

Big Inning Dooms Wildcat Softballers

One big inning for the opposition has almost become a Mulvane High School softball trademark this season, and that trademark was self-evident Monday night, May 15, in the opening round of the Wellington Class 4A Regional in Augusta.

The sixth-seeded Wildcats held a one-run lead until Augusta exploded for seven runs in the 5th inning and the Orioles went on to eliminate the Wildcats, 9-4. It was Mulvane's first first-round loss in quite a few years.

Rose Hill clipped Chaparral, 4-2, in Rose Hill to advance.

The end came suddenly, just like it had in a dozen or so games earlier. One minute, the MHS softball girls are in the thick of a titanic struggle for the game and the next, it's over. It's a formula that has grown old for Cat coach Mason.

The Wildcats actually held a 3-2 lead and had their No. 1 pitcher going into the bottom of the 5th inning but Augusta wasn't impressed and with one out, the end for Mulvane began. Hargrove had given up only three hits but with one out, she issued a walk to the No. 9 hitter and the roof caved

Wellington Class 4A Regional Softball Results

CHAMPIONSHIP

Was to have been played Wednesday, May 17

SEMIFINALS

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FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 001 020 1- 4- 8

Augusta 101 070 x 9- 7

Kassie Hargrove, Sara Simpson 5, and Sara Clasen,
Simon and Greenwood

Rose Hill 4, Chaparral 2

Wellington 2, Douglass 1

in The Orioles went on to score seven points to take a 9-3 lead.

"That's pretty much been the story of our season," said Mason about giving up a big inning late in the game to lose it. "We had an error in there, too, and there was an official's call that went against us, too."

The Wildcat offense finished with nine hits, but it wasn't up and down the line-up. Jackie McColpin had two hits and scored once, Kayla Linnebur ripped three hits, scored twice and knocked in two runs and Hargrove tried to help herself with a 3-for-4 night and one RBI. Those three are the top of the MHS order. The only other hit was a single by clean-up batter, catcher Sara Clasen.