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UCB 395, Boulder, CO 80309. *Groups of finite Morley rank with a split BN-pair of rank 1.*

We present a result that identifies certain 2-transitive permutation groups of finite Morley rank as  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(K)$  for  $K$  an algebraically closed field. We cast the result in the language of  $BN$ -pairs and show how it fits into addressing the Cherlin-Zil'ber conjecture: every infinite simple group of finite Morley rank is an algebraic group over an algebraically closed field. (Received September 15, 2010)