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## Agawam @ Amherst - Softball

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**Agawam**  
 (10-2-0)

**2**

5/13/2011  
 3:30 p.m.

**Amherst**  
 (14-1-0)

**3**

Amherst-Pelham Reg. H.S., Amherst, MA

### Amherst slips past Agawam, 3-2 in softball

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Fran Sypek, May 13, 2011 9:04 p.m.

This was more than a regular season game.

It was an epic battle between arguably the best two Division I softball teams in Western Massachusetts and the game was decided on the final play of the game.

Quianna Diaz-Patterson scored on a fielder's choice by Simone Frank to give Amherst a thrilling, 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Agawam Friday.

Agawam, which handed Amherst its only regular season loss of the last three seasons with a 2-0 victory last week, broke open a scoreless pitcher's duel between the Brownies' Jess Colson and the Hurricanes' Emma Mendoker with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth.

The final two innings were packed with a season's worth of twists and turns. There was a home run that wasn't, a baffling pitching change, some clutch hitting and a bang-bang play to give the Hurricanes the win.

"This was an exciting game," Amherst coach Kacey Schmitt said. "To come

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back and win against a good team like Agawam was probably the best thing that could have happened to us."

Diaz-Patterson led off the bottom of the sixth with a gapper and raced all the way around the bases. But she was called out for apparently missing second base following an appeal by the Brownies.

"Honestly, I didn't miss the base," she said. "I hit the corner of the bag."

That's precisely what Diaz-Patterson was trained to do and it did not appear the base umpire was in proper position to make the call. But it stood and the run was erased.

But not for long. **Jess Colson, who was cruising with a shutout was replaced by Danielle Circosta to start the sixth.**

She dodged a bullet when the home run was nullified, but the Hurricanes used an unearned run to make it 2-1 after Frank scored on a sacrifice fly by Mendoker.

Mendoker (11 strikeouts) retired the Brownies in the top of the seventh to set the stage for the late-inning heroics. Athena Donta reached on an error and scored on a double by Diaz-Patterson, who took third on the throw home.

Frank slapped a grounder to shortstop and the speedy Diaz-Patterson narrowly beat the throw home.

"I knew with her speed, all I had to do was hit the ball on the ground and she'd score," Frank said.

For Diaz-Patterson, it was redemption.

"After that call, I was just more focused and determined," she said.

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## Softball

## Stats Leaders

## Hits

**Quianna Diaz-  
Patterson**

Amherst

**28**

## Home Runs

**Shannon Robitaille**

Ludlow

**5**

## Runs Batted In

**Stephanie Godding**

Renaissance School

**25**

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