.

Ellyn Strother and Megan Metzinger each had 2 hits for the Hounds while Quentin Staton and Lindsey Monkiewicz each chipped in a hit and an RBI.

Pope 12 – North Springs 0 (7-4; 1-1)

Pope secures their first region victory of the 2013 season with a run ruled shortened victory over the Spartans of North Springs.

The star of the game was Lindsey Walsh as she threw her first career no hitter while walking only 1 and striking out 11. Walsh improves her record to 5-2 on the season with the impressive performance.

Walsh also had two hits for the Hounds pacing the Greyhound 11 hit attack and securing the Hounds' lone extra base hit with a double in the 3rd inning.

Lauren Palace and Sydney Segers each had three hits for the Hounds with Segers also driving in 3 runs. Ellie Viland was the other Pope hitter with multiple hits as she belted out 2 singles and 2 RBI's.

Pope 11 – Sprayberry 0 (8-4; 2-1)

Pope made a bit of history with their 11-0 run ruled shortened victory over Sprayberry. For the second consecutive game, the Greyhounds have not hit their opponent, and although this is not the first time the Hounds have accomplished this feat, it is the first time in program history that two separate pitchers have accomplished this feat. This is also the first time in program history that 2 separate pitchers have thrown no-hitters in the same season as senior Ellyn Strother secured the no hitter vs. Sprayberry.

Strother allowed struck out 5 in the game while allowing only 3 base runners via bases on balls. Strother evens her record at 2-2 with the win.

Strother also had two hits highlighted by her RBI double in the 3rd inning. Lindsey Monkiewicz and Lauren Palace were the other multi-hitters in the game each chipping in 2 hits. Sydney Segers, Quentin Staton and Ellie Viland all had multiple RBI's for the Hounds in the victory.

Pope 6 - Kennesaw Mountain 14 (8-5; 2-1)

Pope found themselves behind 3-0 after the top of the first as some defensive miscues lead to a big KMHS 1st inning, but Pope was able to answer back with 3 runs of their own in the bottom of the first. The Hounds were able to take a 6-3 lead after the 2nd inning, only to see KMHS score 4 to take the 7-6 lead after three innings. The Hounds pitching staff was able to scatter 9 hits over the course of the game, but the Greyhounds were not able to overcome the 17 free bases given to the Mustangs through BB, HP, or defensive errors.

Lauren Palace paced the Greyhound offense going 2-3 with 2 stolen bases while Ellie Viland and Megan Metzinger also chipped in 2 hits for the Hounds.

Tamaya Turner, Lindsey Walsh, and Metzinger all added a double in the game for the Greyhounds who were able to pound out 8 hits in the loss.

Pope 1 – Sequoyah 12 (8-6; 2-2)

They Greyhounds were defeated 12-1 in a run ruled shorted 4 inning game. The Hounds managed 5 hits in the loss with Lindsey Monkiewicz plating the lone run with an RBI single in the 3rd.

After Monkiewicz's single, the Hounds found themselves facing an 8-1 deficit, but gaining a little momentum loading the bases with singles from Lauren Palace and a single by Megan Metzinger, (to follow up Monkiewicz single) but a subsequent double play ended the scoring threat for the Hounds.

Pope 7 – Alatoona 9 (8-7; 2-2)

Pope scored a run in each of the first 3 frames to carry a 3-0 lead into the bottom of the third inning. With 2 outs in the third, defensive miscues allowed 2 runs to be scored for the Hounds. The Greyhounds were able to plate another run in the 5th to take a 4-2 lead into the 6th when Alatoona struck for 7 runs.

Facing a 9-4 deficit in the 7th inning, the Hounds were able to strike for 5 consecutive hits to run the score to 9-7. The game ended with runners on 2nd and 3rd for the Hounds.

The offense was led by Megan Metzinger and Ellyn Strother's who each had 3 hit days for the Hounds including a double for each player. Ellie Viland had 2 hits for the Hounds and in her first game back from injury, Kelly Barnhill went 2-4 with an RBI.

Pope 4 – Northview 2 (9-7; 3-2)

The Greyhounds regained their winning form at Northview High School by stymying the Northview bats allowing only 5 hits and blasting out 8 hits of their own.

Lindsey Walsh notched her 6th win of the season striking out 7 and walking only 2.

