

HENDERSONVILLE — Beech, Gallatin, Hendersonville and Mt. Juliet all advanced to Monday night's District 9AAA girls soccer tournament semifinals after their quarterfinal victories Saturday at Drakes Creek Park.

Gallatin and Hendersonville will play Monday at 6 p.m. Beech and Mt. Juliet will follow at 8 p.m. The winners advance to Wednesday night's final and also secure a spot in the Region 5-AAA tournament. There were two upsets on the day as well as a forfeit.

On Saturday, Beech was a 9-1 winner over Wilson Central. Gallatin was a 2-0 winner over Portland. Mt. Juliet was a 4-2, double overtime winner over Station Camp. Hendersonville won its game by forfeit as Lebanon, with just nine players, elected not to compete.

### **Mt. Juliet 4, Station Camp 2, two overtimes**

Station Camp trailed 1-0 after Mt. Juliet freshman Savannah Collins scored the first of her three goals on a penalty kick with 47 seconds remaining in the first half. The third-seeded Lady Bison had a barrage of shots to open the second half against the sixth-seeded Lady Golden Bears. They had nine through the midway point and got a spark when Savannah Keele stepped out of goal and moved to the front.

Battling back issues since a Sept. 27 game at Portland, she could not be used in the field as much, but wasted little time making her presence felt.

The senior came in with 16:45 remaining in regulation and got a shot off with in 40 seconds. She stayed on the attack and 10 minute later it paid off. Keele drove down the right side of the field, took the defender with her and then sent the shot into the left side of the goal. One minute later, she put another shot on goal, Heidi Orellana was there to pick up the deflection and the freshman put it in the net for a 2-1 lead.

However, Mt. Juliet (9-8-1) tied it on a Collins' header off a corner kick two minutes later and 2-2 is how the teams ended regulation.

Collins scored her third goal 5:45 into the first 10-minute overtime on a bouncer that went just under the crossbar. Julia Duggin scored 1:30 later when she drove from midfield and placed a shot in front of the net.

Keele had a shot on goal in the first overtime and three in the second 10-minute overtime, but none got past Mt. Juliet keeper Shelby Brown.

This is only the second time in school history that Mt. Juliet has won a game in the district tournament.

### **Beech 9, Wilson Central 1**

After staying on the Wilson Central side of the field for the first 20 minutes of the match, the shots started going in for Beech. Nine of them went in when it was all over - the most since an 11-0 win over Lebanon on Aug. 30.

The second-seeded Lady Buccaneers scored three goals in six minutes and added six more in the second half to defeat the seventh-seeded Lady Wildcats.

"Most of the time when you're playing a team and they're hanging on and fighting, if you can just get one or two (goals) it just opens everything up," Beech coach Tim Guinn said. "Mentally, they kind of let down and you can really put it to them."

Lauren Winters shot right in front of the net 20:20 into the game opened scoring. Abigail Brodrick followed with a goal three minutes later and it was Jessica Mink another three minutes later to give Beech a 3-0 lead.

Winters added her second goal 1:03 into the second half. Kiley Sanson followed two minutes later with the first of her two goals in a four-minute span.

"I told the girls, everything we do let's finish it; don't take anything for granted," Guinn said. "That first five minutes of the second half I told the girls to take it to them and we did and then it was pretty much over."

Allie Guinn scored a goal with 29 minutes remaining and Jenny Serro followed five minutes with a score. Regan Huff tacked on the last goal with 11:37 remaining.

The one negative was Ali Bumbilis injuring her knee seven minutes into the second half. The sophomore was taken to the hospital for x-rays.

It was 24 minutes into the match before Wilson Central's keeper touched the ball. It was over 45 minutes before the first shot on goal from the Lady Wildcats, and Lauren Stavinoga, who had that shot, got another one with 14 minutes left to spoil the shutout.

Beech will now face Mt. Juliet, a team it defeated 4-0 on Aug. 23.

### **Hendersonville 1, Lebanon 0, forfeit**

Top-seeded Hendersonville was set to kick off the tournament it was playing host to with a 2 p.m. game against eighth-seeded Lebanon. But the Field of Dreams was empty until Mt. Juliet and Station Camp took to the field.

"I think you have to look at the positives," Hendersonville coach Russ Plummer said. "Positives are we had no injuries today. In tournament time it's a grind. Right now for us a lot of things are mental and we've just got to stay mentally sharp."

The Lady Commandos, winners of seven of their last eight games, with a scoreless tie against Franklin in there as well, had already defeated Lebanon 9-1 on Oct. 3.

Lebanon was 0-11, having been outscored 79-3 entering a Riverdale game scheduled for Oct. 9. There was no result for that game — which was the regular-season finale for the Devilettes.

### **Gallatin 2, Portland 0**

Senior Kaitlyn Howell scored what proved to be the game-winner with 1:49 remaining in the first half and tacked on one for good measure nine minutes into the second half as fifth-seeded Gallatin ended a three-game losing streak with a shutout of fourth-seeded Portland.

Howell's first goal came as she drove down the left side of the field and did a little fancy footwork to tap it in with her right foot into the right side of the goal.

"I didn't really know if I had the shot; it was a lucky shot to be honest," Howell said. "I didn't have as much of a breakaway as I would like and the defense was pressuring hard on me and I kind of got my toe on it. Luckily, it just lifted up in the air enough and just got over the goalie's hands."

It was the first shutout posted by the Lady Wave since back-to-back shutouts of Mt. Juliet (3-0) and Lebanon (4-0) on Sept. 27 and 25.

"From what we've seen, a 2-0 lead is the scariest lead in soccer," Howell said. "It's so easy to come back; the team you're playing is still fired up. We really wanted to get another goal just to make sure we had it locked in. We were able to hold it and I think that says a lot about our team's effort tonight; defensively, for sure."

It also turned the tables for a Gallatin team which had been shutout in its last two games.

"This was the biggest game of the season probably," Gallatin's Brittany Cline said. "(Portland) beat us and they wanted to play us in districts. I don't think they expected this."

Cline took care of the closest call for the team in the second half when she cleared a Portland possession out of the right corner of the goal.

"I knew that they wanted to put the ball in the goal and someone had to get it out," Cline said. "You're not thinking about anybody else; you're only thinking about clearing it."

Katy Burns had the shutout in goal for Gallatin.

The win avenged a 3-1 defeat to Portland on Oct. 4, and now the Lady Wave get another shot at redemption against Hendersonville. The Lady Commandos were 7-0 winners on Oct. 11 in the regular-season finale for both teams.

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