

BASEBALL

Pleasantville uses late rally to eliminate Mustangs

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PLEASANTVILLE — For six innings, the PCM baseball team controlled Class 2A No. 10 Pleasantville during a 2A District 14 semifinal game.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, the host Trojans got things rolling in the seventh and walked off PCM with a 4-3 postseason victory on July 5.

The Mustangs out-hit Pleasantville 5-4, and the Trojans committed four errors. PCM's pitchers were plagued by six walks and four hit batters.

PCM scored all three of its runs in the third inning, but Pleasantville won it with a four-run seventh.



Van Dyke



DeVries



Owens

The Mustangs lost four of their final five games this summer and capped their season at 13-15.

PCM's five hits came from Gavin Fenton, Kaleb DeVries, Jack Jungling, Trigg Steenhoek and Coby DeRaad.

The Mustangs struck out 12 times.

DeVries added one RBI and one run, DeRaad doubled, Will Owens walked and scored one run and Easton Webb was hit by a pitch. Carson Hansen scored one run and stole

one base.

Trenner Van Dyke started on the mound and pitched into the seventh inning but did not factor into the decision.

Van Dyke allowed two earned runs on three hits, four walks and four hit batters in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out 11 and used the maximum 110 pitches.

Zeb Padgett (4-4) took the loss after surrendering two earned runs on one hit and two walks.

Brayden Kennedy led Pleasantville (28-7) with three hits and three RBIs.

Eighth-grader Braylon Bingham struck out 10 and allowed one earned run on five hits in six innings but got the no-decision.

Williamsburg eliminated Pleasantville, 5-1, in the district championship game on July 8. The Raiders (19-19) faced 2A No. 8 West Marshall (27-6) in the substate title game on July 11.

SOFTBALL

PCM juniors finish season on diamond after 'scary' accident

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MONROE — The PCM softball team practiced at 5:30 p.m. during the preseason.

Most of the players start to arrive at 5:10.

On May 17, the Wednesday before games started, the team's four juniors were not yet at the field at 5:15 p.m.

"We didn't think too much about it at the time," PCM head softball coach Shaun Hudnut said.

Unfortunately, a few minutes later, Hudnut and the team got a message they hope to never get again.

The four juniors — Eliana Buswell, Lark Drake, Reese Palm and Ella Schendel — were in a car accident while leaving Palm's house to go to practice.

The foursome hung out at Palm's house basically every night after school until softball practice started.

"The girls have a snap chat group and one of them put in there that they were in a wreck. We weren't sure if they were serious at first because they are kind of goofballs," Hudnut said.

"Addison Steenhoek was coming over here from track practice and she had called one of the girls and connected with them and told us it was true."

Practice was canceled that day. And the team sat in the outfield until they found out what was going on.

Senior Joslin Briles turned on her police scanner so the team could follow it and that's when things got really difficult for everyone.

"We could hear within a few minutes, they started talking about life flight and ambulances," Hudnut said. "We didn't want their minds going places it didn't need to go at that point, but it was scary."

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PCM juniors (from left) Ella Schendel, Lark Drake, Eliana Buswell and Reese Palm were in uniform together for the first time this season back on June 28 after being involved in a car accident on May 17.
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SOFTBALL

West Marshall stuns PCM in regional quarterfinals

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MONROE — The third time was the charm for West Marshall.

The PCM softball team allowed just one run in its two meetings against the Trojans during the regular season, but West Marshall flipped the script during the postseason meeting on July 5.

The Mustangs led the Class 3A Region 2 quarterfinal game after six innings, but the Trojans scored four in the seventh and knocked off its hosts 8-6.

"It was a tough loss tonight," PCM head softball coach Shaun Hudnut said. "It definitely was not the outcome we were looking for, but we are proud of how this group of girls continued to fight and battle through adversity throughout the season."

West Marshall (14-16) led 1-0 after one inning and went in front 3-1 after scoring two in the third.

PCM grabbed its first lead with four runs in the fifth, but the Trojans got within one with a single run in the sixth and then scored four in the seventh to go in front for good.

The Mustangs (16-11) added one in the bottom of the seventh, but it wasn't enough.

West Marshall out-hit PCM 12-9, and the Mustangs were plagued by two errors.

"We left seven runners on base and struggled to get our offense going before two outs," Hudnut said.

"In the three innings we were able to get on before two outs, we scored all six



Newton junior Kadance Ahn, center, records an out at second base as PCM freshman Lillian Humpal slides into the base. The Cardinals downed the Mustangs 11-4 in the regular season finale on July 3.
Photo by Gary Hanson

of our runs."

Sidney Shaver led the Mustangs with two doubles, one run and one RBI. She finished the season with seven doubles.

Tori Lindsay doubled, scored two runs, had one RBI and walked once and she was hit by one pitch.

The Mustang freshman tied for first on the squad this summer with 24 runs and was hit by a team-most eight pitches.

The other six hits came from Lillian Humpal, Addison Steenhoek, Paige Steenhoek, Riley Johannes, Joslin Briles and RaeAnn Duinink.

Paige Steenhoek added two RBIs,

Addison Steenhoek scored one run and Johannes and Duinink each collected one RBI.

Paige Steenhoek finished her final season with a team-best 25 RBIs.

Ella Schendel walked twice and scored one run, Jorja Teeter stole two bases and Addi Hudnut scored one run.

Rylee Parsons (16-10) pitched all seven innings in the circle and took the loss for the Mustangs.

She surrendered eight runs — six earned — on 12 hits and three walks. She struck out four.

"Rylee gutted it out for us tonight even though she wasn't 100 percent,

and we put ourselves in a position to win this game," Coach Hudnut said.

Ciera Randall and Rachel Randall each finished with three hits and two RBIs to lead West Marshall. Ciera Randall led the Trojans with a .413 batting average.

PCM defeated West Marshall 2-0 and 4-1 during the regular season. The Mustangs ended their season with three straight losses after posting five consecutive wins.

West Marshall lost 7-0 to No. 12 Albia in the regional semifinals on July 8. The Trojans fell behind 5-0 after two innings.

The Blue Demons and 3A No. 9 Chariton faced off in the regional championship game on July 11 in Chariton.

Newton 11, PCM 4

NEWTON — Newton started fast and didn't slow down during an 11-4 non-conference win over PCM on July 3.

The Cardinals led 3-0 after one inning and 5-1 after three before Mack Sims belted a grand slam to put the game away in the fifth.

The victory snapped Newton's five-game losing streak.

Newton out-hit the Mustangs 11-5 and won the game despite committing four errors. PCM had two errors.

Briles led the Mustangs with three hits.

She clocked her team-best fourth homer of the season, laced her seventh double and drove in three runs.

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