Megan Metzinger had a perfect night at the plate chipping in 3 more hits and Lauren Palace had a multi hit game as well notching 2 singles.

Ellyn Strother and Kelly Barnhill each had an RBI for the Hounds in the victory.

Pope 8 – Riverwood 0 (10-7; 4-2)

Pope was able to invoke the 8 run mercy rule after 6 innings by pounding out an 8 hit attack led by the multiple hit games of Lauren Palace, Ellie Viland and Megan Metzinger. The Hounds also were a perfect 4-4 in stolen bases on the day.

The story of the game belongs to Kelly Barnhill who made her return to the pitching circle for the Greyhounds in triumphant fashion, tossing a complete game no hitter while striking out 14 and walking none. Barnhill is now 1-0 for the season.

Pope 8 – Osborne 0 (11-7; 5-2)

Pope secured a 5 inning mercy rule victory over Osborne with a 10 hit attack that saw 10 different Hounds get hits. Kelly Barnhill tossed her second consecutive complete game no hitter that saw her strike out 14 Osborne hitters and walk only 1.

Pope 4 Cambridge 1 (12-7; 6-2)

The Greyhounds traveled to Cambridge high school for their final region road game of the regular season and secured a 4-1 victory over the Bears. The Greyhounds fell behind 1-0 early in the first inning but responded with a 4 run 4th inning that saw 5 consecutive hits plate the 4 Greyhound runs. Ellie Viland and Sydney Segers paced the Greyhound attack each knocking 2 hits in the contest.

Kelly Barnhill posted her 3rd consecutive win tossing a complete game 2 hitter while striking out 11 Cambridge batters.

Pope 2 Forsyth Central 1 (13-7; 7-2)

The Hounds were only able to bust out 6 hits on Thursday night, but the 2 runs the Hounds were able to manage were just enough as error free defense and a strong pitching performance helped bring the Hound's their 5th consecutive region win. Kelly Barnhill tossed her 4th consecutive complete game allowing only 2 hits while striking out 15 batters.

Milton tournament game 1: Pope 6 – Milton 5 (14-7; 7-2)

Megan Metzinger blasted out two doubles in the game and was scored twice by Ellyn Strother who knocked Metzinger in each time as well as adding a third RBI to go along with her 3 hits. Starting pitcher Lindsey Walsh assisted her own cause with a perfect 3-3 day hitting while adding a double in her performance. Walsh secured the win in which she only allowed 2 earned runs, but had to battle through 7 Greyhound errors to arrive at victory.

Milton tournament game 2: Pope 2 – Pickens 1 (15-7; 7-2)

Lindsey Walsh's hot bat continued into the night cap Friday night as she blasted out another 2 hits and was matched in her 2 hit feat by teammate Lindsey Monkiewicz. The Greyhounds scored both their runs on squeeze plays executed by senior Ellie Viland who picked up 2 RBI's in the game on the squeeze plays. Junior Devyn Smith pitched the complete game victory to improve her season record to 2-0.

Milton tournament game 3: Pope 6 – Milton 5 (16-7; 7-2)

Megan Metzinger and Sydney Segers both blasted out 3 hit days with Metzinger securing 3 doubles in the game and Segers driving in 3 runs! Lindsey Walsh scattered 6 hits over 7 innings of work to secure the complete game victory running her record to 8-4.

Milton tournament game 4: Pope 6 – Camden County 4 (17-7; 7-2)

The Greyhounds busted out a 15 hit attack vs. Camden County on Saturday afternoon and the attack was led by senior Ellyn Strother who secured 2 singles, a double and homerun to fall a triple short of the cycle. Strother had 2 RBI in the game. Junior Shawna Finister secured 3 RBI in the win cranking out a 3-4 day with a double. Quentin Staton and Megan Metzinger also added doubles in the contest. Lindsey Walsh pitched 5 strong innings to secure her 3rd win of the tournament and 9th of the season and Dev Smith pitched the final 2 innings to secure her 1st save of her career.

