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Tonight's Game — Raiders vs. Pope Greyhounds

Tonight's match-up features the 6-3 Walton Raiders taking on the 5-4 Pope Greyhounds. The Greyhounds, led by 2nd year Head Coach **MATT KEMPER**, have not lost since the bye week, winning 4 consecutive games. This game tonight means a lot to Pope—a win by the Greyhounds enables them to post a winning record for the first time since 2000, also launches them into the playoffs and best yet, may knock their neighborhood rival, the Walton Raiders, out of the playoffs. I don't think there is any question but that is the biggest game Pope has played in since they lost to Shiloh (led by a FB named **DAVID POLLACK**) in the 2nd round of the 2000 playoffs.

The Greyhounds started the season 1-4; losing 3 of those games by a total of 5 points. You can't help but admire them though—instead of quitting, which Pope has some history doing, they bounced back and will make the playoffs tonight if they can defeat the Raiders.

Not that it matters, but this will be the 20th match-up between these two squads. The Raiders hold the overall edge 13-6, including 6-3 in the Dog Pound.—**BILL PERRY, EDITOR**

Raiders—Last Friday

For the second week in a row the Raiders took on an undefeated team and for the second Friday in a row, lost despite playing pretty good football. The Roswell Hornets rallied in the 4th quarter, scoring 3 TDs to defeat Walton 28-21. The loss dropped the Raiders record to 6-3, while the Hornets remained undefeated at 9-0.

Sr. QB Joey Windler was 20 of 32 for 333 yards and 2 TDs but it wasn't quite enough. Like the week before vs. Lassiter, turnovers were the difference. With a 14-0 lead just seconds before halftime, the Hornets blocked a Raiders FG attempt and returned it 80 yards for a TD. With the score tied at 21 late in the 4th quarter, Roswell took advantage of a Walton fumble, which led to the winning TD.

The Raiders stung the Hornets early. After a Roswell 3-and-out, Braylon Williams got behind the Hornets secondary and Windler hit him for what turned out to be a 64 yard catch and run. The Raiders defense forced another Roswell punt and two plays later it was Patrick Cosgrove's turn to get behind the Roswell secondary and this time it turned into a 68 yard catch and run. So after 3 plays from scrimmage, 1:08 of possession and 4:34 elapsed in the 1st quarter, the Raiders led 14-0.

Walton limited Roswell to 78 yards of offense through the first 3 quarters but Hornets TB Duvall Smith found some seams in the 4th quarter, rushing for 83 yards and 3 TDs in the last 12 minutes of action. One of the major reasons why the Hornets offense was unproductive during the first 36 minutes was because it spent most of it standing on the sidelines. Walton limited Roswell to slightly more than 13 minutes of possession and 31 plays; while controlling the ball for nearly 23 minutes and running 47 plays. But like the Friday before, it wasn't enough to prevent a Hornets rally.

Playoff scenarios are pretty simple—win tonight and we're in. Lose tonight and we're in only if Milton defeats Kell (which isn't likely).

By the Numbers ...

Sr. QB **JOEY WINDLER** was 20 of 32 for 333 yards and 2 TDs last Friday. That's the most yards passing in a single game since at least 1996. Other top performances since then include **TAYLOR STANFILL** passing for 260 yards in 2002 vs. McEachern, **Ray Rayburn** throwing for 238 yards vs. Wheeler in 2008, and Rayburn and **BRADEN THEOBALD** teaming up in 2007 to pass for 221 yards vs. Lassiter and for 210 yards in the quarterfinals vs. ML King.

The record for TD passes in a season is 19 by **COLE DIAL** in 2003. **AARON KELLY**, the leading all-time receiver in the ACC when he played for the Clemson Tigers, caught 14 of them all by himself.

Sr. WR **PATRICK COSGROVE** had a TD reception again last Friday for the 6th consecutive game. His streak started in week 4 vs. Wheeler. While that is certainly a streak to be proud of, **AARON KELLY** caught at least one TD pass in 8 consecutive games in 2003. Kelly ended up making at least one TD reception in 10 of 12 games during the 2003 season.

Three times this season Patrick has scored 2 TDs in a single game (vs. Wheeler, Alpharetta and Centennial). **PRICE GARRETT** caught 3 in one game last season vs. Centennial.

