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Bloomfield, Missouri – The Class 2, District 1 boys basketball Tournament finally got under way on Tuesday evening at Bloomfield.

The #2 seeded Bernie Mules defeated the #7 seeded Holcomb in a very convincing victory. Final score 60-40.

Caleb Ellenburg scored first for the Mules. He earned two buckets at the charity stripe.

The Mules were able to jump out and lead 13-2 in the first period before Holcomb could answer with a couple of buckets. By half-time Bernie lead 26-10. They continued to score double digits in each of the four quarters with the #13 being the magic number for three periods.

Ellenburg paced the Mules with a game-high 28 points including two 3-pointers. Brandon Sparks also finished in double digits scoring 15 points including 3 treys.

Holcomb's Preston Sikes finished with 11 points including one 3-pointer. He was the only Hornet's athlete to score in double digits. Skyler Johnson hit one trey.

Bernie will now face Bloomfield in the semifinal game slated to begin around 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th. The other semifinal game is between top-

seeded Scott County Central and #4 seeded South Pemiscot. That game begins at 6:00 p.m.

Final Score #2 Bernie 60, #7 Holcomb 40

Holcomb 4 6 14 16 - 40

Bernie 13 13 21 13 - 60

Holcomb (40) – Skyler Johnson 5, Jordan Massey 8, Zach Bridges 2, Preston Sikes 11, Jacob Adkins 2, Dustin Black 3, Chance Davis 4, Ben Vance 5. FG 17, FT 4/7, F 16. (3-pointers: Johnson 1, Sikes 1. Fouled Out: None).

Bernie (60) – Matt Vernon 8, Login Wood 3, Brandon Sparks 15, Caleb Ellenburg 28, Gavin Smith 2, Trey Kirkpatrick 2, Gavin Brown 2. FG 21, Ft 12/14, F 10. (3-pointers: Sparks 3, Ellenburg 2, Wood 1. Fouled Out: None).

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