Milton tournament game 5: Pope 11 – Decatur 0 (18-7; 7-2)

Lauren Palace starred for the Hounds in the final game of the tournament securing 4 hits and three runs will swiping a stolen base. Ellyn Strother had a three hit game and Megan Metzinger and Katie Deady each chipped in two hits for the Hounds. Metzinger and Strother did heavy damage with their hits, each knocking in 3 runs. Lindsey Walsh grinded out 4 innings of pitching work to put her in line for the victory and Devyn Smith came in relief for the 3rd inning save improving Lindsey's record to 10-4 and securing Devyn Smith's 2nd career save.

History was made with this game placing Dev Smith atop the record books for saves in a season with 2 and elevating Lindsey Walsh to 29 career wins as a pitcher which is a career record.

Pope 2 – Creekview 1 (9 innings) (19-7; 8-2)

The Greyhounds were able to grab a share of 1st place in the region 7-AAAAA regular season with the defeat of Creekview on senior night at the Racetrack. Pope finishes the regular season in a 3 way tie for 1st place in the region with Creekview and Sequoyah.

The Greyhounds had to earn the win over Creekview in a thrilling extra inning contest as neither team was able to plate a run in regulation. In the 1st ITB, both teams threatened but had runners on 3rd base thrown out to end the threat. In the 9th Creekview was able to score on a passed ball.

In the home half of the 9th, Pope was down to their last strike when Lauren Palace blasted her 2nd hit of the night and then reached 2nd base on an outfield error. Senior Ellie Viland then plated Palace with the walk-off single to secure the senior night victory and a share of first place!

Kelly Barnhill sparkled in the circle for the Hounds surrendering only 3 hits in 9 innings and striking out 13 while walking only 1!

This was Pope's 2nd consecutive ITB win over Creekview as the 2012 region 7-AAAAA championship game (the last meeting of the two schools) was decided by a score of 4-1 in ITB.

Pope 1 – Gordon Lee 6 (19-8; 8-2)

Gordon Lee made the long trek from Chikamagua to spoil the final home game for the Hounds with a 6-1 victory at the Racetrack.

The Hounds scratched out 7 hits, 3 by Lindsey Monkiewicz who posted a perfect 3-3 game and 2 hits by catcher Katie Deady who was 2-3 on the day. Deady and Monkiewicz both had doubles in the game with Monkiewicz's double resulting in the lone RBI of the day. Megan Metzinger also notched a double in the contest.

Pope 8 – Dunwoody 0 (20-8; 8-2)

In the regular season finale, the Hounds were able to post a mercy rule victory over the Dunwoody Wildcats 8-0 in 5 innings on the campus of Dunwoody high.

Kelly Barnhill was 1 batter shy of a perfect game as she hit one batter in the contest. Every out recorded in the contest for the Hounds was done by way of strikeout to secure Barnhill's 3rd no hitter of the season to move her record to 6-0. This is the 2nd time in Barnhill's career where she recorded a strikeout for every out in the game, the first time being a 12 strikout 4 inning performance vs. North Springs in 2012.

Katie Deady led the offense with 2 hits and an RBI and a double. Elly Strother, Ellie Viland, Sydney Segers and Lindsey Monkiewicz all added doubles for the Hounds.

Strother and Segers both had 2 RBI's for the Hounds.

The win over the Wildcats secures the 3rd straight 20 win season for the Hounds. These are the only 3 20 win season's in the history of the program. This 20 win season is only the 2nd time that the Greyhounds have reached the 20 win mark in the regular season.

Pope 9 – North Springs 1 (21-8; Region tournament 1-0)

The Hounds defeated the Spartans by the GHSA "mercy rule" in the first game on the region 7-AAAAA tournament by a 9-1 score. Barnhill dominated in the circle allowing only 1 hit while striking out 10. The Pope offense was led by Elllyn Strother who capped a 2-3 night with an RBI double in the 2nd. Sydney Segers also contributed a double in the win. Sophomores Katie Deady and Lindsey Monkiewicz both contributed RBI hits and both had 2 RBI's on the night.

Pope 13 – Forsyth Central 0 (22-8; Region tournament 2-0)

After winning a 1 run 2-1 nail bitter a few weeks ago, the Greyhounds seemed to have figured out the Forsyth Central pitching erupting for 9 hits in the 4 inning run shortened game. Ellyn Strother once again led the way for the Hounds pounding out 2 hits with another double and 3 RBI's on the night. Sydney Segers also had another multi hit game with a double and Lauren Palace chipped in 2 hits on the night. Kelly Barnhill went the distance in the circle striking out 7 while surrendering only 1 hit on the night.

