

Lady Cats drop pair to Spring Hill, get ready for regionals



Louisburg third baseman Karson Griggs fields a ground ball during a game earlier this season. Louisburg fell to Spring Hill 11-1 and 8-2 on May 8 to end its regular season with a 10-10 record.

The Louisburg High School softball team knew it was going to be a difficult way to end the regular season, with a doubleheader against defending state champion Spring Hill.

It was just that as Louisburg ventured to Spring Hill on May 8 and left with an 11-1 and 8-2 loss to the Broncos to finish its regular season with a 10-10 record.

The Lady Cats got off to a rough start in the opener as Spring Hill scored two runs in the first, and after Louisburg scored a run in the third, Spring Hill answered with eight runs in the third to pull away for the win.

Senior Emalee Overbay led Louisburg with two hits, including a double and an RBI. Fellow senior Allyssa Griggs also had two hits for the Lady Cats.

Louisburg had a tough time against Spring Hill starter Sarah Brown, who finished with a game-high nine strikeouts. Kelsey Krouton also had a grand slam for the Broncos in their big third inning.

In the nightcap, Spring Hill once again got out to a big lead with two runs each in the first, second and fourth innings to take a 6-0 lead.

Sophomores Kennia Hankinson and Madison Svoboda each had a pair of hits to lead the Lady Cat offense. Svoboda also finished with a double and Hankinson added an RBI. Overbay also added an RBI as Louisburg tallied nine hits as a team.

Although the Lady Cats ended their season with a pair of losses, their season will now start anew.

Louisburg will compete in the Class 4A-Division I regional tournament Tuesday in Paola. The Lady Cats, the No. 3 seed, will play No. 2 Fort Scott at 3 p.m.

Should Louisburg advance, the Lady Cats will play the winner between No. 1 Paola and No. 4 Ottawa in the championship later in the evening.