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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

FARMINGTON - The Lady Bearcats had a great showing in the annual Farmington Invitational Tournament, finishing in second behind St. Louis-based Miller Career Academy after a 50-33 loss in the championship game.

The Bearcats posted wins over District rival Notre Dame and Poplar Bluff to earn their slot in the title game of the tournament, and currently stand at 2-1 on the young season.

Friday night saw the 'Cats against the Poplar Bluff Mules in the semifinal round.

The Lady 'Cats opened with a 9-7 lead after the first quarter, with big buckets from Brittany Harris.

Paige Patterson had four points and three boards in the second quarter to help the Bearcats to a 10 point effort and a 19-14 halftime lead.

Kelsey Bates and Danielle Farmer both hit threes for the Lady Mules in the third quarter, but Dexter's offense put up 13 points to increase their lead to 32-22 at the end of the frame.

Farmer hit two threes for the Mules in the fourth quarter to keep the Mules in the game,

but Hannah Noe's six point effort in the fourth helped shut the door on Poplar Bluff and give the 'Cats a 48-37 victory.

Saturday night, the Lady Bearcats faced off against Miller career academy for the Farmington Invitational Title.

The Lady Bearcats struggled throughout the game, shooting only 29% from the floor and committing 21 turnovers.

The Pheonix dominated in the paint, holding Dexter's bigs, Harris and Patterson, to 4 and 5 points, respectively. The 'Cats, who usually shoot the deep ball well, went only 3-10 from beyond the arc.

MCA's defense was fantastic early in the game, holding the Lady 'Cats to only two points in the first quarter while putting up 15. The Lady 'Cats put in nine in the second to trail 21-11 at the half.

Miller put in 14 and 15 points in the last two quarters of the game to take the 50-33 victory and claim the Farmington Invitational Tournament title.

"It's an extremely tough tournament, our toughest of the year except for when we get to the playoffs," coach Chad Allen said of the tournament. "It's a measuring stick to see how good you're going to be throughout the season - if you do really well in it, chances are you'll have a really good season. If you don't do so well, you know you can still have a good year, just not as good as it could have been."

The Lady Bearcats will be in action again on Monday (Dec. 5) night when they host Senath-Hornersville. Tipoff is set for 6:00 p.m.

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## Heil, Miners Win Fifth Straight

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ROLLA - The Missouri S&T Lady Miners had its hands full with a game Missouri-St. Louis Triton ball club coming away with a 67-54 win over the Tritons on Saturday afternoon in Rolla. S&T saw a 12 point lead dwindle down to a basket but ended the game on a 16-5 run to secure the victory.

The first half was a see-saw affair featuring eight ties and seven lead changes. The Lady Miners (5-0, 2-0 GLVC) led by as many as seven with 8:43 to go in the stanza. The Tritons (3-3, 0-2 GLVC) continued to hang around and tied it on a Caitlyn Moody layup at the 6:14 mark.

The two sides continued to trade baskets until Taylor Jensen put S&T ahead for good with a desperation shot as the shot clock expired. Hailee Parks made it a five point game converting on an old-fashioned three-point play with 2:17 left.

Angela Johnson hit two free throws to make it 32-29, but Julie Meyer countered with a pair of her own to keep it at a five point cushion. Kelly Carter cut the lead back to three, but Meyer sent S&T into the intermission with a five point edge hitting a jumper right before the buzzer.

The Lady Miners shot 50 percent (15-for-30) from the floor in the opening half and was led by Meyer with six while Parks, Kyasha Hall and Courtney Kemp had five apiece.

UMSL converted on 13-of-30 (43.3 percent) from the field and was led by Moody's nine. Kiki Robinson dropped home six while Devonna Smith added five.

S&T opened the second half scoring the first six points to take its biggest lead to that point 42-31 three minutes in.

The game stayed around a 10-point margin for the next eight minutes. The Tritons went on a 10-0 to cut the lead to 51-49 with 7:57 to play. Alexis Lawrence hit back-to-back three's to key the run.

The Lady Miners responded in a big way scoring nine of the next 11 points to extend the lead back to nine. Meyer's three from deep in the left corner was the dagger.