Pope 1 – Cambridge 0 (23-8; Region tournament 3-0)

The Greyhounds qualify for their 4th straight state playoff appearance with the 1-0 victory over the Bears from Cambridge. Kelly Barnhill won the pitcher's duel with Cambridge freshman Kierra Napoli as Barnhill tossed a 1 hit shutout striking out a season high 17 batters in the process. Going into the bottom of the 6th, the score was knotted at 0-0 and the Greyhounds still had not scratched out a hit in the game, but the Hounds were able to capitalize off of 2 Cambridge miscues to plate the games only run all the while surviving a no hitter by Kierra Napoli.

Pope 10 – Cambridge 0 (24-8; Region tournament 4-0)

For the second time in 2 nights the Hounds face the Bears from Cambridge in the championship of the Region 7-AAAAA tournament. The results in the circle were much the same for the Hounds with Barnhill dominating, this time surrendering NO HITS and allowing NO BASERUNNERS to secure the 4th **PERFECT GAME in Pope history**. Barnhill received tons of offensive support with Palace, Viland and Metzinger all pounding out multi hit games. Metzinger and Tamaya Turner both chipped in 2 RBI's on the night to secure the Region 7-AAAAA #3 seed in the GHSA AAAAA state tournament.

Pope 5 – South Paulding 0 (25-8; State tournament round 1 1-0)

The Hounds have to hit the road and secure a few road wins if they wish to make it back to Columbus and the journey begins at region 5AAAAA runner up South Paulding. In game 1, the Hounds were business as usual as they secure a 5-0 win behind a 1 hitter by Kelly Barnhill. Ellie Viland kicked off the state playoffs with a long solo homerun to dead center in the 2nd at bat of the playoffs for the Hounds and that was all the scoring Pope would need as they would cruise to victory behind Vinland's 2-4 performance and Sydney Segers' 2-3 game at the plate.

Pope 0 –South Paulding 4 (25-9; State tournament round 1 1-1)

Game 2 of the best of 3 series proved a different story from game 1 as the Spartans crushed out 4 runs on 4 hits to give Barnhill her first loss of the season after winning 12 straight games making her season record 12-1. The Greyhounds offense dropped off tremendously from game 1 as the Hounds only managed 1 hit in the game. The deciding game 3 will be tomorrow (weather permitting) to determine who will advance in the playoffs.

Pope 8 – South Paulding 1 (26-9; State tournament round 1 2-1)

With the decisive victory, the Hounds secure their first road playoff series win in school history as they move on to the sweet 16 for only the 3rd time in school history to face region 8 champion Heritage Conyers. Barnhill was once again dominating in the circle as she strikes out 15 while allowing only 1 run on the night. The Pope offense seemed to benefit from the 1 day reprieve due to the rain and they regrouped with 12 hits after suffering a 1 hit performance in game 2 of the series. Viland, Metzinger, Strother and Walsh all had 2 hits in the game with Walsh driving

in a career high 4 runs on the night. Ellyn Strother added a double and Shawna Finister capped off the Greyhound offensive output with a double that bounced off the top of the wall in the 6th inning barely missing a homerun.

Pope 3 – Heritage Conyers – 0 (27-9; State tournament round 2 1-0)

For the 2nd consecutive year, Pope and Heritage Conyers meet in the sweet 16 for the right to play for the state championship in Columbus, but this year, the tables have been turned as Pope must win on the road after defeating the Patriots at Pope in 2012. Barnhill tossed a 4 hit complete game shutout in game 1 striking out 11 while the Pope offense was kept mostly in check by the Patriot pitching securing only 4 hits of their own. The big blow came in the 3rd inning as Katie Deady smashed a 2 strike, 2 out double to plate the first two runs of the series. The 3rd run came later in the 6th when Ellyn Strother doubled home an RBI for the insurance run.

