

## No. 24 ranked Panthers 13-0 in district

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**BIRTHRIGHT** — North Hopkins jumped on Saltillo for 10 first-inning runs while Kevin Meza gave up just one hit to the Lions as the Panthers roared to a 15-0 district win.

Meza struck out eight Lion batters in the four-inning affair. The victory gave the Panthers a perfect 13-0 district slate with Friday's game at Roxton capping the end of a successful district run.

The No. 24 ranked Panthers scored their 10 first-inning runs on three hits, three errors, five walks and one hit batter by Saltillo pitching. Jessie Williams, Blake Adams and Rheston Sills each had a hit in the first frame with Williams getting two RBIs.

The Panthers added three second-inning runs and one third-inning tally to make it 15-0. Meza struck out two more batters in the top of the fourth to end the game.

Seniors Meza, Adams, Sills, Williams, Silas Whaley and Alan Morehead along with manager Tarence Berry played their last home game in regular season play. Besides the road game at Roxton Friday, the Panthers will be playing a warm-up game at Carlisle, the state's second ranked team, next Tuesday. The Panthers will have to wait until bi-district matches are completed before they will know an opponent for the area round.

"We got a bye for being district champions so we scheduled a tough opponent to play a warm-up game because we need to be challenged before the playoffs," Tim Henderson, Panthers head baseball coach said. "I am proud of the whole team, but really proud of the seniors who have stuck it out over the years."