

Andale erases Rose Hill with plays at the plate

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Taking risks has always been a part of sports. Sometimes, taking a gamble pays off, giving a team momentum and leading it to victory. Other times, taking risks can kill rallies, or even end seasons.

No one knows that better now than Rose Hill softball coach Kathy Santo, whose team lost to Andale 3-0 on Friday in the first round of the Class 4A tournament in Mulvane.

Andale meets Larned, a 7-0 winner over Marysville, in today's 10 a.m. semifinals.

CLASS 4A SOFTBALL

In each of the first two innings, the Rockets had a chance to put the game away. With two runners in scoring position and two outs, one big hit was all Rose Hill (20-4) needed to take an early lead and hand the game over to its ace, Danielle Beran.

But in both innings, a Rose Hill runner was thrown out at the plate trying to score on wild pitches by Andale starter Heidi Hein.

"That was pretty huge," Santo said. "We've had a tough time scoring runs, so we wanted to try to take advantage and score early. The first one, I thought she could get there, but the second one I knew she was out."

Hein was pulled after 1½ innings, in which she surrendered five walks and threw 45 pitches. Her replacement, Tracy Patry, was nothing short of dominant. She retired the first 11 batters she faced, and allowed just two baserunners. Patry combined with Hein on a one-hitter.

The offensive star was Andale's

Dani Eck. Eck led off the top of the fourth with the first hit off Beran, and she later scored the winning run on an error by Rockets first baseman Katie Hoyt.

Andale coach Doris Hein knew that scoring just once could mean the game against a below-average team offensively. "That meant a lot because we knew they would have trouble scoring runs. That gave us a lot of confidence," she said.

Andale broke through again in the seventh. Emily Eck and Kristen Harris both delivered RBIs for the Indians to put the game out of reach.

Andale	.....	000 100 2	— 3 4 0
Rose Hill	.....	000 000 0	— 0 1 2
Hein, Patry (2), and Liebe. Beran and Fraidont. W—Patry. L—Beran.			
Larned	.....	000 000 0	— 7 0 0
Marysville	.....	000 000 0	— 0 0 0

Caney Valley	.....	000 101 0	— 2 2 3
Topeka Hayden	.....	140 032 x	— 10 10 3
Deal and Melander. Garst, Horst (2) and Grace. W—Garst. L—Deal.			

Shawnee Mill Valley	.....	000 020 1	— 3 4 1
Garnett	.....	000 100 0	— 1 2 1
Perkins and Siler. Ohmes and Hermreck. W—Perkins. L—Ohmes.			

Marysville (13-9)	.....	000 000 0	— 0 2 8
Larned (17-3)	.....	322 000 x	— 7 4 1
Rueger, Tjaden (6) and Griswold, McCormack (6). Martin and Rodrigues. W—Martin, 11-1. L—Rueger.			

Class 2-1A

Elkhart 3, Valley Falls 0

Elkhart (21-1)	.....	000 000 003	— 3 6 2
Valley Falls (11-10)	.....	000 000 000	— 0 4 2
Bloesser and Trout. Miller and Bolz. W—Bloesser. L—Miller.			

Sacred Heart 6, Central-Burden 0

Central-Burden (14-9)	.....	000 000 0	— 0 2 4
Salina Sacred Heart (20-3)	.....	000 222 x	— 6 11 1
Jongs and Triplett. Wagoner and Hadorn. W—Wagoner. L—Jongs.			

Pittsburg Colgan 6, Elk Valley 2

Elk Valley (18-4)	.....	000 011 0	— 2 3 5
Pittsburg Colgan (17-5)	.....	000 051 x	— 6 8 0
Cody and Bridges. A. Verga and C. Verga. W—A. Verga. L—Cody.			

Udall 7, Lincoln 6

Udall (18-4)	.....	202 000 3	— 7 8 5
Lincoln (17-5)	.....	000 033 0	— 6 6 3
Clasen, Broddy, Clasen and Broddy. Moore and Rosebrook. W—Broddy. L—Moore. S—Clasen.			

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