

Wildcats Stopped; Regional Tuesday

Augusta put a crimp in Mulvane High School's softball winning streak, but only a small one.

The Orioles nipped the Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcat softballers Monday, May 9, in a single-game make-up game held at Augusta. The score was 5-4 when Augusta broke a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning with a run to end the game.

That left the Wildcats with a 7-11 mark heading into a doubleheader against Circle Friday, May 13, at the Mulvane sports complex in their regular season finale. It will be the team's final tune-up prior to the regional tourney, which opens next week.

The Cats slammed Belle Plaine, 21-4 and 12-2, in a doubleheader sweep Thursday, May 5, giving Mason's Cats five victories in their last six games.

At Augusta, the Wildcats scored twice in the first and lead the game until Augusta pushed across two runs in the sixth inning to tie the score at 4-4.

"We played good but not good enough to win," said Mason. "It was very similar to the first game earlier in the season where we led most of the game but lost it in the last inning. We didn't do the things we needed to do to win the ball game down the stretch."

The loss spoiled a fine pitching effort by freshman Jamie Wilson, who held the Orioles to three hits and exited after five innings with a 4-2 lead.

The Cats jumped ahead early when Lee Cates walked and Heather Taylor singled to start something in the first inning. Cates scored when Shannon Reed belted a single and Taylor trotted home when Marianne Smysor singled.

Mulvane 4A Regional Softball Tournament

At Mulvane Sports Complex
TUESDAY, MAY 17

Game 1 —Bluestem (10-7) vs. Mulvane (7-11)*, 3 p.m.

Game 2 —Rose Hill (12-6)* vs. Wellington (5-13)*, 5

Game 3 (Championship)— winners of games 1 and 2, 7 p.m.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	200 110 0-4 7
Augusta	200 002 1-5 6
Jamie Wilson and Susan Wenger 6, and NiChelle Bruce; Marxley and Parry.	

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	014 79-2: 16
Belle Plaine	003 10-4 4
Jamie Wilson and NiChelle Bruce; Taylor and Grissom.	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	340 221-12 12
Belle Plaine	010 100-2 2
Susan Wenger and NiChelle Bruce, Sagely 5; Morton and Grissom.	

At Belle Plaine, the hitting standouts were Stephanie Schultz and Reed. Schultz had six RBIs in the doubleheader sweep and slammed a homer in each game. Reed had five hits and five RBIs.

Rose Hill apparently will grab the No. 1 seed in the Mulvane Class 4A Softball Regional which will be held Tuesday, May 17, at the Mulvane sports complex.

The seedings are unofficial because each of the teams still has two games to play.

The Rockets, the defending 4A state champs, have a 12-6 record with a doubleheader against Circle remaining before the tournament.

Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats are seeded third with a 7-11 record and will play No. 2 seeded Bluestem (10-7) in the opening regional game at 3 p.m.