Walton averaged 160 yards per game through the air in 2008, which is a school record. So far this season the Raiders are averaging 158. However, the average gain per attempt this season is far higher than 2008, 9.6 to 8.2. Average gain per completion in 2009 is an incredible 15.6 yards; in 2008 the average was 13.0, which is still very good.

If you don't think turnovers make a huge difference in the outcomes of football games, then consider these stats: against Lassiter and Roswell, two undefeated teams, the Raiders generated 848 yards of offense; gave up only 551; had a huge time of possession advantage (59:55 to 36:05) but turned the ball over 3 times more than their opponents—and you already know the outcome.

Records & Schedules

WALTON RAIDERS		
Date	Opponent	Result
8/22	Norcross (GA. Dome)	W 28-27 OT
9/4	@ Kell	W 21-16
9/11	@ Campbell	W 47-38
9/18	Wheeler	W 49-6
9/25	Alpharetta (H-coming)	W 20-7
10/9	@ Milton	W 28-23
10/16	@ Centennial	L 31-28
10/23	Lassiter	L 42-28
10/30	Roswell (Senior Night)	L 28-21
11/6	@ Pope	

POPE GREYHOUNDS		
Date	Opponent	Result
8/28	Kennesaw Mountain	W 35-7
9/4	@ Lassiter	L 32-31
9/11	Roswell	L 30-27
9/18	Centennial	L 35-14
9/25	@ Kell	L 21-20
10/9	Campbell	W 26-14
10/16	@ Wheeler	W 24-0
10/23	@ Alpharetta	W 14-7
10/30	@ Milton	W 45-14
11/6	Walton	

Other Games

Campbell (2-7) @ Alpharetta (2-7)
 Centennial (4-5) @ Wheeler (0-9)
 Kell (5-4) @ Milton (4-5)
 Roswell (9-0) @ Lassiter (9-0)

2009 Playoff Info

Check the website Saturday for playoff info. If we win tonight, we're the #3 seed. If we don't, we'll either be seeded 4th if Kell loses or we'll be out of the playoffs if Kell defeats Milton.

If we qualify, then we will play on the road, traveling to either North Gwinnett HS or Peachtree Ridge HS.

Pope Greyhounds

Pope may not have the best record of all the teams we have played, but tonight will be our toughest game of the season. As I already noted, this is the biggest game in 10 seasons for Pope. It not only marks the first time they have had a chance to qualify for the state playoffs since 2000; but they also have a chance to knock the Walton Raiders out of the playoffs.

Pope has a huge offensive line (coaches from two teams Pope has played this season both said the Greyhounds have the biggest HS O-Line they have ever seen). A great number of the Greyhounds starters have played a lot of football in the past three seasons. **STEPHEN WHITE #34** is a 3-season starter and an outstanding LB. **DT CHARLIE FARR #59** and **S STEVIE WILKERSON #14** are also 3-season starters and leaders of the Greyhounds defense.

On offense, Sr. **TB MARCORUS GARRETT #25** another 3-season starter is Pope's leading rusher and has gained nearly 1100 yards so far this season. Sr. **T GRANT RAMSAY #74** is the most highly recruited of the Pope offensive linemen.

Region 6-AAAAA Standings

Former Raiders kickers **CRAIG CAMAY** (UT-Chattanooga) and **ADAM SHREINER** (Elon), both former first team All-Staters, faced off Saturday 10/24. Craig kicked a 27 yard FG; Adam booted one from 36. Elon prevailed 45-10.

Former Raider **JUSTIN FORTE** is the leading rusher for the Richmond Spiders, the #1 ranked team in Division 1-AA.

Team	Overall Wins	Overall Losses	Region Wins	Region Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Overall Losses	Region Wins	Region Losses
Lassiter	9	0	8	0	Milton	4	5	4	4
Roswell	9	0	8	0	Centennial	4	5	4	4
RAIDERS	6	3	5	3	Alpharetta	2	7	1	7
Kell	5	4	5	3	Campbell	2	7	1	7
Pope	5	4	4	4	Wheeler	0	9	0	8

Obviously, the battle for the Region 6-AAAAA championship is tonight at Lassiter where the undefeated Trojans are taking on the undefeated Roswell Hornets in a winner take-all match. Both squads will open the playoffs at home; the winner of tonight's game will likely take on North Forsyth; the loser opens with Collins Hill.

