

GLADEVILLE -- Mt. Juliet's Lady Bears moved into Monday night's District 9AAA tournament finals with a 56-30 victory over Beech Saturday at Wilson Central.

Mt. Juliet dominated early, running out to a comfortable 26-11 lead at intermission. The Lady Bears were led by 18 points from MTSU signee Caya Williams and 11 points from Allyson Hayes who had 11 points and three 3-pointers.

Mt. Juliet (28-3) will take on Station Camp (19-9) in Monday's 8 p.m. championship game.

Station Camp held on for a 53-50 victory over Wilson Central in Saturday's other semifinal contest. The Lady Wildcats fell behind early, but kept battling back only to see a frenzied fourth quarter rally fall short.

Cheyenne North was unstoppable for Beech, leading all scorers with 30 points. Sydney Vanlandingham's 18 led Wilson Central. Taylor Peterson had 13 and Dominique St. Louis chipped in with 10.

Central will play Beech in Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. consolation game.

Over on the boys side of the tournament, the top two seeds both lost, setting up a Wilson Central vs. Mt. Juliet rematch in Tuesday's consolation game.

No 1-seeded Mt. Juliet lost a 50-49 decision to Hendersonville in Saturday's early semifinal game as Jeff Long drilled a pair of free throws with seven seconds left in regulation.

Long led HHS (18-11) with 17 points while John Davis added 10.

Caleb Chowbay had 17 for Mt. Juliet, but was the only Bear to break double figures. Brandon Shepard and C.J. McEwen finished with nine apiece.

Mt. Juliet (24-7) will play Wilson Central in Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. consolation after the Wildcats lost 52-50 to Beech in Saturday's late semifinal game.

Down 42-29 after three quarters, Wilson Central mounted an incredible comeback run -- outscoring the Bucs 21-10 over the final eight minutes.

A 3-pointer by Seth Brown with 48 seconds left in regulation sealed the win for Beech, now 23-6 on the season. Wilson Central slipped to 22-5 despite 20 points from senior Dee Oldham.

Jacob Williams added 10 points while Conner Brandon knocked down three 3-pointers and finished with nine points.

All four teams will advance to the Region 5AAA tournament beginning next Saturday. Beech and Hendersonville will play at home while Mt. Juliet and Wilson Central will travel to Montgomery County.

FRIDAY AT SHACKLE ISLAND -- Beech was red-hot from long range in Friday night's 65-46 win over Lebanon in the quarterfinals of the District 9AAA tournament.

The Bucs connected on 12-of-17 attempts from beyond the arc in the victory and will advance to a semifinal game 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Wilson Central against the No. 2 seeded Wildcats -- a 61-47 winner over Portland.

A sticky 1-3-1 halfcourt trap forced Lebanon into 18 turnovers as the Blue Devils ended the season at 11-16 overall.

Cameron High ended his LHS career with 19 points, Zimmer Hunn added 10 and Cody Yarbrough scored eight.

FRIDAY AT GLADEVILLE -- Wilson Central broke open a one-point game at intermission with a 23-10 third quarter explosion en route to a 61-47 victory over Portland Friday night in a loser-out game.

WCHS (22-4) was led by 23 points from soph Jacob Williams, 15 from Dee Oldham and 10 from Blake Huffman.

FRIDAY AT MT. JULIET -- Top-seeded Mt. Juliet High had an easy time with Gallatin Friday, defeating the Green Wave 59-21 in the 9AAA quarterfinals. C.J. McEwen led the Bears with 16 points, Caleb Chowbay had 11 and Brandon Shepard finished with 10.

Mt. Juliet, now 24-5 overall, will play Hendersonville Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the tournament semifinals. HHS eliminated Station Camp 58-57 Friday night.

All teams reaching the semifinal round have already earned berths in the Region 5AAA set for Clarksville Northeast.