Pope 4 - Heritage Conyers – 3 (28-9; State tournament round 2 2-0)

Facing a large and spirited home crowd and near freezing temperatures, the Hounds found themselves mired in adversity behind 3-0 in game 2 of the best of 3 series. Although in an unfamiliar situation, the Hounds did not panic as they tacked on 2 runs in the 4th with a Metzinger RBI squeeze bunt and a run on a defensive miscue by the Patriots. In the 6th inning, Megan Metzinger created a one person rally by singling, stealing second, advancing to third on a groundout and then scoring the go ahead and eventual game winning run on a passed ball. Lindsey Monkiewicz had 2 hits for the Hounds and Lindsey Walsh smashed a big double in the contest to pace the Hounds offense and send the Greyhounds to their second consecutive trip to Columbus.

Pope 2 – Ola – 0 (29-9; State Finals 1-0)

In game 1 of the double elimination tournament, Pope faced the top ranked team in the state and defeated the Mustangs from Ola behind a stellar game in the circle by Kelly Barnhill allowing only 1 hit in the top of the 7th inning while securing 17 strikeouts against one of the top offenses in the state. The Greyhounds could only muster 2 hits in the contest with Katie Deady and Lindsey Monkiewicz securing both for the Hounds. Consequently, Deady and Monkiewicz also scored the only 2 runs for the Hounds in the game.

Pope 0 – Houston County 2 (29-10; State Finals 1-1)

In game 2 of the state finals, the Hounds were knocked into the loser's bracket by a Houston County team who kept The Hounds' bats cool in the nightcap by allowing only 5 hits. The Hounds were able to threaten with the score 1-0 as Megan Metzinger blasted a double to lead off the 4th but being erased by a close tag play at 3rd. In the 5th, the Hounds managed to get runners on 1st and 3rd with no outs, but a bang / bang play at the plate to cut down the sliding Samantha Crabtree for the 1st out and the inning would end with runners being stranded on 2nd and 3rd. Viland led off the 6th with a double, but Metzinger smashed what would have been a gapper to the left center gap that would get snagged out of the air about 9 feet off the ground by the athletic Houston shortstop. Strother would come up next to lace what should have been another sure double to the right center gap, but the Houston 2nd baseman made a running catch in the hole to snag the line drive and then force Viland out at 2nd. Houston was able to plate an insurance run in the 7th to end the Hounds threat. Kelly Barnhill threw admirably in game 2 scattering 4 hits and striking out another 17 batters.

Pope 1 – Effingham County 0 (30-10; State Finals 2-1)

Day 2 of the tournament saw the Hounds wake to the sound of pouring rain. A 3 PM game eventually turned into an 8 PM game where the Hounds had to face region 2AAAAA champion Effingham County after they sent region 7AAAAA champion Creekview home with their second loss of the tournament in a 5 PM game. The Hounds bats came to life blasting out 8 hits, but the hits could not be strung together as the Hounds managed 1 run on a RBI double from Sydney Segers. Segers smashed the ball to the LCF gap and scored Shawna Finister from 1st base on the hit. Shawna, who had the steal sign, was off running on the 2 strike pitch and the jump she got from her steal attempt was just enough to beat the throw in an unbelievably close play at the plate. Finister's run would be the only run that Barnhill would need as she would proceed to throw a NO HITTER with a Pope record 18 strikeouts (record for 7 innings) upping Barnhill's strikeout total to 53 K's in 3 tournament games. This win improves Pope's record to 30-10 on the season marking the first 30 win season in Pope history establishing a new school record for wins. The win also moves Pope into the FINAL FOUR for the second time in 2 years.

Pope 0 – Ola 1 (30-11; State Finals 2-2)

Day 3 in Columbus found the Hounds having to win 4 straight games if they wanted to bring home the state championship with the first of those 4 being Ola who the Hounds defeated in game 1 of the tournament 2 days prior. The Hounds could not figure out Ola lefty Raya Moncus as she proceeded to 3 hit the Hounds. The Hounds could only muster 4 baserunners with Megan Metzinger reaching base twice with 2 hits and Linsdsey Monkiewicz reaching base twice with a single and a walk.

Down 2-0 in the 6th, Monkiewicz laced a single to right that was misplayed by the right fielder allowing Monkiewicz to get to third, but Monkiewicz would be tagged out as the next batter hit a blistering line

drive right to the 3rd baseman who caught out #2 and tagged Monk for out #3 before Monkiewicz had a chance to react. Barnhill surrendered only 1 hit in the contest while striking out 14 batters.