



Mulvane shortstop Melissa Doerfer heads into first safely as Augusta's first baseman reached for the bad throw in Regional opener

Oriole Revenge; Blue Cats

The Mulvane High softball girls had just one too many extra-inning games, and they lost the biggest one of the season Monday night, May 14, in the opening round of the Mulvane Class 4A Regional Softball Tournament at the Mulvane sports complex.

A week ago, the Wildcats smothered Augusta in two games, including a 4-3 10-inning barnburner, but Monday night, the Orioles reversed the tables and eliminated the

Cats, 4-3, in a nine inning game that counted.

The loss ended the year for Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats at 9-12.

Augusta got its lead-off batter on in each of the first three innings and used those occasions to squirm out to a 3-0 against shaky Cat ace Sara Simpson, who gave up four of the six hits against her in the early going.

Mulvane finally struck back in with a pair in the 5th when Sarah Carmichael

stroked a one-out single and Katie Rose singled. This was the inning that was, though, an inning which put Mulvane in the driver's seat. Simpson and Sara Clasen walked to force in one run and bring up the top of the MHS order. Dani Phillips grounded to short and Augusta gunned Rose down at the plate. Melissa Doerfer reached on an error with Simpson scoring but that's all the damage that occurred.

A heroic effort in the 7th tied the game but again the key hit to win it wasn't there. Clasen, Doerfer and Josalyn Marksberry all singled, tying the game at 3-3, but the winning run died at 3rd base.

In the 8th, a two-out double by Rose stirred the emotions up but that's where she stayed.

Mulvane Class 4A Regional Softball

(At Mulvane sports complex)
FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	000 020 100—3 7
Augusta	102 000 001—4 6

Sara Simpson and Danielle Vanderhoof; Crawford and S. Day.

Douglass 14, Circle 4
Clearwater 3, El Dorado 2
Rose Hill 2, Wellington 0

Augusta won it in the 9th when Simpson issued her one and only walk of the game. That baserunner scored moments later on an infield grounder after reaching 2nd on a fielder's choice and stealing 3rd base.