

## NH Panthers split recent games

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**BIRTHRIGHT** — The North Hopkins Panthers used an eight-run third inning to propel them to a 13-2 five-inning victory over Sulphur Bluff in district baseball play last Thursday.

Silas Whaley got the complete game win holding the Bears to just four hits while striking out six batters.

Kevin Meza led the offensive charge with a 3 for 4 day at the plate. Whaley, Blake Adams and Clay Bearden each added two hits as the Panthers banged out 11 hits for the game.

Sulphur Bluff took an early 2-0 lead, but the Panthers made it 2-1 Austin Oldham scored on a Bearden hit to left field after two innings. The offensive floodgates opened in the Panther half of the third inning.

Adams got on base on an error, Oldham walked and Bearden laced another hit to give him two more RBIs. A Whaley single to left scored Bearden followed by Kevin Meza's single to right field scored Whaley. Adams followed Meza with a hit and the Panthers streaked to an 9-2 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, the Panthers tacked on four more runs on three walks and three hits. Sulphur Bluff could not get any offense going in the top of the fifth inning and the game ended with North Hopkins gaining the 13-2 mercy rule win.

In non-district action on Friday, the Panthers traveled to Class 2A Prairiland and were shut down 10-0. The Panthers managed just two doubles from Jessie Williams.

The Panthers are now 11-0 in district action playing Cumby today and finishing district play against Roxton and Saltillo.