

Cougars Take Game One

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Alexander Central scored three runs in the sixth and then had to hang on to edge Fayetteville Cape Fear 4-3 on Friday night in the first game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A softball championship series at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

The victorious Cougars ran their record to 34-0 while Cape Fear suffered only its second loss against 26 victories. The two teams were scoreless through three, with Cape Fear coming up with a big double play to stifle one Cougar threat, and the Colts scored a run in the fifth to tie the game at 1-1.

But Alexander Central scored a couple of unearned runs in the three-run sixth and then Cape Fear had a dramatic two-out rally in the seventh. The Colts put together three hits and a hit batsman, but wound up leaving the tying and winning runs on base.

Bailey Rhoney was the winning pitcher, improving her record to 17-0, while Mary Williams took the loss. Bailey Sherrill had two hits for Alexander Central while Natalie Jones had two doubles in three trips for the Colts.

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Game two in the best of three series is set for Saturday at 11 am, with a third game if necessary Saturday afternoon. The Raleigh Sports Consortium and Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau serve as host city sponsors for the championship.