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**Campbell, Missouri** - The Bernie Mules scored 4 runs in the first inning on their way to a Class 2, District 1 baseball semifinal win over the Bloomfield Wildcats on Monday evening in Campbell.

"We played pretty well today," commented Bernie baseball Coach Darrin Shipman. "We grinded out some at bats in the first and were able to put some runs on the board."

"It was big to get them and allow Trey to settle in and pitch with a lead," continued Shipman. "He really threw well today and did a great job of keeping the ball down and getting ground balls."

Beck hit a solo home run to left center to start the bottom of the first. Foster had a hit with two outs and Brown beat out the throw from third on a ground ball down the line. Kirkpatrick hit a three-run home run to center to make it 4-0 in the first.

Bernie added a run in the third on a hit by Brock Beacham, a walk to Brown, and intentional walk to Brown (second and third w/2 outs). Dalton Hobgood bet out an infield hit to deep short for a RBI.

Trey Kirkpatrick pitched 6 1/3 innings giving up 0 runs and allowing only 2 hits.

Final Score: Bloomfield 0 Bernie 5 Class 2 District 1 Semi-final

WP--Trey Kirkpatrick 6 1/3 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 5 K, 4 BB

LP--Tim Hector 6 IP, 5 R, 7 H, 11 K, 3 BB

Multiple hits: B--Barnett--2-4

"It was nice to see us play a clean game defensively. We faced a good team that is well coached and their pitcher did a great job," stated Shipman. "Hopefully, we can bring our best effort against a tremendous team in Cooter as we play for the district championship."

The Bernie Mules will take on Cooter at Campbell Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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