Marion girls fall in regional final

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OSKALOOSA - The Marion softball team's surge through the Class 4A playoffs ended on a disappointing note Tuesday night.

The Indians lost to Pella, 11-1, and fell one game short of reaching the state tournament.

Marion nipped Vinton-Shellsburg, 4-3, in the opening round of the regional tournament. The Indians blanked 15th-ranked Xavier, 1-0, in the regional semifinals before running into Pella.

The Dutch stunned No. 2 Indianola in the semifinals last week and continued their impressive showings by dominating Marion in the regional finals.

Marion ended the season with a 22-15 record. Pella advanced to the state tournament with a 21-13 mark.