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Kennesaw Mountain's Malea Bell makes the relay to first base on a North Cobb bunt play as catcher Molly Uhrman backs her up Tuesday.

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Lady Mustangs control series

Kennesaw Mountain clinches ninth straight win against region rival

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KENNESAW — There's a reason Kennesaw Mountain has played for a region championship in six of the last seven seasons. It's because the Lady Mustangs always seem to find a way to play well in the big regular-season games.

That's a trait North Cobb is still trying to master.

Having lost eight straight to Kennesaw Mountain entering Tuesday's Region 4AAAAA contest, ninth-ranked North Cobb committed three errors and gave up too many passed balls, wild pitches and walks before falling again to the sixth-ranked Lady Mustangs 3-1.

"Definitely, (mistakes) was the difference in the game (Tuesday)," North Cobb coach

Jo Beth Weaver said. "Unearned runs and not shutting them down when there's two outs. Instead, we had miscues or mental errors. What made the difference in the game was us not being sharp on defense. We have to go back to work on being sharp to win these types of games. We can't get away with those kind of miscues."

Neither team was particu-

larly sharp, but Kennesaw Mountain (9-1, 3-0) managed to limit its mistakes, unlike North Cobb (7-2-1, 2-1).

The Lady Mustangs took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Malea Bell reached on an error and advanced to second on Amanda Hallman's single. Chandler Stooksbury's groundout then moved Bell to

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