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POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. - Coming off an incredible victory last night against Notre Dame, the Dexter Lady Bearcats entered tonight's basketball game against the Poplar Bluff Mules as possibly the underdogs. The Poplar Bluff Mules were currently ranked 1st in the SEMO Conference, but nothing is impossible for the way the young Bearcat ladies have played this season.

With an approximate crowd of 1,500 fans on hand, Coach Chad Allen commented that the season is building to the playoff level frenzy that accompanies this time of year. Currently 2nd in the SEMO Conference, the Lady Bearcats had an opportunity to become co-leaders in the conference with a win over the Mules.

The contest was a battle throughout the entire game. The Lady Bearcats were in a strong position for their win with only 2:30 left in the 4th Quarter. Unfortunately, the Mules were able to mount a late 4th Quarter rally and tied the game in the final seconds. In overtime, the Mules continued their hot offensive hand winning by a score of 53 to 48.

The Lady Bearcats were led in scoring by their 6'0" Sophomore, Brittany Harris. Harris has continued to be a strong force for the Bearcats throughout the 2010-11 Season. Alison Jarrell and Katelynn Frazier followed with 9 points each. The young freshman, Hannah Noe is always a defensive specialist for the team and was able to add 6 points to the score

board while Erika Cobb added 5 points. Paige Patterson and Mollie Whitehead also added 2 points each.

“I can’t be any more proud of these <images/Blog Images/Local News/2.15.11 Harris.jpg> girls,” said Coach Chad Allen.

“They are playing really well right now and are peaking at the right time here at the end of the season.”

As a very young squad made up of 7 Freshman, 2 Sophomores, 1 Junior and 1 Senior, it was tough to tell how well they would perform at the Varsity level early in the season. But all doubt has been removed as the underclass ladies have had many stellar performances throughout the season and should provide a lot of excitement in the District Tournament next week.

The Lady Cats will host the Twin Rivers Royals in their final regular season game Thursday (Feb. 17) night at 6:00 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter.

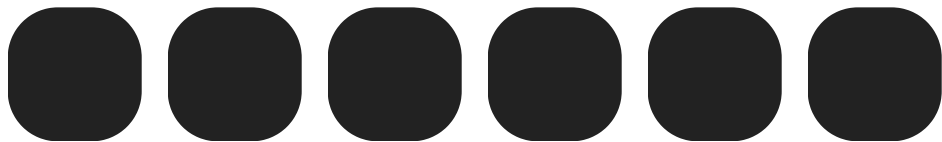
Photos above *Top Photo: Katelynn Frazier charges through a Poplar Bluff defender. Bottom photo: Brittany Harris puts in two of her 15 points during Tuesday night's overtime loss at Poplar Bluff.*

| | 1st Q | 2nd Q | 3rd Q | 4th Q | OT | FINAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| DEXTER | 8 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 48 |
| POPLAR BLUFF | 12 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 53 |

| DEXTER | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|
| 3-Whitehead | 2 |
| 5-Frazier | 9 |
| 10-Noe | 6 |
| 12-Jarrell | 9 |
| 15-Cobb | 5 |
| 24-Harris | 15 |
| 32-Patterson | 2 |

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