Robinson hit 1-of-2 at the line bringing UMSL back within eight but it wouldn't get any closer than that. S&T made seven free throws down the stretch and held the Tritons to two points over the final four minutes for the victory.

Kemp led the Lady Miners with 13 points while Meyer dropped home 11. Parks and Hall contributed nine each while Jensen added seven more. Meyer and Quintonia Evans each had seven rebounds in the contest.

S&T shot 45.1 percent (23-for-51) from the field and outrebounded the Tritons by a 39-to-32 margin.

UMSL made 21-of-56 (37.5 percent) from the floor and was led by Moody's 16 points. Smith dropped in 12 while Lawrence added nine.

The Lady Miners conclude their three-game home stand this Wednesday hosting GLVC rival Drury beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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## Bearcats Fall To Sikeston In Home Opener

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

The Bearcats opened the regular season at home on Friday night against the Sikeston Bulldogs. Sikeston, fresh off a 30-0 season and Class 4 State Title last year, utilized great outside shooting to knock off the Bearcats with a 68-35 final.

“When [Sikeston] shoots it like they did tonight, there’s nothing we can do and nothing most people can do to stay in the game,” head coach Rob Nichols said after the game. “I thought Vashawn Ruffin shot the ball amazingly. A couple of them hit a few deep shots in transition - you’ve gotta tip your hat to them, it shows the work they put in shooting the basketball.”

Ruffin led the Bulldogs with 20 points, including two deep threes in the second quarter. Kilron Coleman and Terry Jameson each chipped in 13 points toward the Bulldog win.

“They’re a very good team, and I don’t see a whole lot of weaknesses,” Nichols said of Sikeston. “From what I’ve heard and talked to other people, they think they’re a few steps ahead of where they were last year at this time. They shoot the ball well.”

The Bulldogs jumped out to a quick lead early in the first quarter, aided by two threes

from Jameson and one from Caleb McGee. Sikeston's defense was aggressive throughout the entire game, and their full-court press proved difficult to break at times for the 'Cats. Tyler Miller hit a three as time expired to cut the Bulldog lead to 15-7 at the end of the first quarter.

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J.T. Jones downed a three to open the second quarter for Sikeston, but Brad Potts knocked in a jumper to answer. Miller hit a three at the 5:45 mark to cut Sikeston's lead to 10. Miller and Jake Lee were both aggressive on the boards late in the first half, but the Bulldogs still held a 41-20 lead going into halftime.

Lee hit a bucket to open the third quarter, but Sikeston then went on a 10-0 run, aided by great play from Markeith Fratcher off the bench. D.J. Dowdy knocked in a layup to end the run at the 3:45 mark, but the Bulldogs still held a commanding 58-27 lead after three quarters of play.

The Bearcat defense played much better in the fourth quarter, holding Sikeston to only 10 points. Potts, Miller, and Lee scored the Bearcats' eight points in the fourth, but Sikeston still claimed the 68-35 victory.

Despite the lopsided score, Nichols agains felt that his team played well throughout the game.

"I thought the kids executed what we wanted to do early in the game, but fatigue gets to you. We're not real deep compared to them," he said. "The kids start seeing your down by seven or eight points, they think 'we gotta score' and you can't do that against them. Any time it gets uptempo, it's bad for us and great for them."

"I feel like we competed tonight; I don't think we laid down and let them whip us," Nichols continued. "If we can stay positive, two games against Sikeston and one against Charleston, that will make the kids better. If they can be positive and not so much see 0-2 and see what's down the road, if they can play these teams they can play with anyone in the area."

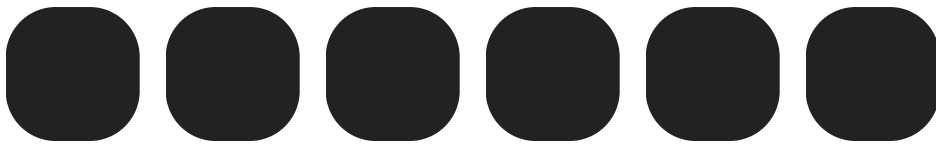
The Bearcats will be back in action on Monday night, when they face Sikeston again in the opening round of the SEMO Tournament.

