

**Class AAA softball**

**Daniel Boone 4, Mt. Juliet 3**

MURFREESBORO -- Mt. Juliet's Lady Bears were eliminated Wednesday morning at the Starplex, falling to Daniel Boone High of Washington County 4-3. The loss ended Brad Rowlett's first season as head coach in the BlueCross Spring Fling with a record of 34-15-1.

Trailing 4-0, Mt. Juliet mounted a comeback in the bottom of the fourth as Rachel Atnip tripled and Lauren Woodard's RBI groundout was followed by Ashton Stowe's run-scoring single.

Boone second baseman Hannah Montoya's error allowed another run to score and it was 4-3. Mt. Juliet had a golden opportunity in the bottom of the fifth inning- with runners on first and second with no outs, but couldn't score.

The Lady Bears dropped their tournament opener to Munford 6-5 on Tuesday. Madison Taylor was robbed of a 3-run homer on a great catch by Munford outfielder Tori Ray.

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**Bears lose two straight**

MURFREESBORO -- A couple of roller-coaster losses ended Mt. Juliet's Class AAA baseball run in the BlueCross Spring Fling earlier this week.

The Golden Bears opened tournament play Tuesday night with a 14-10 loss to Farragut High at Siegel. Mt. Juliet led 5-0 before the Admirals mounted a comeback and turned the contest into a slugfest thanks to an eight-run outburst in the fourth.

Surprising Riverdale High eliminated Mt. Juliet 4-3 Wednesday morning. The win marked the first for the Warriors in five trips to the state tournament.

Riverdale led 4-0, but Cody Carr singled and scored on Zach Tompkins' single to make it 4-1 after five innings. Mt. Juliet then scored two more in the bottom of the seventh as Tomkins grounded out to score Carr, who had reached on a fielder's choice.

Kyle Smith singled in Hunter Gilbert, who had reached on an error -- but the Bears couldn't force extra innings.

### **Class A baseball**

#### **Knox Grace 11, Friendship 3**

MURFREESBORO -- Friendship Christian's dreams of a fourth state championship in a single school year were dashed Wednesday as Knox Grace ousted the Commanders (37-4) from the Class A state baseball tournament 11-3 at Riverdale.

Xander Helton and Bryson Slagle combined for five hits and seven RBIs for Grace. Slagle added a three-run homer. The Rams broke open a 1-1 contest with four runs in the fourth before scoring six more times in the sixth inning.

Friendship starter Austin Godwin (8-1) worked three and two-thirds innings and was tagged with the loss.

**On Tuesday**, FCS dropped a 2-1 decision to Huntingdon -- falling in 10 innings. Brennan Swindoll started and went nine and scattered eight hits, before giving way to Caleb Snider (7-2) who was saddled with the loss.