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Vikings, Titans softball teams advance in state softball playoffs

On May 19, a pair of MECA 7 4A softball teams got off to auspicious starts to the N.C. High School Athletic Association playoffs.

North Mecklenburg High School defeated Gastonia Ashbrook 4-0 in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs. The Vikings (15-5) are the No. 1 seed out of the MECA 7 4A conference. They next face East Forsyth (16-4), the No. 2 seed from the Metro East conference.

Hopewell advanced to the second round of the playoffs after a 15-0 drubbing of fourth-seeded Greensboro Grimsley. The Titans are the MECA 7's No. 2 seed. In the second round, they will take on North Davidson (24-1), the Central Piedmont conference's No. 1 seed.

Game dates had not been determined at press time.