

MJ eliminates Central, host district championship Wednesday

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mt. Juliet knocked out Central from the District Tournament Tuesday, and is set to play in the finals against Station Camp. Mt. Juliet senior Connor Sugg tied the state record for saves in a single season with 14 in the first round win over Portland.

Central started out the tournament with a 9-4 win over Beech.

After falling behind 1-0 in the second, Central picked up two in the third and four in the fourth. Beech cut it to 6-4 in the sixth, but Central iced the game in the seventh with three more runs.

Eric Guethlein was 4-for-4 with three RBIs. Jacob MacEntire was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Reynolds Wehunt got a pinch hit, 2-RBI single in the seventh. A.J. Franklin also had a RBI.

Tyke Williams picked up the win on the mound, going all seven innings.

Central 9 Beech 4

C – 002 400 3 – 9 12 2

B – 010 102 0 – 4 8 1

W: Tyke Williams.

Mt. Juliet survived a first round scare from Portland, slipping past the Panthers, 4-3.

Portland took a 2-0 lead in the first, but Mt. Juliet matched it in the bottom half. Portland took the lead back in the third, before Mt. Juliet tied it up in the fifth. The Bears got the deciding run in the bottom of the sixth.

Hunter Gilbert and Kyle Smith picked up the only Bears RBIs.

Josh Smith picked up the win in relief to improve to 6-0. Sugg picked up the state record tying save.

Mt. Juliet 4 Portland 3

P – 201 000 0 – 3 4 2

M – 200 011 X – 4 7 2

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W: Josh Smith (6-0). SV: Connor Sugg (14).

The Bears took advantage of seven Central errors in the second round in a 13-6 win.

Central took a 3-0 lead in the second, but Mt. Juliet exploded for eight runs in the bottom half, then five more in the third. Central tacked on a run in the fifth, and two in the seventh.

Zach Tompkins was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Caleb Chowbay was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Brandon Henson was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Gilbert, Forrest Goodwin and Barber all had one RBI.

Josh Smith picked up another win in relief to improve to 7-0.

Mt. Juliet 13

Central 6

C – 030 010 2 – 6 11 7

M – 085 000 X – 13 8 0

W: Josh Smith (7-0).

Monday, Central stayed alive with a 4-2 win in a 10-inning affair over Beech.

Central was down 2-1 in the sixth when Guethlein drove in MacEntire to tie the game up.

In the top of the 10th, Hunter Brothers reached on an error, and a perfect hit and run call with Tyler Fish at the plate put two on base. MacEntire came up big, smacking a line drive into center field and driving in both runs.

Ethan Nehus kept the Bucs from rallying, and moved the Wildcats on to the next round.

Central 4 Beech 2,

10 innings

C – 000 101 000 2 – 4 6 2

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B – 001 100 000 0 – 2 7 3

W: Ethan Nehus. L: Dunn.

Mt. Juliet defeated Central 9-4 Tuesday night to end the Wildcats season, and earn a spot in the finals. Caleb Chowbay picked up the win on the mound.