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Palmer High School, Palmer, MA

Palmer blanks Belchertown, 4-0 in Division II softball quarterfinal

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Emily Czaja was involved in two great plays, one in the field and the other at the plate.

Czaja delivered a sacrifice fly that scored two runs. Heather Strong scored from second after Alyssa Jaskak scored from third as the Panthers moved to a 4-0 second inning lead.

That was more than enough support for Nicole Handzel, who scattered three hits and struck out 10.

Palmer advances to the semifinals and will meet Hampshire Regional at Elms College.

Czaja, a freshman second baseman, made the defensive play of the game in the fourth inning. The Orioles loaded the bases when Kim Drawec hit a sharp shot to second that appeared destined for the outfield.

But Czaja made a diving stop and threw Drawec out as Handzel and the Panthers escaped the jam.

Handzel also went 2 for 3 at the plate. Jaskak went 2 for 3.

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