

# Cats Topple No. 1 Seed

# Indians Stop MHS' Run At State Trip

The Mulvane softball team overcame the top seed in their regional, but they couldn't overcome the "home-field advantage".

After knocking off top seed Rose Hill in the semifinals, 5-3, the fourth-seeded Wildcats came up short in the regional final at Clearwater Tuesday night, May 17, falling to third-seeded Clearwater, 4-1. The Wildcats, who reached the state tournament last season, ended their season with a record of 15-8.

Charlie Mason's Wildcats were shut down in the final by Clearwater hurler Jillian Loger. The 'Cats only run came in the sixth inning. Jordan Cox doubled down the right-field line, went to third on a groundout by Amy Phillips, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Kourtney Bell. Mulvane's batters consistently put the ball in play, but the Indians made several good plays on defense.

The 'Cats reached the regional final mainly due to the efforts of first baseman Amanda Hagerman. Mulvane started slow against Rose Hill in the semis, as Rocket starter Nicole Dunphy retired the first 12 'Cat batters. The bats got going in the fifth, as Tara Roberts led off with a triple and scored on a

single by Hagerman, who later scored on a wild pitch to give Mulvane a 2-1 lead.

After Rose Hill tied the game in the bottom of the fifth, Mulvane took the lead for good in the sixth when Hagerman drilled a two-out, three-run, moon-shot home run over the left-field fence for a 5-2 lead. Rose Hill did rally in the seventh, scoring a run and loading the bases with one out, but pitcher Whitney Phillips struck out the final two batters to finish the game.

In their first-round game Monday, May 16, the 'Cats rolled past #5 seed Belle Plaine, 8-0. The story of that game was Whitney Phillips, who pitched a seven-inning, complete-game no-hitter against the Dragons. Phillips allowed only three walks while Mulvane collected eight runs on nine hits, committing only one error.

Mulvane's varsity finished 15-8 while the junior varsity finished with a sparkling record of 18-2. This year's graduating seniors are Abby Sorensen, Jessica Helwi, and Ashley McKenzie. The rest of the team will likely be back next year, including Stephanie Hughes,

## Clearwater Class 4A Softball Regional CHAMPIONSHIP

Mulvane 000 001 0—1  
 Clearwater 101 020 x—4  
 Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes; Jillian Loger and Kristi Love.

### SEMIFINALS

Mulvane 000 023 0—5  
 Rose Hill 100 010 1—3  
 Christy Hartley, Whitney Phillips 6, and Stephanie Hughes; Nicole Dunphy, Courtney Maples 6, and Kaley Morris.

HR—Amanda Hagerman (M).

Clearwater 7, Andover Central 1

### FIRST ROUND

Belle Plaine 000 000 0—0 0 2  
 Mulvane 021 014 x—8 9 1  
 Tammie Zimmerman, Melissa Schnier 5, Kristin McDonnell 6, and Isis Bey, Megan Keenan 6; Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes.

Rose Hill 3, Andover 2  
 Clearwater 3, Wellington 2  
 Andover Central 5, Wichita Collegiate 4

Devyn Redford, Roberts, Cox, Bell, Amy Phillips, Whitney Phillips, Hagerman, Whitney Sullivan, and Christy Hartley.

## Softball Standings

### DIVISION III

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
x-Rose Hill	9	1	19	3
x-Augusta	9	1	15	5
*Mulvane	5	5	14	8
El Dorado	3	7	6	10
*Wellington	2	8	8	13
Buhler	2	6	2	10

### DIVISION IV

y-Andale	8	0	12	4
Clearwater	4	4	15	7
*Andover Central	4	4	6	16
*Andover	3	5	5	16
Circle	1	7	1	14

x-tied for AVCT League championship; y-won AVCT League championship; \*season completed