

PREPS I ROUNDUP

Three claim top record in Region 4AAAAAA softball

From staff reports

North Cobb posted three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, rallying from a two-run deficit to beat North Paulding 5-4 in the teams' regular-season finales.

The win left North Cobb (22-5, 9-3) in a three-way tie for first with Harrison and Hillgrove atop the Region 4AAAAAA standings. Region coaches were set to determine the tiebreaking scenarios, and who will be the two teams to play one another for the championship, in a meeting today.

The Lady Warriors loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth. Josi Elder scored Kayla Trumbull for the tying run with one out, and Iman Muhammed's two-out double through the gap knocked in Hannah Bednarek from second with the go-ahead run.

Muhummed batted 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and run scored. Trumbull went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, while Elder had a hit and an RBI. McKenzie Krause was 3-for-3 with a double, run scored and an RBI.

Olivia Mould (11-3) gave up four runs — two earned — on eight hits over seven innings to get the victory.

► **Harrison 8, Woodstock 1:** Lindley Bruce batted 3-for-5 with two doubles, three runs scored and an RBI to pace Harrison to

the non-region road victory.

Katy Caldwell, who went 2-for-2, had two RBIs for the Lady Hoyas (22-6). Maila Meese was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored, while Abby Broome batted 2-for-2 with an RBI. Emily Fitchjarrell had a hit and two RBIs.

Harrison, which jumped out to a 7-0 lead through 4½ innings, had 13 hits in its regular-season finale.

Emily Kachel (14-3) gave up two hits and struck out two over three innings.

► **Kell 5, Cass 0:** Kell won its first-round Region 7AAAAA tournament game at home.

The Lady Longhorns (11-6), who had eight hits, built on a 2-0 lead with three runs in the bottom of the third.

Sierra Shipley was 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored. Kasey Blair had an RBI, while Abby Glass, Natalie Parlato, Gracie White and Caroline Sarris each scored.

Lanie Angel (11-6), gave up five hits in the shutout victory.

Kell will face Woodland-Bartow in a winners' bracket game Saturday at Creekview.

► **Kennesaw Mountain 11, Marietta 0 (5 inn.):** Kennesaw Mountain sent 10 batters to the plate in the first inning and totaled seven runs off six hits and an error, en route to a Region 4AAAAAA home victory in the regular-season

finale for both teams.

Kelli McGrail had two of the Lady Mustangs' 13 hits. She also had two RBIs, including a solo home run in the fourth inning.

Kennesaw Mountain (15-12, 9-5) also scored three times in the third.

Becky Grannemann was 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Abby Chandler had a double and an RBI, while Lindsey Hulsey had a hit and a, RBI.

Kathryn Woody (11-6), who batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs, earned the victory after giving up two hits and striking out 11.

Kennesaw Mountain will be the No. 4 seed when the region tournament starts Monday.

Late Wednesday
► **Allatoona 9-12, Hiram 8-2:** After escaping the first game of the Region 5AAAAA quarterfinal with a walk-off win, the Lady Buccaneers cruised in the second and clinched a state playoff berth.

After falling into an 8-3 deficit through four innings, Allatoona began to rally and trailed 8-7 heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Makenzie Colwart led off with a walk and then moved up on Nicole Williams' sacrifice and Melanie Maule's grounder. Casey Lewis then reached on an error, allowing Colwart to score the

tying run, while Lewis eventually scored the winner after two more Hiram errors.

Colwart pitched four successful innings of relief, allowing one unearned run.

Hailey Reagor was 2-for-5 with a pair of doubles, while Madison Halyard was 2-for-4 and Morgan Kazerooni had a double and two RBIs.

The second game was more anticlimactic, with Allatoona scoring six runs in each of the second and fifth innings before bringing the mercy rule into effect.

Reagor was 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs, while Alley Cahal was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Williams was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Lewis had two RBIs as well.

Colwart started Game 2, keeping Hiram in check over five innings.

Allatoona will travel to Chapel Hill to begin a double-elimination tournament with the region's four remaining teams. The Lady Buccaneers will face Alexander, with Chapel Hill and South Paulding on the other side.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Walker 3, Peachtree Ridge 0:** The Lady Wolverines won their final area tournament tuneup with a 25-21, 25-21, 25-18 sweep on senior night.

Brooke Warner finished with 18 kills, while Sasha Fazylov had 13 kills with 10 digs, Emma Graham had 12 digs, Sofia Narvaez added three kills and three blocks and setters Haley Timbrook and Erin Leavell combined for 40 assists.

The Lady Wolverines (24-8) will host the Area 5A tournament, which begins Tuesday.

► **Allatoona wins two:** Allatoona beat North Cobb Christian (27-25, 25-12) and host Woodland-Bartow (25-15, 25-16) in a tri-match.

Mikayla Morris had five aces and 16 digs for the Lady Buccaneers (29-13-1). Jenna Usry totaled 21 kills, while Meara Simmons had 38 assists and Jaslynn Gwyn seven blocks.

Allatoona will play a tri-match Saturday at Wesleyan, facing Centennial and Mountain View.

► **North Paulding 3, Kennesaw Mountain 2:** After trading wins in the first four sets, the Lady Mustangs lost the fifth, falling 17-25, 26-24, 22-25, 25-18, 15-11.

Mia Griffiths led with 14 kills, while Lindsay Nation had 13 and Allie Dreyer totaled 23 assists and Maddie Stevens six aces.

Megan Dreyer's 21 digs led the defense for Kennesaw Mountain, which will rematch with North Paulding on Tuesday, as part of a tri-match with Hillgrove.