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## Bernie Mules Capture Lead Early to Defeat Bloomfield Wildcats

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Bloomfield, MO - The Bernie Mules blew out their SCAA rival the Bloomfield Wildcats on Thursday, April 7, 2022. They had everything going for them, winning big 15-2 in 5 innings.

In the first inning the Mules got their offense charged when an error scored the first run of the game. They finished the inning with an addition 6 runs.

Later in the fourth inning Bernie scored seven runs led by John Nimmo, Wyatt Nimmo, Landon Ellsworth, and Patrick Liddell, who all drove in runs.

The Wildcats struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing the Mules, giving up a total of 15 runs.

Reece Justice pitched the varsity to victory. The right-hander lasted two and a third innings, allowing zero hits and zero run while striking out two and walking none. Seth Teel and John Nimmo entered the game out of the bullpen and helped close out the game in relief.

"Our pitchers did a great job today. Reese Justice set the tone early. He really pounded the strike zone and we were able to make plays behind him," stated head baseball coach Marcus Massey. "John Nimmo and Seth Teel did a nice job coming in behind him and not allowing Bloomfield to get a whole lot of offense going."

The Mules smacked two home runs on the day. Nimmo had a long ball in the fourth inning and Liddell had a dinger also in the fourth.

"We did a good job coming out aggressive at the plate. The guys did a good job of finding good pitches to hit and not changing balls out of the zone."

Caleb Upchurch took the loss for the Wildcats. He lasted three and a third innings, allowing eight hits and 11 runs, striking out two. Law Graser and Cole Hartlein entered the game from the bullpen, throwing one inning and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

The Bernie Mules will be back in action in the Malden Baseball Tournament on Friday. They will play against Senath-Hornersville at 3:00 p.m. and Malden at 5:00 p.m.

The Bloomfield Wildcats will host Holcomb at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8th.

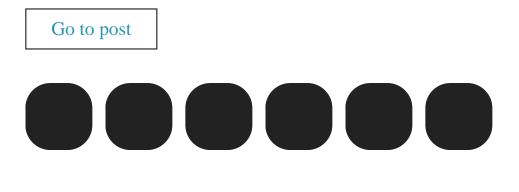
Final Score Bernie 15, Bloomfield 2

Bernie 7 0 0 7 1 X X - 15

Bloomfield 0 0 0 2 0 X X - 2

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