

3 Area HS Softball & Baseball Teams Make State Tourney

With the school year coming to a close that means regionals and state playoffs come about. Regional baseball and softball action as wrapped and we now know who will be headed to the state tournaments. Three area schools punched their tickets to the state tournament in softball and baseball that will take place on May 25th-26th.

In softball only one area school was able to win their respective regional and earn a spot in the state tournament, that was the Bears of Oskaloosa winning the 2-1A Oskaloosa Regional. After earning a first round bye in the regional the Bears meet up with Doniphan West in the semifinals were Oskaloosa would run rule the game notching a 15-0 win in four innings, to move onto the championship game. Oskaloosa then meet up with the Dragons of Valley Falls in the championship were again they would come up with a run rule win of 15-0 in four innings again, to win their regional. Oskaloosa (17-4) will be the five seed at the 2-1A state tournament in Emporia at Trusler Sports Complex, where they will take on four seed Spearville (18-1) in the first round on Friday May 25th at 7:00pm.

2-1A State Softball bracket ([click here](#))

On the baseball daimond two are schools made the state tournament after winning their regional tourney. First off in 2-1A it was the Dragons of Valley Falls winning the 2-1A Highland Regional. Valley Falls was the number one seed in the regional earning a first round bye, automatically moving on the semifinals were they played the Trojans of Troy. The Dragons down 2-0 early before they could get an at bat battle back to take the lead after the first inning 3-2. Valley Falls would go on to win it 9-4 over Troy. In the championship game it was the one and two seeds meeting up, as Valley Falls took on Oskaloosa. The Dragons would win it 5-2 to punch their ticket to state. Valley Falls (17-6) will be the five seed at the 2-1A state tournament in Emporia at Soden's Grove baseball field, where they will take on four seed Syracuse (18-4) in the first round on Friday May 25th at 1:30pm.

2-1A State Baseball bracket ([click here](#))

The other area baseball team to make their respective state tournament is the Jeff West Tigers. The Tigers came into the 4A Kansas City-Bishop Ward Regional as the top seed and was challenged in the first round by the eight seed Basehor-Linwood, but the eked out a 14-13 win. Tigers advanced to the regional semifinals were they notched a seven run win over Perry-Lecompton, 10-3 to move onto the championship. In the championship, Jeff West meet up with the host school Bishop Ward and the Tigers battled their way to a 6-4 win to win the regional. Jeff West (19-3) will be the four seed at the 4A state tournament in Salina at the Dean Evans stadium, where they will take on five seed Ottawa (19-4) in the first round on Friday May 25th at 1:30pm.

4A State Baseball bracket ([click here](#))