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Fresh off a disappointing 3-2 extra inning loss on Saturday, the Bearcats returned to their home field on Monday afternoon to face off against the Campbell Camels. The 'Cats had hot bats throughout the game, and coupled with another quality start by Logan Northern, cruised to a 16-1 run-rule victory.

"I thought we swung the bats a little better today. We talked before the game about going up and working on the things we needed to work on at the plate," head coach Brian Becker said after the game. "Just the little things it takes to be a good hitter. For the most part today, I thought they did a good job of that." Catcher D.J. Dowdy, who has had recent struggles at the plate, started the rout with a bases-clearing double in the bottom of the first inning. The sophomore also showed off his impressive arm, throwing out Matt Campbell as he tried to steal second in the top of the first.

"D.J. has been hitting the ball hard, but he's been hitting it right at people. He's been kind of snake-bit lately, but today he came out and got a gapper for us to get us going," Becker noted. "He also did a great job behind home plate; he threw a laser to Chase [Young] at short to throw a kid out. He said today his arm was feeling good, and hopefully his arm feels good tomorrow when we play Notre Dame."

The rally [/images/Sports/2012/Baseball/2012.4.2 - Campbell/20120402\\_IMG\\_4616.jpg](/images/Sports/2012/Baseball/2012.4.2 - Campbell/20120402_IMG_4616.jpg) carried

over into the second inning, where Brad Potts drilled in a pair of RBI's with a line drive to right field during the five run inning. The 'Cats plated a whopping eight runs in the bottom of the fourth; Young drove in three of the eight on a double to deep left, followed by an RBI double from Jordan Miller to give Dexter a 16-1 advantage heading into the top of the fifth.

After surrendering a walk to the leadoff hitter, Northern was able to force two flyouts and a ground-out to first baseman Alex Cliff to end the game and notch another win for the Bearcats.

The Bearcat pitching staff notched its third complete game in a row, and Northern's second of the season - the junior righty tossed a seven inning gem against Doniphan earlier in the season. Becker feels his staff is doing well with the long outings.

"I think they're responding well. I may have left Owen [Flowers] in there for one too many batters on Saturday, but he was throwing a heck of a game," he said. "Every time our pitchers go out, they expect to throw a complete game. If they get in trouble, we'll get them out."

Northern didn't have quite as much control over his pitches compared to previous starts, but was able to strike out one while surrendering two walks and five hits. The starter boasts a 2-0 record and 0.0 ERA so far on the season.

"Logan didn't have his best stuff today," Becker said. "He was begging me to let him stay in there and get a complete game today, so I let him get in there and finish it up."

The Bearcats will be back in action Tuesday (April 3) afternoon, when they take on perennial District powerhouse Notre Dame. The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday, but due to forecasted rain and a mutual day off, school officials elected to bump the game up rather than risk having to reschedule.

"They're one of the top programs in this area. They're going to be tough like they always are; they always swing the bat well, they always have a good pitcher on the mound," Becker said of the Bulldogs. "It'll be tough, and we're going to have to bring our best game with us on the field tomorrow. Hopefully we can get some hits to fall in for us and get a good pitching performance from Jordan [Miller]. We have Scott City on Thursday, so we have Jordan plus everybody but Owen [Flowers] and Logan [Northern] to [pitch] in

relief tomorrow. We'll go after 'em and see what we can do, and hopefully we'll come out of there with a win."

First pitch is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

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