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Campbell, Missouri - The Bernie Mules softball team was in action again on Tuesday as they took on the Campbell Camels. The Mules carried into the game a perfect record of 2 and 0 for the 2013 High School softball season having recently defeated the Advance Hornets.

In the first two games of the season, Blakely Bradshaw has shown herself to be an excellent pitcher capturing both wins on the season. But Campbell High School were worthy competitors that could not be taken lightly by the Mules.

Tori Lowrey got things started in the right way for the Mules as she stepped to the plate and delivered an opening Home Run smash to give Bernie a 1 to 0 lead in the first inning. The Mules could not generate any further offense in the top half of the inning.

Unfortunately for the Mules, a rash of fielding errors followed and allowed the Camels to post two runs in the opening inning. Bernie were retired in three batters in the second inning, while Campbell was able to add two additional runs making the score at the end of two, 4 to 1.

The Mules Baker was able to gain a single in the third inning that was capped off by a

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blasting home run by Jordan Ellenburg. The Mules were able to stop Campbell's offensive move narrowing the margin of the lead to 4 to 3.

The start of the fourth inning immediately allowed the fans to realize that something good was going to happen for the Mules. It appeared than all good things came in pairs as Wagner and Stone lead off the inning both delivering singles. With two base runners, the Mules received two base on balls issued to McGowan and Bradshaw, with Spitzer tossing in a fielders' choice for good measure.

With base runners all over the bags, power-hitting Tori Lowrey and Jordan Ellenburg stepped up to offer their rendition of the double-mint twins. Both ladies hit the ball hard for doubles, driving in two RBI's each. A great inning for the Mules scoring 7 runs to make the score 10 to 4 in favor of Bernie.

Campbell did find an extra offensive push in the sixth inning adding four runs in the 5th and one run in the sixth. But Bernie back up their lead in the sixth adding an additional four runs of their own to ensure the win 14 to 9. The win moves Bernie to an overall season record of 3 wins and no losses on the season.

"We have been playing great defense, but had quite a few miscues today," noted Mules Head Coach Brad Botsch. "Thankfully, we hit well overall."

"We have the potential to play really well," added Botsch. "... and I think we'll keep improving."

The Mules will continue their softball season on Wednesday afternoon when they host the Tigers.

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