

## Regional Loss

# One Swing Decides Battle

In the end, it came down to a typical Rose Hill/Mulvane softball game where one swing of the bat, one bounce of the ball, one pitch decides things.

It was a disappointing time for the Mulvane High School Wildcat softballers Monday night, May 12, in the opening round of the Douglass Class 4A Regional. The two old rivals tangled in a scintillating pitcher's duel and Rose Hill came out on top by a 1-0 score.

It took just one swing of the bat for the Rockets to win the game, snapping a six-game skid in the process and sending the Wildcats home in defeat.

Rose Hill's Kerlyn Bonar, a freshman, out-duelled Mulvane ace Taylor Parsons, holding the Cats to only four hits and slamming a lead-off home run

in the second inning that proved to be the only run of the contest.

"We had our chances but we just came up one run short in a great softball game," said MHS Coach Charlie Mason. "Everybody stepped up. I couldn't have asked for any better effort—except for a couple of hits."

The sophomore righthander Parsons nearly matched Bonar's effort as she struck out six and didn't walk a batter. She finished the season at 13-5.

"It was the best game we've played all year," added Mason. "Defensively we played our best and Taylor pitched through their big hitters, holding them hitless but they got one ball up in the wind and it carried over the fence."

These two teams have a history of

intense battles and ones that mean something. Add this one to collection.

"It was a typical Rose Hill/Mulvane game, a state-quality game. We just couldn't put hits together and get a run home," noted the veteran coach.

Mulvane had one chance early in the first inning. Taylor Bell walked and Stephanie Wilson banged a single to start the game. After an out, Parsons hit a screamer that looked like a sure two-run double but the RH first sacker made a great stab and doubled up Wilson at 1st.

Mulvane's last gasp came in the 2th. Jessica Goldring, who went 2-for-3 for the day, led off with a single and pinch-runner Jackie Schwemmer stole second and third. But the Cat line-up couldn't produce anything, ending the game with two strikeouts and a pop-up to third.

"Goldring had a fine game with two

## Douglass Class 4A Regional Softball FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 000-000 0-0 3  
Rose Hill 000-000 0-1 4  
Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson, Kerlyn  
Bonar and Heidi Summersell  
RH—Kerlyn Bonar (RH)

Andover Central 11, Douglass 0  
Clearwater 3, Andover 2  
Augusta 8, Wellington 1

hits and good defense and Lexi Linnebur saved us on a diving catch in the outfield. Tera Roberts (shortstop) also had an unassisted doubleplay and played good defense."

The loss ended the season for the Wildcat girls at 14-7 and three of those seven defeats came at the hands of Rose Hill's Rockets.



Taylor Parsons (21) smacks the pitch to try to advance Lexi Linnebur from first