

Duncan With Shutout

SB Girls Move To Semis

Aggressive play was fashionable Tuesday evening, May 18, when the Mulvane High School Wildcats opened play in the Augusta Class 4A Regional Softball Tournament.

And that style was too much for the host Orioles as the MHS girls pulled away by a 4-0 score in first round action.

Other first-round action found No. 8

seeded El Dorado toppling No. 1 seeded Douglass, 11-4, Chaparral knocking off Rose Hill, 3-2, and Wellington decking No. 2 seeded Clearwater, 8-7. The Cats were to have played El Dorado in a semifinal Wednesday, May 19, with a trip to the title game on the line. The regional champ was to have been decided at 7:15, and the first place winner will advance to the 4A State Tournament next weekend in Salina.

Mulvane senior starter Shayna Duncan had a fabulous game, shutting down the Orange and Black hit machine on only five hits and not giving up a walk. Mulvane's defense was up to the task, too, with a flawless performance.

"We made some switches in the line-up and had some big games out of a number of people," said Coach Charlie Mason. "And we had the hits when we needed them. We kind of got back to playing Mulvane softball."

Duncan's shutout pitching had a monumental impact on the game but so did Mulvane's aggressiveness on the bases. Tatum scored the first run of the game when she went from 2nd to home on a sac bunt in the 4th inning. Abby Sorensen went from 1st to 2nd on another sac bunt and Amy Phillips stole 3rd base.

But the biggest play came in the 6th inning as the Cats were trying to build on a 3-0 margin. Phillips singled with one out and Sara McKnight singled up the middle. Both runners were safe when Whitney Phillips hit an infield grounder and the Orioles tried to get Amy Phillips at the plate. She bowled over the catcher, who dropped the ball. However, she failed to tag the plate and on the ensuing confusion, McKnight rounded third and slide safely

Augusta Class 4A Softball Regional FIRST ROUND

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Ashley Spalding and Heather Rinkenbaugh; Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson.

El Dorado 11, Douglass 4
Wellington 8, Clearwater 7
Chaparral 3, Rose Hill 2

Augusta 4A Softball Regional Pairings WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Game 5 (Semifinal)—El Dorado (13-8) vs. Mulvane (14-7), 3:30 p.m.

Game 6 (Semifinal)—Wellington (12-9) vs. Chaparral (14-7), 5:15

Game 7 (Championship)—winners of games 5 and 6, 7:15

home while Augusta was trying to figure out what was going on.

The Cats gave Duncan all the room she needed in the 4th inning, scoring a pair. Sorensen led off with a single and Amy Phillips connected on a long drive to left-centerfield for a double that scored Sorensen. Phillips trotted home after stealing 3rd when McKnight busted a single down the line into leftfield.



Mulvane's Amy Phillips barrels into catcher as she tries to score against Augusta