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Dexter's Lady Bearcats will take to the Mineral Area College Court Wednesday night to try their jousting skills against the Farmington Knightettes.

The Lady 'Cats put together a season of epic proportions that culminated in something that many thought would never happen - a district title.

Dexter's roster consists of one senior, one junior, two sophomores, and seven freshman, and the Lady 'Cats will typically start at least two - most nights three - freshman in any given game.

Dexter goes into Wednesday night's contest coming off a close 56-52 win over rival Notre Dame for the District 1 Title. With a solid 18-9 record, LBB head coach Chad Allen has great faith in his team's ability.

"They don't put their heads down, and they never give up," Allen said of his team. "They don't play like freshman and sophomores anymore - they play like juniors and seniors. They've definitely grown up a lot this year. Early on in the season, we played weak. I think, overall, they've become more aggressive and played stronger throughout the season. I also feel like they've gained a lot more confidence. Moving from eighth grade ball to varsity ball is a huge jump. The speed of the game, the physicality of the game, it

all changes. We've also cut down on turnovers a lot. They're more patient on offense and playing better as a team now. As the season's gone on, it just seems like they keep on improving. They're focused and ready to go. ”

The Lady 'Cats have been led all season by the one-two punch of sophomore Brittany Harris and freshman Alison Jarrell.

“Brittany's always active on both ends,” Allen said of Harris. “She definitely gets a lot of rebounds and blocked shots, as well as some great looks inside because she is so active.”

“Alison [Jarrell], even when she misses threes, she keeps on shooting, and that's what great shooters do,” Allen commented. “Once she knocks down a few, it really opens up the inside and gets Harris some great looks.”

The Lady 'Cats will face off against the Farmington Knightettes to see who advances in the state bracket. The Knightettes have an impressive record of 20 wins and five losses in the 2010-2011 season.

The Knightettes forced 26 turnovers, and were led by Morgan Ankrom and Rachel Williams (with 17 and 13 points, respectively) to their fifth consecutive Class 4, District 2 title Friday (Feb. 25) night over the North County Lady Raiders.

Admission is \$6.00, with no passes accepted per MSHSAA regulations. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for the evening's first game between the Sikeston and Farmington boy's teams at 6:00, with the Lady 'Cats and Knightettes facing off in the nightcap at 7:45.

Whoever wins the girl's game will move on to face the winner of the Notre Dame (St. Louis)-Miller Career Academy game on Saturday (March 5) at the Farmington Civic Center in Farmington, Mo.

Make sure to head to MAC Wednesday night to support your Lady 'Cats! If you can't make it, stay tuned to *The ShowMe Times* for score updates via Facebook and Twitter, and check back Thursday morning for the full story on the Lady 'Cats game!

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