

J-Hawks edge Prairie for 5th place

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FORT DODGE - Jefferson and Prairie went all the way to Fort Dodge to decide softball supremacy on the west side of Cedar Rapids and fifth place in the Class 5A state tournament.

The J-Hawks prevailed, 4-1, behind the two-hit pitching of sophomore Alyssa Olson and some clutch hitting by sophomore Maddie Hansen and freshman Erin Kuba.

Jefferson (33-12) won two games in Wednesday's consolation rounds. Prairie (29-16) split its two games.

The J-Hawks and Prairie Hawks split their doubleheader on June 4, the only time they met during the season.

This was the rubber match.

Hansen's bases-loaded two-out, two-run single in the third inning gave Jefferson a 2-0 lead.

Prairie cut the margin in half on Olivia Usher's two-out RBI single in the fourth inning.

The J-Hawks added a couple of insurance runs in the sixth inning when Kuba lined a two-run single.

Olson (21-4) walked three and struck out eight.

Senior Katie Kuch (22-9) took the loss for Prairie. She gave up six hits, walked three and struck out two.

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Both teams had to work extra innings to reach the fifth-place game.

Dani Stromert's RBI bunt single scored pinch runner Savannah Fowler from second base in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift Jefferson past West Des Moines Valley, 2-1.

Kuba hit a solo home run for the J-Hawks in the second inning that looked like it was going to stand up as the game winner.

But Kat Strauss led off the top of the seventh with a home run for Valley that tied the game, 1-1.

Prairie, meanwhile, scored twice in the bottom of the 11th inning to trip fellow Mississippi Valley Conference member Dubuque Senior, 5-4.

JEFFERSON 4, PRAIRIE 1

JEFFERSON (4): Stromert, cf, 4 1 1 0, Davidson, 2b, 4 1 1 0, Grimm, lf, 1 0 0 0, Hansen, c, 3 0 2 2, Fowler, cr, 0 1 0 0, Koolbeck, 1b, 3 0 1 0, Guy, pr, 0 1 0 0, Kuba, 3b, 2 0 1 2, Holub, ss, 3 0 0 0, Towns, rf, 2 0 0 0, Stauffer, dh, 2 0 0 0, Olson, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 24 4 6 4.

PRAIRIE (1): Jones, ss, 2 1 0 0, Lash, cf, 2 0 0 0, Carter, 3b, 3 0 1 0, Rumer, dh, 2 0 0 0, Usher, rf, 2 0 1 1, Mahnke, ph, 1 0 0 0, Gudenkauf, 1b, 2 0 0 0, Digman, ph, 0 0 0 0, O'Brian, c, 3 0 0 0, Stecklein, 2b, 2 0 0 0, Lueck, lf, 2 0 0 0, Kuch, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 21 1 2 1.

Jefferson 002 002 0 - 4 6 0

Prairie 000 100 0 - 1 2 0

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Olson and Hansen. Kuch and O'Brian. W-Olson (21-4). L-Kuch (22-9). 2B-Hansen. SB Stromert.

JEFFERSON 2, WDM VALLEY 1 (8)

VALLEY (1): Rushing, 3b, 1 0 0 0, Roemmich, 2b, 3 0 1 0, Brown, p, 2 0 1 0, O'Hollearn, ss, 4 0 0 0, Strauss, 3 1 1 1, Jones, c, 3 0 1 0, Merritt, 3 0 1 0, Chambers, 1b, 2 0 0 0, Schuette, rf, 3 0 1 0, Hart, lf, 0 0 0 0. Totals 24 1 6 1.

JEFFERSON (2): Stromert, cf, 4 0 2 1, Davidson, 2b, 2 0 0 0, Grimm, lf, 3 0 0 0, Hansen, c, 3 0 1 0, Fowler, cr, 0 1 0 0, Koolbeck, 1b, 3 0 0 0, Kuba, 3b, 2 1 2 1, Holub, ss, 3 0 0 0, Towns, rf, 3 0 0 0, Stauffer, dh, 2 0 0 0, Olson, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 25 2 5 2.

WDM Valley 000 000 10 - 1 6 0

Jefferson 010 000 01 - 2 5 0

(No outs when game ended)

Brown and Jones. Olson and Hansen. W-Olson (20-4). L-Brown. 2B-Hansen. HR-Strauss, Kuba. SB-Rushing, Roemmich 2.