

## Cougars Fall In Regional Semifinals

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You can say one thing about Alexander Central High women's basketball coach Matt Taylor, he certainly won't take "no" for an answer. And that determined attitude nearly pushed

Alexander Central (21-8) into the Class 4A Western Regional championship game on Saturday. Unfortunately, the Cougars, who trailed 38-27 to start the fourth quarter, fell short in their comeback attempt and lost to undefeated Myers Park 58-51 in the regional semifinals at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center Wednesday night. Senior Marah Cockrell ignited a 10-3 run that got the Cougars within five points at 54-49, but the rally stalled. Myers Park (31-0) will take on West Forsyth in the regional finals on Saturday. The Titans (24-3) advanced by knocking off Southwest Guilford 46-32 Wednesday night.

Marie Rithie paced the Cougars with 15 points and two blocked shots; Madi Suddreth had 12 points. The Wilkes Central women take on East Burke in the Class 2A Western Regional semifinals Friday night at Flemming Gymnasium at UNC-Greensboro at 7 p.m.; the Hickory men take on Freedom in the men's Class 3A Western Regional semifinals at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center Friday night at 7 p.m. The Hickory women take on Harding University High Saturday in the Class 3A Western Regional title game at 12 noon in Greensboro.

## CROUCH STARTS ON SENIOR NIGHT

Patrick Crouch, who played at T.C. Roberson High, made his first start for the University of North Carolina Wednesday night on Senior Night in Chapel Hill. Crouch played four minutes and scored three points. The Tar Heels (26-4), who play Duke for the ACC regular-season championship and the No.1 seed in the ACC Tournament, which begins March 8 in Atlanta, defeated Maryland 88-64 at the Smith Center. Tyler Zeller, playing his final home game for the Tar Heels, led the way with 30 points; John Henson, the ACC Player of the Week, had 19 points and nine rebounds. The Tar Heels take on Duke Saturday night at 7 p.m. Our coverage begins at 6 p.m. on MIX 102.3 FM.

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