2009 Walton Football Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>
1	Braylon Williams	REC	Sr.	49	Oliver Greene	LB	Jr.
1	Myles Howard	REC	So.	50	Hayden Karp	OL	Jr.
2	Dakota Richardson	REC	So.	51	Robert Cowles	DE/TE	So.
3	Kyle Vorster	RB/DB	Jr.	52	Alex Prescott	C/DE	Jr.
4	Patrick Cosgrove	REC	Sr.	53	Kelly Brooks	OL/DL	So.
4	Jacob Chesser	QB	So.	54	Matt Cheek	DL	Sr.
5	Chandler Dease	DB/RB	So.	55	Joey Caforio	OL	Sr.
6	Nakai Poole	QB	So.	56	Jake Sims	OL/DL	Jr.
7	Bradley Kilborn	QB	Jr.	57	Chris Boardman	DE/TE	Sr.
8	Daron Blaylock	DB/RB	So.	58	Sebastian Steen	OL/DE	Sr.
9	Tripp Roberts	DB/REC	Jr.	59	Drew Dalton	OL/DE	Sr.
10	Shane McGrath	QB	Jr.	61	Nick Reidich	OL/DL	Jr.
11	Jim Hogue	RB/LB	So.	62	Matthew Rooks	OL/DL	Jr.
12	Zach Ridlehuber	LB	Sr.	63	Kyle Woestmann	OL/DL	Sr.
13	Zach Miller	Kicker	Jr.	64	Michael Lord	OL/DL	So.
14	Matt LaMontagne	DB/REC	Jr.	65	Ryan Barr	OL/DL	Jr.
15	Sam Bruns	REC/DB	Jr.	66	Taylor Babb	OL/DL	Sr.
16	Joey Windler	REC/DB/QB	Sr.	67	Oliver Kraemer	OL/DL	Sr.
17	Wes Bailey	DB	Sr.	68	Matt Gilbert	OL/DL	Sr.
18	Zack Blaylock	DB/QB	So.	69	Joe Goodwyn	OL/DL	So.
19	Drew Schneider	DB/REC	So.	70	JaQuan Alvarado	OL/DL	Jr.
20	Jacob Blaeser	DB	Sr.	71	Christian Andersen	OL	Jr.
21	Justin Shemaria	DB	Sr.	72	Ben Birley	OL/DL	So.
22	Kevin Bartlett	DB	Sr.	73	Michael Ferruccio	OL	Sr.
23	Brandon Burrows	RB/DE	Sr.	74	Grant Radakovich	DE/TE	So.
25	Arshia Rafiee	DB/REC	So.	75	Harrison Davis	DL/OL	So.
26	Rodney Kazibwe	RB/DB	Jr.	76	Evan Bennett	DL/OL	So.
27	Andrew Lipsey	DB/REC	Sr.	77	Thomas Beshara	DL/OL	So.
27	Robbie Lindsay	REC	So.	78	Matt SanNicolas	DL	Sr.
28	A.J. Collins	RB/DB	So.	79	Joe Gillard	DL	Sr.
30	Mack Phillips	REC/DB	So.	80	Michael Albinger	REC	Jr.
31	Jarrett Byers	REC	So.	81	Jeff Cheek	REC	Sr.
32	Smith Romberg	LB	Sr.	82	John Ficarrotta	REC	Jr.
33	Zach Hoadley	LB	So.	83	Sam Gadebusch	REC	Jr.
34	Logan Musser	LB/FB	So.	84	Chris Mooney	DE/TE	Sr.
35	Orin Whittaker	FB/LB	Jr.	85	Austin Hagood	REC	Sr.
36	Koty Allen	DE/TE	So.	85	David Sanchez	REC	So.
37	Coleman Travis	RB/LB	Jr.	86	Rico Richardson	LB/TE	So.
38	Ned Kaish	LB/REC	Jr.	87	Tim Dalton	TE/DE	So.
39	Joe Kenney	REC	Jr.	88	Ramon Lee	TE	Jr.
40	Zach Pope	RB/LB	Jr.	88	Patrick Barnette	REC	Jr.
41	Keagan Kiely	LB	Sr.	89	Jacob Eassa	LB	Sr.
41	Taylor Segell	FS/REC	So.	90	Dayne Hudson	REC	Jr.
42	Alex White	REC	So.	91	Hiroo Nakano	REC	So.
43	Alex Katongole	DB	Jr.	92	Taylor Clark	DE/TE	So.
44	Andre Walkine	RB/LB	Sr.	93	Daniel Elliott	TE	Sr.
45	Dalton Hall	LB	So.	96	Saad Hindash	PK	Jr.
46	Kyle Lester	DB/REC	So.	97	Chris Sheldon	REC	So.
47	Will McMahan	LB/FB	So.	98	Tim Ruesseler	PK	Sr.
48	Brooks Tilley	LB	Sr.	99	Brad Noble	DT	Jr.

