

DEFENDS

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Mary Horne's two-run double.

After stranding runners in scoring position in the first and second innings, North Cobb scored three in the third to take a one-run advantage.

Iman Muhammad led off with a single before Casey Page singled and Taylor Krause walked to load the bases. Kayla Trumbull then drew a one-out walk to score

Muhammad, before two runs scored on McKenzie Krause's sacrifice fly and a subsequent throwing error by the right fielder.

North Cobb added two more runs in the fifth and held off Northside in the sixth.

Page, who was 2-for-2 and scored twice, led off the fifth with a triple and scored when Olivia Mould reached on an error. Courtesy runner Karla Abundis replaced Mould and came around to score on McKenzie Krause's two-out double, for a 5-2 advantage.

But Northside's Madison Whipkey's singled in the sixth to plate Hannah George and trim the Lady Warriors' advantage to 5-3.

Mould, however, got Jordan Wells to strike out with the bases loaded in the sixth, ending the Lady Patriots' scoring threat.

The game was called at that point, due to the tournament's 1-hour, 30-minute time limit.

McKenzie Krause paced North Cobb with two RBIs, while Muhammad was 2-for-3 and scored a run. "I'm really proud of

us," Krause said. "We pulled together in the end to get the win and didn't give up. Our defense has been strong all year, and I think that got us through (Saturday)."

Mould gave up three earned runs on five hits and struck out four in six innings.

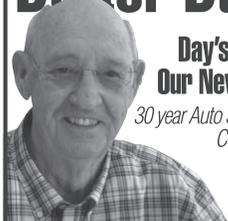
Page, who made a diving catch in center field to rob Ciara Jesus of a hit, joined pitcher Julie Sanderlin on the all-tournament team for North Cobb.

"The girls were more focused for the

tournament," Weaver said. "This is great preparation for us for the playoffs. These ladies continue to

mature and they have a lot of heart. They have a refuse to lose mentality that's infectious."

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