



2017 KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament Leslie County (continued)

Coach's Comments

Your team's accomplishment of advancing to the State Tournament:

In the first round of the region Leslie County faced region power Estill County. Estill had won 5 straight regional titles and 72 straight 14th region game. Our team came away with the victory 7-5. In the second round Leslie County played Letcher Central. Going into the bottom of the seventh Leslie trailed 14-4. Leslie came back to score 11 runs in the seventh. This was the most amazing come back I have ever witnessed. In the championship game Leslie faced Perry Central who had beaten them in the district championship. Leslie came away with the victory 9-7.

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What are keys to your team's success in winning the tournament:

In the first game of region vs Estill County Kendra Hubbard hit her third grand slam of the season . This gave our team the momentum we needed to go forth and get the victory. This also tied Kendra for the single season state grand slam record with 3. Outstanding defensive plays by Kaylyn Asher, Hayley Simpson, Jada Estep, Kayley Collett, Kailee Mullins and Emily Griffith were the keys to victory. Kameron Turner kept her composure and pitched an excellent game. In the second round we faced Letcher Central. The seventh inning of the game was truly amazing. Trailing 14-4 going into the bottom of the seventh Leslie scored nine runs before the first out was made and the final three runs with two outs. Excellent base running and key hitting was the keys to victory. Jada Estep made one of the greatest catches in center field I have ever seen. The championship game was another come back victory for the Eagles. After losing to Perry Central in the championship of the district Leslie came from behind once more for the win. Kameryn Coots played a great defensive game in right field to help with the victory. Leslie trailed 17 of the 21 innings of the tournament and scored 22 runs during the 5th, 6th and 7th innings. The never give up attitude paid off during these games for the our team