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BLOOMFIELD - David Baker continues to impress with his consistent offensive production for the Bernie Mules - Baker's 19 points led the Mules to a 65-44 win over SCAA rival Bloomfield on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats kept things close throughout the first half, and Bernie held a 29-21 lead after the second quarter.

After halftime, the Mules' offense exploded for 18 and 19 point efforts in the third and fourth quarters to seal the 65-44 win.

"We really had a solid 2nd half. We've been emphasizing closing out games and finishing strong and our guys did that tonight," Bernie head coach Brad Botsch said. "I really thought we had a good effort defensively, and offensively we converted and did a much better job executing than we have been."

"We played a lot of kids and are preaching maximum effort when you are on the floor. Hopefully, we'll start to turn the corner a little bit and hit our stride," he continued. "This group is hanging in there, and we want to be a tough team to compete with come district time."

Baker paced the Mules with 19 points, while Troy Kirkpatrick and Landon Woods added 14 and 10, respectively.

Adam Vandiver led the Wildcats with 15 points; Logan Cowart was the only other Wildcat in double-figures with 10 points.

The Mules will be in action again Friday night, when they host the Puxico Indians in their homecoming contest. Tip is set for 6:00 p.m.

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