



4A fastpitch | Stadium surprises Kentlake

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SPANAWAY — Their goal was just to get to state.

But in the end, that wasn't enough for the Stadium Tigers from Tacoma.

After knocking off Kentlake in the semifinals of the West Central 4A District fastpitch softball tournament Saturday, 5-1, Stadium went on to win the championship with a 4-1 victory over Central Kitsap of Silverdale.

"This is a surprise," [Stadium coach Lynn Batchelder](#) said. "I never take anything for granted. I just wanted to earn a berth to state for our three seniors who have carried the load."

Two of those seniors, [pitcher Jordyn Kurtz](#) and catcher Shannon Glennon, said the Tigers (19-3) decided they were enjoying themselves too much to settle for anything less than the district title.

"We were just having fun and look what it got us," Glennon said.

Stadium beat Kentlake with a five-run outburst in the fifth inning that was aided of two errors. It was only the second loss of the season for Kentlake pitcher Felecia Harris (10-2), who gave up six hits. The Falcons (20-4), who had won the previous two district titles, bounced back to finish third by beating Wilson of Tacoma 4-1, in a game many had expected to be for the championship. Caitlyn Duggan (10-2) picked up the win.

Kentlake coach Greg Kaas said it was important for his team to head into the state tournament on a positive note.

"Anytime you have success, it breeds success," he said.

Central Kitsap (17-5) advances to state as the No. 2 seed, and Wilson (19-5) is No. 6. Puyallup (19-7) and Rogers of Puyallup (21-4) earned the other two berths.