2009 Pope Greyhounds

No.	Player	Pos	Yr.	No.	Player	Pos	Yr.
1	Hank Strmac	DB-WR	Jr.	45	Russ Snow	DE-RB	Sr.
2	Myles Everett	DB-WR	So.	46 Dutton Steele	LB-RB	Jr.	
3 Landon Bonner	LB-RB	Jr.		46	Mark Zenoble	DB-WR	Jr.
4	Jack Glazer	LB-QB	Jr.	48 Drew Wood	DL-TE	Sr.	
5 Holland Frost	DB-QB	So.		49	Jacob Blackmore	DE-OL	Sr.
6	Blake Swartz	LB-RB	Sr.	51 Andrew Cao	DL-OL	Sr.	
7 Courtland Garrett	DE-WR	Jr.		52	Davis Gilbertson	DE-OL	Sr.
8	Will McFadden	DL-TE	Jr.	54 Marco Vahoua	DL-OL	So.	
10 Jason Parker	DB-WR	Sr.		55	Ian Henry	DL-OL	Jr.
13	Travis Meeks	DB-RB	Sr.	56 Dylan Hornor	DL-OL	Jr.	
14 Steve Wilkerson	QB	Sr.		58	Zach Parker	DL-OL	Sr.
15	Mark Allen	LB-RB	Jr.	59 Charlie Farr	LB-RB	Sr.	
16 Miller Aubrecht	DB-WR	Sr.		60	Anthony Dicristofaro	DL-OL	Sr.
17	Kevin Fraser	DB-WR	Jr.	61 Andrew Daiber	DL-OL	Sr.	
18 Morgan Aubrecht	DB-WR	Sr.		62	Robert Beall	DL-OL	Sr.
19	James Matta	LB-WR	Jr.	63 Danny Gallagher	DL-OL	Sr.	
20 Hudson Power	LB-RB	Sr.		66	Austin Gray	DL-OL	Sr.
21	Garrett Brown	DB-WR	Jr.	67 Ian Price	LB-OL	Sr.	
22 Alex Vanbuskirk	DB-WR	Jr.		70	Rylan Leary	DL-OL	Sr.
23	Tyler Andrews	DB-WR	Jr.	71 Coty Jones	DL-OL	Sr.	
24 Benson Hu	DB-WR	Sr.		72	Zach Whiten	DL-OL	Sr.
25	Marcorus Garrett	LB-RB	Sr.	74 Grant Ramsay	DL-OL	Sr.	
26 Derek Brown	LB-RB	Jr.		75	Adam Bunce	DL-OL	Jr.
27	Brian Harp	LB-RB	Jr.	77 Thomas O'Reilly	DL-OL	Jr.	
29 Matt Broshar	P	Sr.		78	Ignacio Vargas	DL-OL	Jr.
30	Lee Soble	LB-RB	Jr.	79 Trevor Buhr	DL-OL	Jr.	
32 Jake Hughes	LB-RB	Jr.		80	Matt Seedorff	DB-WR	Sr.
33	David Tarquinio	DB-WR	Jr.	81 Patrick Diest	DB-WR	Jr.	
34 Stephen White	LB-RB	Sr.		82	David Ziemian	DB-WR	Sr.
35	Ansyl Carpenter	LB-RB	Jr.	83 Kevin Love	DB-WR	Sr.	
36 Pearce Lane	LB-RB	Jr.		85	Austin Pruett	DB-WR	Sr.
37	Kevin Hellman	DB-WR	Sr.	86 Alex Kviklys	K	Jr.	
40 Matt Hansen	DB-WR	Jr.		87	Kyle Falvey	DE-TE	Jr.
41	Naoki Haraoka	DB-WR	Jr.	94 Tyler Cummings	DE-OL	Jr.	