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**Bernie, Missouri -** The Bernie Mules had little trouble out of Naylor on Wednesday, August 24th. Blake Beacham got the win in 5 innings on a 10-run rule.

The Mules jumped out to an early lead from a Gavin Brown (junior) single to start the inning followed by an Alex Guzman (senior) reaching by base-on-balls. This led to both guys scoring in the second inning.

The Naylor Eagles scored their first run in the 4th after an error by Bernie third baseman, followed by another error by Mules right fielder that eventually led to a run.

Bernie responded in the bottom of the 4th by scoring 6 runs. It started off by a lead off double by Jayce Burk (senior) followed by a wild pitch. Guzman sacrificed to start the inning off. Burk, Josh Ellenburg (sophomore), and Dalton Hobgood (junior) all recorded hits in the 4th.

Mules #6 senior Guzman lead off the 5th with a double to left field, followed by an Ellenburg ground ball to third reaching safely on an error. Guzman was eventually thrown out going home, but Ellenburg scored in the 5th on a grounder by Hobgood.

Naylor added one more run in the 6th off a one out single by Ward. Followed by a fielders choice then a double by Jones.

Bernie went on to score three more runs in the 6th on a lead-off single by Gavin Brown (junior) followed by Burk, Guzman, and Ellenburg reaching base-on walks. Brown

scored on a walk. Burk scored on a wild pitch. Guzman scored on a single Kade Burk (freshman) to left field to score the winning run.

"Today was better. We definitely walked out of here feeling better because of scored runs today," commented head baseball coach Marcus Massey. "Over all it was pretty good. Still have a few things we need to clean up, but I think we are headed in the right direction."

"It's early and there is a lot of baseball left this fall so we shall see," continued Massey.

Final Score Bernie 12, Naylor 2 WP- Blake Beacham 5 innings, 1 R, 4 H, 0 K, 3 BB LP- Smith 2 innings, 2 R, 2 H, 1 K, 3 BB

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