

DISTRICT 9AAA - MJ 8, Lebanon 4

MT. JULIET -- Trailing 4-1, Mt. Juliet exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth en route to an 8-4 victory over Lebanon Thursday night in the finals of the 9AAA tournament loser's bracket.

The sends Mt. Juliet into today's (Friday) 5 p.m. championship game with Beech. Both teams will advance to next week's Region 5AAA tournament against the top two teams from District 10 AAA - Clarksville High or Northeast.

Mt. Juliet improved to 32-12-1 overall while Lebanon's season ended at 19-20-1.

LHS reached the finals of the loser's bracket with a 2-1 elimination game victory over Station Camp earlier Thursday.

Lebanon 6, Wilson Central 1

MT. JULIET -- Bethany Anderson kept Wilson Central's bats at bay early and a four-run fourth lifted Lebanon High to a 6-1 win over the Lady Wildcats Wednesday in the loser's bracket of the District 9AAA tournament.

With the victory, Lebanon improved to 18-19-1 and is scheduled to face Station Camp today at 5 p.m. (Thursday) in another loser-out contest.

Anderson hurled five innings of shutout ball before giving way to Beth Swartwout to close it down. LHS pounded out 11 hits, including three by infielder Katie Blackburn and two each from Kearston Yahola and Heather Brown.

Wilson Central ended the season with a record of 32-15 overall. Ninth grader Hannah Bodenhorn took the loss for the Lady Wildcats, allowing all 11 hits, walking two and striking out seven.

WCHS slid into the losers' bracket with error-marred 8-6 home loss to Portland Friday, May 4. The Lady Wildcats led 4-1 after five innings, only to see Portland score a major upset thanks to a couple of Central errors in the sixth inning.

Coach Mike Shepard's team took out their frustrations on Gallatin High Monday -- sending the Lady Wave packing with a 13-0 five-inning loss.

Wilson Central battered Gallatin pitching with nine hits including homers from Lauren Stavinoga (her 8th of the season) and Brittany Wiseman, her first. Ninth grader Hannah Bodenhorn (14-6) fired a five-inning two-hitter, striking out 11 batters.

Beech 2, Mt. Juliet 1, (8 innings)

MT. JULIET -- Defending state champ Beech needed an extra inning to defeat Mt. Juliet 2-1 late Wednesday in the winner's bracket finals of the District 9AAA tournament.

Beech (45-1) will play for the district title Friday at 5 p.m. Its opponent will come out of Thursday's loser's bracket finals -- Mt. Juliet, Lebanon or Station Camp.

Jordan Spicer's fielder's choice drove home courtesy runner Stevie Baird for the game-winning run.

Mt. Juliet's Savannah Sanders was spectacular in the loss, limiting the heavy-hitting Beech outfit to seven hits while striking out five. Mt. Juliet (31-12-1) managed only a fourth-inning unearned run against Alex Banks.

Coach Brad Rowlett's team will be in action tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. against the winner of

the 5 p.m. Lebanon - Station Camp game.

Tonight's winner will play Beech Friday in the 5 p.m. championship contest.

Lebanon 9, Station Camp 7 --

GALLATIN -- Lebanon upset No. 2-seeded Station Camp 9-7 Monday, earning a shot at tournament host Mt. Juliet Tuesday in the semifinals of the winner's bracket.

LHS improved to 17-18-1 with the win -- scoring seven runs in the top of the second inning. Kristen Dedman had a three-run double for Lebanon.

Beth Swartwout worked the first five innings and picked up the decision. Ironically, she also earned the save as she reentered the contest, recording the final four outs.

Mt. Juliet 11, Hendersonville 8 --

MT. JULIET -- Ashton Stowe had three hits, three RBI and scored three runs as Mt. Juliet held off Hendersonville 11-8 Friday.

Lauren Woodard went five and two-thirds innings for the win, while ninth grader Savannah Sanders got the save with three strikeouts. Mt. Juliet improved to 29-11-1 overall.