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## Turners Falls beats Quaboag in 10 innings, 4-3 in Division III softball state semifinal

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Members of the Turners Falls High School softball team celebrate during Division III state semifinal action against Quaboag on Thursday in Amherst.

AMHERST – Jenna Costa got all of a pitch from Haley Fountain and sent it deep to right field after she noticed the outfield was playing shallow.

Her joy turned into frustration for just an instant when Devona Johnson raced back and caught up with the ball just shy of the fence at the University of Massachusetts Softball Complex.

But the ball went off Johnson's glove and Costa turned joyful again as she raced to third base with a clutch triple. Two batters later, she scored the go-ahead run in the top of the 10th inning on a sacrifice fly by Emily Mailloux to give Turners Falls a 4-3

victory over Quaboag of West Warren on Thursday in a state Division III softball semifinal.

The Indians (24-0) meet Case (19-6) of Swansea for the state title Saturday at 1 p.m. at Worcester State University.

It took all of 22 minutes to decide the game after it had been suspended due to lightning and rain Wednesday. Mailloux and the Indians breezed through the bottom of the 10th thanks to a heads-up double play.

When the Indians went home Wednesday, they watched the Boston Bruins win the Stanley Cup on TV.

"Once the Bruins won, I just knew we were going to win," Mailloux said. Now the Indians are in position to win their first state title since 2008. Mailloux was a reserve on that team.

"We were asked to write down our goals before the season and mine was to win a state title," she said.

The Indians nearly let this opportunity slip through their fingers. They made five errors, which led to three unearned runs.

Mailloux's streak of 22 2-3 scoreless innings may have ended Wednesday, but her two innings Thursday gave her 29 straight without allowing an earned run in tournament competition.

"She does so much for our team," Costa said. "She is so important."

So is Costa, a sparkplug leadoff hitter, who got the biggest hit of the game. Once the ball ticked off Johnson's glove after a valiant effort, Costa raced to third.

The Cougars elected to pitch to the dangerous Dakota Smith-Porter. The slugging sophomore lined a shot up the middle right at Fountain, who snared it for the first out.

Up next was Mailloux, who lofted a fly to medium left field and Costa beat the throw to the plate.

"I knew all I had to do was get the ball into the outfield," Mailloux said. "Once we got the lead, all I wanted was a 1-2-3 inning."

Mailloux finished with a three-hitter. She struck out seven.

"We're here because Emily's a battler," Turners Falls coach Gary Mullins said.

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