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## Heil Leads Miners To 66-47 Over Maryville

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ROLLA – The Missouri S&T Lady Miners used a strong run at the end of the first half to break open a close contest in defeating Maryville 66-47 on Thursday evening in Rolla. With the win S&T improves to 4-0, 1-0 GLVC on the young season and is off to its best since the 2005-06 season when it won its first six contests.

With the victory the Lady Miners also won their seventh straight conference lid-lifter.

S&T trailed the Saints (2-3, 0-1 GLVC) by as many as five on three different occasions early in the contest. Maryville led 18-13 with 9:34 to play in the opening stanza when Kyesha Hall provided a spark off the bench for the Lady Miners with back-to-back jumpers to make it a one-point contest.

*Katelyn Heil* gave S&T the lead with a jumper from Quintonia Evans at the 7:15 mark for its first lead of the night. Karli Sample pushed the advantage to three hitting a jumper in the paint with 6:24 remaining.

The Saints regained the lead with five quick points on a three from Abby Duethman and a jumper by Angela Pepowski with 5:33 to play.

The final five minutes belonged to the Lady Miners as they went on a 16-2 run building a 12 point advantage which was their largest of the half. Courtney Kemp led the charge with nine while Hailee Parks added four more.

S&T went into the break with a 37-27 lead.

After a slow start shooting to begin the contest, the Lady Miners heated up the rest of the way making 16-of-31 (51.6 percent) from the floor and dominated in the paint scoring 18 times down low. Kemp had nine to lead the way. Parks and Hall dropped in eight apiece while Julie Meyer added seven more.

Maryville shot 40 percent (10-for-25) from the field but was 3-of-10 from downtown. Shelby Miller led the Saints with five points. Kate Childs, Rita Flynn and Erica Lorton had four points each.

S&T's hot shooting continued five minutes into the second stanza connecting on 5-of-6 in building a 48-29 lead. Maryville cut the lead to 12 on two different occasions but didn't get any closer than that.

The Lady Miners led by as many as 21 late in the second half before settling on the 19-point margin.

S&T finished the contest shooting 48.3 percent (29-for-60) from the floor and outrebounded the Saints by a 45-to-28 margin. The Lady Miners dominated in the paint finishing with a 38-to-24 advantage and held the edge in second chance points outscoring Maryville 15-2.



Meyer led four S&T players in double figures with 15 points. Parks had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds while Hall added 12 and Kemp contributed 11.

The Lady Miners kept their strong play on the defensive end going as well holding Maryville to just 30 percent shooting in the second half and their fourth straight opponent under 50 points.

Duethman was the only Saints player in double figures with 10. Miller added seven while Flynn dropped home six. Five other players had four points each.

S&T returns to the home court on Saturday afternoon hosting the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 1 p.m.

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## Holcomb Advances To Bernie Tourney Finals

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**BERNIE** - The Bernie Mules and Holcomb Hornets faced off Thursday night in the semifinal round of the annual Bernie Invitational Tournament.

The Mules dominated the game early, and held a commanding 33-20 lead going into halftime. The Mules' hot outside shooting - they hit 13 three-pointers against Campbell on Tuesday - kept up, with Bernie hitting six three's in the opening half.

"I thought we came out and played aggressively in the first half and played solid basketball," Bernie head coach Brad Botsch said. "We guarded aggressively and did the things we set out to do."

Holcomb's defense was on fire in the second half, holding Bernie to just nine points in the third and four in the fourth. Aaron and Ryan Reeves hit big threes for the Hornets to propel them to a 15 point effort in the third quarter to cut Bernie's lead to 42-35.

Aaron Reeves was good from downtown again in the fourth, and Holcomb big man, the 6'7" James Massey, dominated the boards to push the Hornets to a 48-46 victory.

"We seemed timid and afraid to attack their zone," Botsch said. "Nobody was willing to step up and compete on the offensive end."

"Holcomb did the things they need to do to beat us and competed harder than we did," he continued. "They were the hungrier team tonight."

The Mules will face off with the Bloomfield Wildcats for third place on Friday (Dec. 2) night. Holcomb advances to the title game for the first time since 1998, and will face off against Risco for the title, played immediately after the third place game.

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