

PREP ROUNDUP

Pope finishes with 3-1 record at invite

From staff reports

Unable to muster much offense in a 2-1 loss to Harrison, Pope rebounded to beat Fannin County 9-6 in five innings Saturday in the Kell Invitational at Sandy Plains Park.

In the opener, Pope (3-1) fell victim to ace Dresden Maddox, who struck out eight for the reigning Class AAAAA runner-up Lady Hoyas.

The Lady Greyhounds' Marissa Boyette scattered six hits in her seven innings and struck out four. She also contributed a double from the plate.

Pope's second game saw it put out 13 hits against Fannin County, led by Lauren Bell, who was 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBIs.

Kendall Hahn was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, Rachel Dennis 2-for-2 with three RBIs and Ellie Biland 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Lindsey Walsh pitched three innings before being relieved by Boyette, who pitched the final two innings of the time-shortened game.

Pope will open its Region 5AAAA (B) slate Tuesday when it hosts North Paulding.

■ Sprayberry takes two at Kell Invitational:

The Yellow Jackets improved to 4-1 on the season after beating Pebblebrook, 12-0, and Wheeler, 7-5, in two Kell Invitational games.

The Lady Yellow Jackets collected nine runs in the second inning and added three more in the third in toping Pebblebrook in four innings.

Dena Hurley earned the victory after giving up five hits and striking out six. She also batted 2-2 with two RBIs.

Nicole Gentile was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, Winter Scott batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Milanni Restrepo had two RBIs. Allyson Reyer had an RBI and Caroline Curtis recorded two hits.

Sprayberry and Wheeler were tied 5-all after three innings, but the Lady Wildcats tacked on two more runs late to get the win.

Hurley (4-1) gave up four earned runs on six hits in picking up the complete game win. She also batted 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Scott and Curtis each went 2-for-4 with an RBI as well and Katie Tokos had two RBIs. Kristian Lefasso and Gentile had RBIs.

Reba Williams led Wheeler with a home run and two RBIs. Victoria Sweeton, Nadia Lindner and Marianne Danneman each had an RBI.

Sprayberry will host Hiram on Tuesday to begin Region 5AAAA (B) play. Pebblebrook is at Walker, while Wheeler hosts North Atlanta.

■ North Cobb shares tournament title: The Lady Warriors tied Luella 2-2 to claim a piece of the Up The Creek tournament title held at McIntosh.

North Cobb defeated four teams including Duluth (6-1), Newnan (6-1), McIntosh (6-0) and Mundy's Mill (11-2) to open the season at 4-0-1.

Bryanna Vazquez combined to go 5-for-14 with three RBIs and five runs scored, while Casey Page was 4-for-10 with three RBIs and scored three times. Rachel Bartoe batted 6-for-9 with three RBIs and four runs scored, Joy Lowery scored five times and was 4-for-5, Kaitlyn Lawrence collected five RBIs with two doubles and was 5-for-10 and Kelly Barnhill totaled three RBIs and two doubles batting 3-for-4. Allie Coronado was 3-for-11 with three RBIs and a triple.

Barnhill pitched a one-hitter against Duluth and a no-hitter versus Newnan to pick up two victories. She allowed no earned runs in the two games and picked up 17 strikeouts in 11 innings pitched.

Lawrence gave up seven hits and no earned runs with six strikeouts in nine innings pitched to earn a shutout against McIntosh and a tie versus Luella.

Morgan Johnson threw five innings in the win against Mundy's Mill. She gave up one earned run on three hits and struck out four.

North Cobb will host Etowah on Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

■ Kell takes two at Sequoyah: The Lady Longhorns' highlight of the Sequoyah Classic over the weekend was beating Kennesaw Mountain in three sets (25-22, 13-25, 15-10) in pool play,

but they went on to fall to the Lady Mustangs (25-23, 25-18) in the silver bracket to finish with a 2-3 record.

Kell also defeated Cherokee (25-20, 25-20), but it fell to Mill Creek (26-24, 25-22) and Columbus (25-16, 23-25, 15-3).

Ashley Jones led with 26 kills and added 16 blocks and seven aces. Ansley Silva had 20 kills and 10 digs, while Anna Senstermaker added 10 blocks.

Setters Alexia Brooks and Heather LaPrade combined for 55 assists and 37 digs. Eliana Tiller tacked on 33 digs and Lauren Zigler added 24, plus 14 kills.

■ Lassiter tested against tough foes: The Lady Trojans sustained three tough losses in the Sequoyah Classic, but two of them came against Class AA/A No. 1 Blessed Trinity and Class AAA No. 2 St. Pius X.

But Lassiter did prevail over East Coweta and Hillgrove in pool play.

Kendal Smith and Becca Arndt finished the weekend with 20 kills each, while setter Emily Francis dished out 45 assists. Carly Crowder added 15 kills and Sarah Young had 50 digs.

Lassiter will play host McIntosh and Sandy Creek in a tri-match Aug. 23.

■ Sprayberry makes silver bracket finals: The Lady Yellow Jackets were dealt some bad luck when they were on a losing end of a three-way tie in pool play with Etowah and Athens Academy.

While Etowah and Athens Academy went on to the gold bracket, Sprayberry had settle for the silver bracket. But it made the most of it by advancing to the finals before falling to Roswell 27-25, 26-24. The Lady Yellow Jackets advanced to the finals with two-set wins over Woodstock, Northwest Whitfield and Kennesaw Mountain.

Taina Joseph led Sprayberry with 40 kills and 13 blocks. Devin Judge added 39 kills for the day and 11 blocks while Blair Winston had 29 kills and 30 digs. Setter Emily Kenyon had 61 assists.

Sprayberry will play Harrison and North Paulding on Tuesday in a tri-match at Harrison.